



CHRIST

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CHURCH

Service Liturgy

Advent 4

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WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS who worship with us today. We are glad you are here and we invite you to worship with us again and often. If you have no church home, we invite you to consider Christ Lutheran Church. Please sign the attendance card or the Yellow Visitor card in each pew and place it in the offering plate.

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE all who are baptized and believe in Christ's real presence in the elements of His Holy Supper, as He offers Himself for the forgiveness of sin and the promise of eternal life. Children who have not had their first communion may come forward for a pastoral blessing.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The prelude is a time to prepare for worship. When the prelude begins, please enter the sanctuary prayerfully and reverently. Please silence your cell phones and take this time to quiet your minds and voices.

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Rev. Dr. Bimen Limbong, **Lead Pastor**
Rev. Elisa Owen, **Interim Associate Pastor**
Ann Colbert Wade, **Director of Music**

Welcome

Stand

Entrance Hymn: *Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn* #242

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Stand/Kneel Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Our God is merciful, slow to anger, and rich in steadfast love. I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin in the name of Jesus, who has restored us to God our maker. By the power of the Holy Spirit, be renewed to wholeness of life.

C **Amen.**

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

(Please greet each other with a sign of peace.)

Greetings

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

C **And also with you.**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord have mercy.**

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world and for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the day: *(See on screen/Celebrate insert)*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P (prayer)

C **Amen.**

Sit

Word

Lighting of the Advent Candle

P Behold! The Lord your God breathes new life into dead spaces. God's Messiah is coming into our world as God's final word — life will triumph over death. Do not be afraid.

We light the 4th Advent Candle as a sign of our hope in God's redeeming love. The Messiah is coming to establish a kingdom in the shape of that very love. And this kingdom will last for ever and ever.

Come, Lord Jesus.

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

Readings and Psalm: *(See on screen/Celebrate insert)*

End 1st and 2nd reading with:

A The word of the Lord.

The congregation responds with:

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel: *(See on screen/Celebrate insert)*

P The Holy Gospel according to:

C Glory to you O Lord

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you O Christ

Sit

Sermon: The Gift of Purpose

Stand

Hymn of the Day: <i>My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness</i> #251
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The Apostles' Creed

P God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessory Prayers

Sit

Offering: *For on-line worshipers please mail to the office at 9212 Taylorsville Road, 40299 or contact the office for instructions for direct deposit. You may also use our on-line app at tithe.ly or scan QR code on the right)*



SCAN ME

Stand

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray.

C God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

Distribution

P Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

C Have mercy on us.

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C Have mercy on us.

P Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

C Grant us peace.

C Amen

Post Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you in faith and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P Let us pray...

C God of wonder, we give thanks that you have fed us once again with this foretaste of the feast to come. Strengthen us through this gift to serve our neighbors with joy, that all may come to see your glory reflected in the lives of your people, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn: Joy to the World

#267

P Making Christ Known... Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!