

Fourth Sunday in Advent
Introit (sung responsively by half-verse)

My soul magni- | fies the Lord,*
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.

My mouth derides my | enemies,*
because I rejoice in your sal- | vation.

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 be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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December 20th, 2009

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Worship
Sun. 10:30 am

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Welcome in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. If you are visiting for the first time, we are glad that you are here and kindly ask that you sign our guest book at the sanctuary doors. If you would like to become a member please speak to the Pastor. In case of illness, the Pastor should be informed. He will always be glad to speak with those who are confronted with problems of a spiritual nature. The time before worship is a quiet time for prayer and meditation to prepare for worship. Please see the inside cover of the hymnal for prayers and page 329f to prepare for Holy Communion. Communicant members are asked to fill out a communion card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plates. The grace of God is with us!

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service Setting Three is found on **page 184**.

The Introit is on the last bulletin page and is sung responsively by half-verse.

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent.

Old Testament: Micah 5:2–5a

Epistle: Hebrews 10:5–10

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39–45 (46–56)

The Nicene Creed is confessed on page 191.

HYMNS: 354, 357, 346, 934, 384

Choir Anthem: Magnificat

Organist: Paula Hohmann

Choir Director: Sandra Doyle

Holy Communion:

Since the Lord's Supper gives the forgiveness of sins in the body and blood of Christ to all who believe the words "given and shed" and is also a celebration of oneness in faith, we ask that only those who have professed such faith publicly in a Lutheran Church-Canada (or Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) congregation come to the Lord's Altar. Everyone intending to commune for the first time is kindly asked to speak with the Pastor prior to the service.

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Attendance Dec. 13th: 73 Communion: 60

Offerings: Dec. 13th: Common: \$2,569; CLWR: \$341.06 (Christmas Concert Offering);

Advent: \$334; Building Fund: \$2; TOTAL: \$3,246.06

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES: A. Eugene MacKenzie (mild heart attack); Aina Pesarchuk (safe travel to B.C.); Winslow Osborne (hip replacement in NY); Fred Beisner and Adolph Peltzer (Kingston); Morris Taylor (passed away in England); Cam Glazier (friend of Julie Hersey); Doug Seim (June Drexler's brother); Penny McLeod (cancer); Micheline Tourigny (Rob Vincent's Aunt); Warren Maschke (Bowmanville Hospital); Merv Brisco; Gail Bugbee; Gary Zytner and mother Katie (hospitalized in Windsor); Hildegard Vollmer and daughter Heidi; Paul Grant; Kristina Kaverly; Lucie Wunsch.

The Lord Comes to Visit Us in Peace

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the Nativity of Our Lord. With Mary we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Word and Spirit of God. As the Lord dealt graciously with her and did great things for her (Luke 1:48–49), so also he manifests Himself and His glory to us in mercy and gentleness. He comes to rule His people in peace, to "*shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord.*" He comes forth not from the great capital city of Jerusalem, but from lowly little Bethlehem (Mic. 5:2, 4). He comes to sacrifice Himself, in fulfillment of His Father's will, for the salvation and sanctification of His people (Heb. 10:10). He who once visited Elizabeth while hidden in the womb of Mary (Luke 1:39–45), now comes to visit us today, hidden in the lowliness of simple water, bread and wine.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS, BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING

ANNIVERSARIES: will be listed in the bulletin next week but will be celebrated in January. Congratulations and God's blessings to each and every one of you!

MISSION QUILTS: Thank you to the ladies that came out Tuesday mornings to work on the Mission Quilts for Canadian Lutheran World Relief. In 2009 we shipped a total of 60 regular-size quilts, 48 crib-size quilts, 8 baby blankets and 1 knit baby blanket. This is the result of your efforts along with support we get from people in the community that support this mission project by sewing us quilts, donating fabrics for us and by sewing up quilt tops for us. We also appreciate the prayerful support that everyone gives as we work on this mission project. Minnie Harfman and Ann Cameron.

MORE MISSION PROJECTS: Thank you also to everyone who came out on Work Days to help put together 224 baby bundles and 130 School kits for CLWR. We couldn't do our mission projects without the donations and support of everyone here at Grace, along with so many in the community that also give so much support. God Bless all of you for caring. Minnie Harfmann. **FYI:** Home Hardware transports our many boxes from all our mission projects, to CLWR in Winnipeg –all at no cost to us.

MICROPHONES: If anyone knows where the microphones are, please let the office know.

Please join us for

Christmas Eve @ 7:00pm

Christmas Day @ 10:30 am with Communion

Sunday, December 27th @ 10:30 am

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