



God Is With Us Today

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

KING OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Golden Valley, Minnesota*

Welcome to God's divine service among his saints in his house this morning. If you experience any kind of barrier to worship, please speak with an usher. There is a hearing assistance system available, there are activity bags for children, and the service is streamed live in the Fireside Room down the hall for small children.

Christmas Program

HYMN

Thy Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We | #144: v.1-3

INVOCATION

P: Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

C: Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

P: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,

C: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

HYMN

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O Lord God, Gracious Father, who in the fullness of time made your Son to become a little child and our brother: Thank you for the gift of him our Savior from sin, death, and hell. Keep us in the true faith in him so that we might ever rejoice in his birth and finally see him with you and the Holy Spirit in all his glory forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON

Romans 1:1–7

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised in advance through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures. ³This gospel is about his Son—who in the flesh was born a descendant of David, ⁴who in the spirit of holiness was declared to be God’s powerful Son by his resurrection from the dead—Jesus Christ, our Lord. ⁵Through him we received grace and the call to be an apostle on behalf of his name, to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, ⁶including you, who were called by Jesus Christ.

⁷To all those loved by God who are in Rome, called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN AND OFFERING

A Great and Mighty Wonder | #113

I. The Savior Is a Child

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

P: Who is Christ?

C: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (John 1:1).

P: Where was this little child born?

C: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times (Micah 5:2).

P: Who was his mother?

C: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).

P: Where was Mary's home?

C: In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary (Luke 1:26–27).

P: Who was this child's earthly father?

C: But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:20).

ANTHEM

Were You There on That Christmas Night

*Were you there, were you there on that Christmas night,
When the world was filled with a holy light?
Were you there to behold, when the wonder foretold came to earth?*

*Did you see, did you see how they hailed him King,
With the gifts so rare that they chose to bring?
Did you see how they bowed, as they praised him aloud at his birth?*

*Did you hear how the choirs of angels sang, at the glory of the sight?
Did you hear how the bells of heaven rang, all through the night?
Did you know, did you know it was God's own Son,
The salvation of the world begun?*

*Did you know it was love, that was sent from above to the earth?
Did you know it was love, that was sent from above to the earth?*

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

P: What is the name of this child?

C: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” —which means “God with us” (Matthew 1:23).

C: She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).

C: The holy one to be born will be called the Son of God (Luke 1:35).

C: For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10).

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel | #110: v. 1, 4–6

II. The Child Is a Savior

HYMN

Let Us All With Gladsome Voice | #134: v.1–3

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

P: Who is this Christ-child?

C: For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form (Colossians 2:9).

C: For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people (1 Timothy 2:5–6).

C: But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law (Galatians 4:4–5).

C: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

P: What has this Christ-child done for us?

C: This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him (1 John 4:9).

C: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15).

C: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9).

P: Why has God redeemed us?

C: In order that I might be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

P: How do we know this?

C: Even as he is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

HYMN

I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes | #127

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

Thy Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We | #144: v.4-8

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.



C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

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Christmas Eve serviceSat., 12/24..... 4:00 pm
Christmas Communion service.....Sun., 12/2510:00 am



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