

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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Welcome to worship! So glad you are here!

To assist in your worship: * means stand as you are able, **bold** print means we respond, + means you may make the sign of the cross if you so desire.

TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME: ADVENT 4—LOVE

God walked the earth when God created it. God would walk the earth again, when God's Word would become flesh.



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GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We confess our sins before God and one another (*Pause for silence and reflection*). Healing God,

We come into this house broken and lost. We bring our worries and our fears. We bring the weight of having acted out in ways that hurt others, you, and ourselves. We wonder if there will ever be a time when light will find us. Forgive what we have done and heal us, for the sake of the one who gave everything for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God offers light and healing. God invites us into a new way of being. Despite our sin, God forgives. Receive and welcome God's forgiveness, for you are made clean and whole again. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* #257 (vs. 1-4)

***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.**

***KYRIE**



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glory to You

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: LOVE

Just as the first witnesses of Jesus' birth longed for a savior, so we too long for love to stir our hearts.

And soon, a savior will be given.

(light candle 1) A savior to bring hope...

(light candle 2) **A savior to deliver peace...**

(light candle 3) A savior filled with joy overflowing...

(light candle 4) **One who is true love and whose light is shining in the darkness, and the darkness did not—and cannot—overcome it.**

With this light, the flame of love, we all gaze upon it in wonder, grace upon grace. No one has seen God, but we catch a glimpse of love...the babe in the manger.

ADVENT HYMN *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (vs.4)* #240

*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

Let us pray, God of light, **You walked the earth when you created it. You walked it again when Word became flesh. Remind us that you walk with us still. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Shaker Song* Handbell Choir

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

FIRST READING Psalm 130:5-8 Pew Bible Old Testament pg. 635
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

Pew Bible New Testament pg. 94

The Holy Gospel according to John the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*SERMON HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light

#715

*APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need...

Creator God, **hear our prayer**

We give you thanks that you have heard us... for the sake of Jesus. **Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord,**

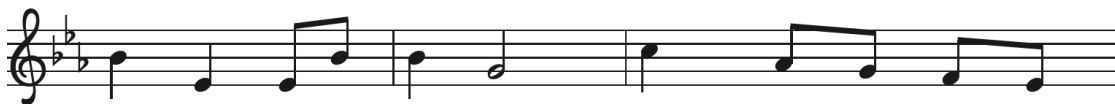
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

On the night our Lord Jesus was betrayed...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* #836

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Jesus is coming. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

