



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Forest City, Iowa

Pastors: Rod Hopp & Zech Anderson

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December 19, 2021 9:15am in person / live stream / on the radio

Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: "Savior of the Nations Come"

Bell Choir w/percussion

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Matt, Brynn, Rowan & Maren Daniels

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection

L: God for whom we wait,

C: in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us gain of your saving grace. Amen.

L: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

#257 [vs. 1-4,6] ELW

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a *From Bethlehem comes as ruler*

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10 *I have come to do your will*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia"

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GOSPEL: ADVENT WAITING: A focus on Mary's Song – Luke 1:39-55 (the Magnificat)

WEEK 4: LOVE (Luke 1:51-55)

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Rod

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"All Earth is Hopeful"**

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APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYERS: *L: Hear us, O God.* **C: Your mercy is great.**

baby Ruby Sue Albertsen

Lois Holst

Tim Schmidt

Liam Bartleson

Bryon Kvale

Isaac Schneider

Hazel Barloon

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Mark Sutton

family of Walter Carlson

Carolyn Newcom Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallenes

Donna Gilbertson

Ashley Rayhons

Missionary Karen Anderson

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always.* **C: And also with you.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION: **"Lamb of God"**

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"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

#490

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

#295

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

OFFERING: *As Christ supports and strengthens us, so let us strengthen Christ's mission
through the Church as we give our offering*

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Amid the Cold of Winter"

Senior Choir

OFFERTORY: **"We Are An Offering"**

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OFFERING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: **"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"**

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DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Today's 9:15 worship is broadcast at 11:00am over KLOW 107.3 FM. Broadcast is given in memory of Mrs. Myrtle (George) Bartleson (Dec. 21 b'day) from family, Alice Lewison and Gus & JoAnn Bartleson.

Red poinsettias given:

In memory of Ralph Holst from daughter Nancy & Doug

In memory of Patricia Bendickson from Tori, Ryan, Rylie & Nevaeh Eastvold

Worship Participants:

Assisting Minister: Olivia Banta

Scripture Reader: Joan Beebe

Organist: Amy Thorson

Bell Choir Director: Ruth Melby

Percussion: Geno Lopes, Antonio Lopes, Carson Strukel

Choir Director: Linda Ferjak

Song Leaders: Choir

Audio/Video: Bruce Mielke/Dave Midtgaard

Altar Care: Mary Lund

Ushers: Jim Lund Gary McCarthy, Josh Banta, Tina Berg

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Communion Set Up: Alice Jones

Communion Servers: Liz Wilson, Joy Newcom,Carolynn Korth

Coffee Fellowship: HS & MS Youth Groups