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4th Sunday in Advent



*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call His name Immanuel.*

Matthew 1:23a

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation

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Introit

My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

My mouth derides my enemies,

because I rejoice in your salvation.

There is none holy like the Lord;

there is none besides you;

there is no rock like our God.

The barren has borne seven,

but she who has many children is forlorn.

The Lord kills and brings to life;

he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

The Lord makes poor and makes rich;

he brings low and he exalts.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy

Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

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Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

And he shall be their peace.

Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion,

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.' "

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 1:39-56

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what

was spoken to her from the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away. He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to His offspring forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

Welcome to worship in the season of Advent, the time of the Church year which prepares us to welcome our King, Jesus, at His birth. We prepare by repenting, being sorrowful for our sin and believing in Christ for forgiveness. Our sin was the reason Jesus was conceived, born, suffered, crucified, and died. As we mourn our sin, our hearts look forward to the joy of Christmas, when our King comes to save us from all the threatening perils of sin. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God (Lk 2:13). Please join us as our children sing the praises of our God at our Lord's birth on Christmas Eve at 5:00 PM.



Christmas Poinsettias for the altar can be brought any time. If you would like to take your plant home after the holidays, please put your name on it.



The 2022 offering envelopes are in your mailboxes this morning. Please **do not** use your 2021 envelopes after the new year as your envelope number may have changed.

During the month of December, we will be collecting anything you want to donate to Women's Action & Resource Center. Food, paper goods, personal hygiene products, baby items, etc.



The 2022 Greeters List is posted on the bulletin board in the social hall. Please select the month you prefer to be a greeter.

Portals of Prayer: The January—March devotional booklets are on the table in the social hall.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 103 Offerings: \$4,857.00

“And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

Luke 1:45

The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord’s own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord’s commands in the face of the world’s anger and resistance. Mary’s faith also gave her the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.

The logo consists of a green-bordered box. At the top, the numbers "1-1-1" are displayed in white on a green background. Below this, the words "MISSION GIVING" are written in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. Underneath, the text "NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT" and "LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The main body of the box contains the following text: "1-1-1 Mission Giving", "1 Dollar", "1 Baptized Member", and "1 Week, every week". At the bottom, it states: "Offering Box and informational pamphlets are available in the narthex."



In the darkness of Friday night, December 10, and the early morning hours of December 11, a historic outbreak of at least 50 tornadoes tore through Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee.

In the aftermath of the tornadoes, LCMS Disaster Response is assessing damage on the ground and working with several LCMS churches to meet physical and spiritual needs in the name of Christ. To support the continued work of LCMS Disaster Response, please consider donating:

- Online at <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/disaster>
- Via text (send keyword LCMSDISASTERS to the number 41444)
- By phone at 888-930-4438

✠ **This Week at Concordia** ✠

Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 10:00 am Divine Service
 11:00 am Program Practice

Friday Christmas Eve
 5:00 pm Children's Christmas
 Program

Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 10:00 am Divine Service

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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