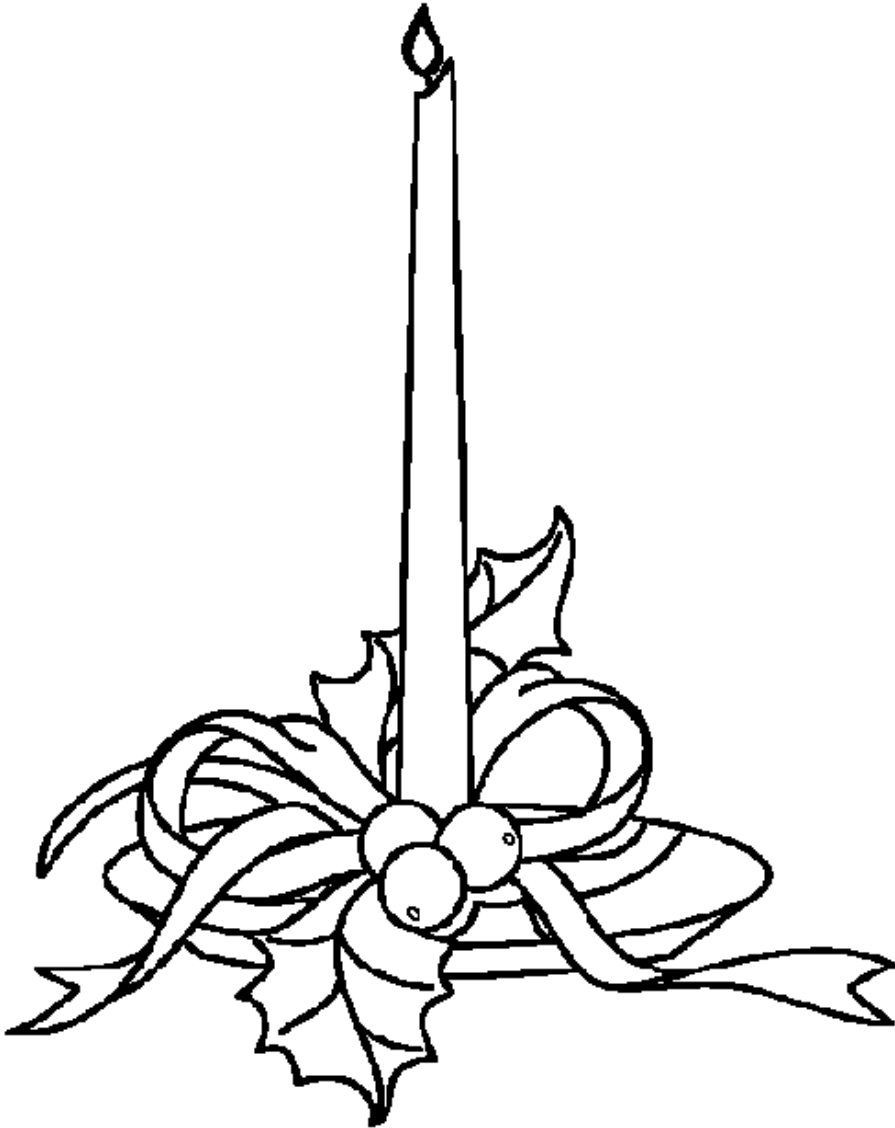
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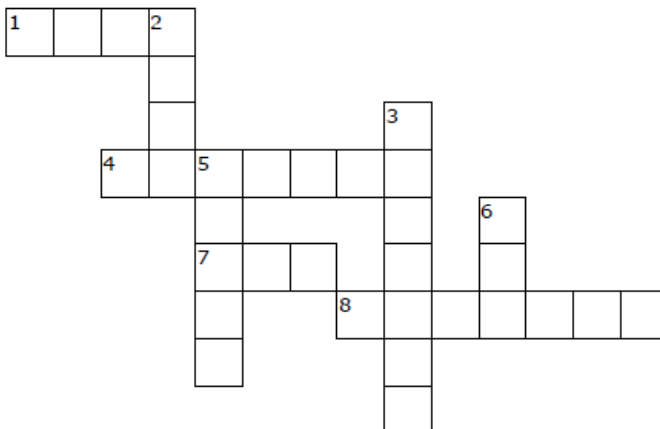
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GOD	TRUE	PROPHET	WORLD	SENT
MEN	VOICE	JOHN	WITNESS	MAN
LIGHT	BELIEVE	MESSIAH	TESTIFY	NAME

Jesus is the Light of the World!



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. The man sent from God to tell about Jesus (John 1:6)
4. To have confidence that something is true (John 1:7)
7. The creator of heaven and earth (John 1:6)
8. A person who has personal knowledge of something (John 1:8)

DOWN

2. What a person, place, or thing is called (John 1:6)
3. To tell others about what you have seen or heard (John 1:7)
5. Something such as the sun, a flashlight, or lamp that allows you to see (John 1:8)
6. An adult male person (John 1:6)

BELIEVE	MAN	TESTIFY	LIGHT
JOHN	WITNESS	GOD	NAME

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It is our joy to worship with your whole family this morning!

CHILDCARE

We hope everyone of all ages and abilities will be able to worship together. A special play area is available at the back of the sanctuary. If you need to take a "time out" please do so in the narthex (gathering space at the entry), and return to worship when you are ready. A changing table is located in the restroom off the main entry. Activity bags, filled with crayons, paper and storybooks, are available in the main entry. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Christ Is Alive!

OUR VISION STATEMENT

Christ Lutheran Church is a community of believers committed to praising our Savior Jesus Christ. With his love, we reach out to those in need and welcome all with open hearts. Our worship dynamically combines, word, song and prayer to share God's incredible message. Having faith in this, we go forth knowing that with God and the power of the Holy Spirit, anything is possible.

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