

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “Advent Joy” by Steven Scott.

HYMN 331 - *we sing, standing*

ADVENT WREATH ~ 4th SUNDAY

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, on this Fourth Sunday in Advent, we recall the fullness of time, when the Son of God became man, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. We remember Mary’s joyful acceptance of God’s plan. In her “yes” to God, the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. As we light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath, let us join Mary as willing servants of the Lord; may our “yes” welcome Christ into our world.

Lord Jesus, You are mighty God and Prince of Peace. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, You are the Son of God and Son of the Virgin Mary. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, You are Word made flesh and splendor of the Father. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**O Come, desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Stir up Your power, O Lord,
and come and help us by Your might, that**

**the sins which weigh us down may be
quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy;
for You live and reign with the Father and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 24 - *Font side speaks the Odd verses
and the Pulpit side speaks the Even.*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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page 173 - **ALLELUIA VERSE** - *all standing*

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)* - *all standing*
Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!
After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 357 vs. 1, 3, 4 & 6 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

NICENE CREED - *hymnal, back cover
all standing*

OFFERTORY *During the gathering, the
Parish Choir sings “Every Valley” by John
Ness Beck (10:30).*

page 177 - **SERVICE OF THE
SACRAMENT**

page 178 - **SANCTUS**

LORD’S PRAYER

page 179 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

SHARING OF PEACE

page 180 - **AGNUS DEI**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT
*During the Distribution we sing HYMNS
338 & 900.*

*All are invited to commune who have been
baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent
of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to
the mission of his church; and who believe with
us that we receive and share our Savior’s Body
and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the
wine of the Sacrament - which gives us His
forgiveness and makes us one Christian family.
All who commune, kindly sign your names in
our Communicant Register, which is located*

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 129 Offering: \$4,716.95

This Week Here

Tues - 6:15 PM - Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM - Christmas Eve Family
Communion Service
- 9:20 PM - Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 PM - Christmas Candlelight
Communion Service

2026 Flower Chart - if you would like to
provide altar flowers on a particular Sunday,
please sign up on the flower chart located on

*on the narthex shelf along side our Guest
Register.*

page 182 - **POST-COMMUNION CANTI-
CLE** - *all standing*

page 183 - **POST-COMMUNION COL-
LECT**

page 183 - **BENEDICTION**

HYMN 733 vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 - *we sing,
standing*

POSTLUDE - “Wake Awake, For Night is
Falling” tune *Wachet Auf*, setting by
Walther.

the bulletin board.

Please kindly please return **your pledge** to
the church if you have not done so already.
Your pledge will assist CLC in planning and
meeting our financial obligations.
Thank you!!

Christmas cookies requested to provide to
our shut in parishioners! If you are able,
please donate 1-2 dozen! Let Sally Schrumm
know if you can contribute . She will be col-
lecting them today to deliver them before
Christmas. Thank you!

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

God’s Word Is Fulfilled for Us in the Flesh and Blood of Christ Jesus, the Son of Mary The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the Nativity of Our Lord. With the blessed Virgin Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Word and Spirit of God. This fulfillment of the sign once given to the house of David, that “*the virgin shall conceive and bear a son*” (Is. 7:14), is now given to us in the Gospel. It declares that salvation is by His grace alone, entirely His work and a free gift. It also is the way and means by which the Lord our God is Immanuel, “God with us.” The almighty and eternal Son of God is conceived and born of Mary, and is thus “*descended from David according to the flesh*” (Rom. 1:3–4). He comes in this way to save us with His own flesh and blood; wherefore, He is called “*Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins*” (Matt. 1:21). As Joseph received this sign in faith and immediately “*did as the angel of the Lord commanded him*” (Matt. 1:24), we also live by faith in this Holy Gospel.