



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Advent



Jesus is Coming! Be Ready to Receive!



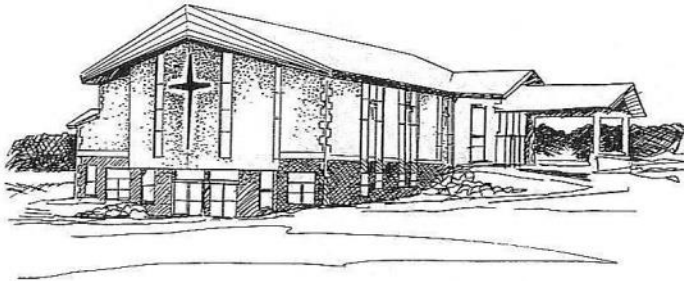
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



*Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament.
Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.*

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

December 24, 2023

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 9)

Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes



1 Je - sus, your Church with long - ing eyes For your ex -
2 E'en now, when tem - pests round us fall And win - try
3 Come, gra - cious Lord, our hearts re - new, Our sins for -
4 Oh, come and reign o'er ev - 'ry land; Let Sa - tan
5 Teach us in watch - ful - ness and prayer To wait for



pect - ed com - ing waits. When will the prom - ised
clouds o'er - cast the sky, Your words with plea - sure
give, our foes sup - press, Our root - ed en - mi -
from his throne be hurled. Let na - tions bow to
your ap - point - ed hour, And fit us by your



light a - rise And glo - ry beam from heav - en's gates?
we re - call And know that our re - demp - tion's nigh.
ty sub - due, And crown your gos - pel with suc - cess.
your com - mand; Let grace re - vive a dy - ing world.
grace to share The tri - umphs of your con - qu'ring pow'r.

Text: William H. Bathurst, 1796–1877, abr., alt.

Tune: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT (LM) *Andächtige Haus-Kirche*, Nürnberg, 1676, alt.

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

M: We light four Advent candles remembering Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary.
He came to share our humanity.

C: We remember Jesus, whose name means Savior. He came to save his people
from their sins.

M: We hear his call to give him a place in our hearts.

C: We light four Advent candles as a sign of our joy and hope.

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C: Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

Four Advent candles are lit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins, and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, 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.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED

ANTHEM (Quintet)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 7:8–16

⁸ *You are also to say the following to my servant David.*

This is what the LORD of Armies says. I took you from the pasture, from following sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you went. I have cut off all your enemies from before you. I will make your reputation great, like that of the great ones on the earth. ¹⁰ I will set up a place for my people Israel, and I will plant them there. They will dwell there, and they will not be disturbed again. Violent men will not afflict them again as they did at the beginning ¹¹ and ever since the day I appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies.

The LORD also declares to you that the LORD himself will make a house for you. ¹² When your days are complete and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up after you your seed,^[a] who will come from your own body. I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he sins, I will discipline him with a rod used by men and with blows of the sons of men. ¹⁵ My faithful mercy will not depart from him as I removed it from Saul, whom I removed to make room for you. ¹⁶ Your house will stand firm, and your kingdom will endure forever before you.^[b] Your throne will be established forever.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Light of the Stable

SECOND LESSON

Romans 16:25-27

²⁵ *Now to him who is able to strengthen you — according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was veiled in silence for long ages past, ²⁶ but now has been revealed through the prophetic Scriptures and made known to all the Gentiles, in keeping with the command of the eternal God, resulting in the obedience of faith — ²⁷ to God, who alone is wise, be glory forever through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: Alleluia. The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. Alleluia.

HYMN (CW 24)

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
2 "I come from heav'n to tell the Lord's de - cree: A
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head; "To
4 Of her Im - man - u - el, the Christ, was born In



wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All
bless - ed vir - gin moth - er you shall be. Your
me be as it pleas - es God," she said. "My
Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, And



hail," said he to meek and low - ly Mar - y, "Most
Son shall be Im - man - u - el, by seers fore - told, Most
soul shall praise and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly name." Most
Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say, "Most



high - ly fa - vored maid - en." Glo - ri - a!
high - ly fa - vored maid - en." Glo - ri - a!
high - ly fa - vored maid - en, Glo - ri - a!
high - ly fa - vored maid - en." Glo - ri - a!

Text: Basque carol, paraphrase Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.
Tune: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE (10 10 12 10) Basque carol.

²⁶ *In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged in marriage to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women."*

²⁹ *But she was greatly troubled by the statement and was wondering what kind of greeting this could be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, because you have found favor with God. ³¹ Listen, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end."*

³⁴ *Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"*

³⁵ *The angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Listen, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age even though she was called barren, and this is her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible for God."*

³⁸ *Then Mary said, "See, I am the Lord's servant. May it happen to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.*

Impossible? Not with God!



STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING

While the offering is gathered, please sign and pass the Friendship Register.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord, our God, nothing is impossible with you. Grant us faith to believe your Word and follow the example of your servant Mary, to receive the miraculous gift of your Son, our Immanuel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, grant faith to those who do not know the Christ, both here and abroad. By the power of the Holy Spirit, fill all who hear your Word with joy in receiving Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, let your favor rest upon all pregnant women and mothers of young children, that they may rejoice in the blessing of new life you give. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of lords, by the reign of your Son you govern all things in heaven and earth. Raise up true Davids among us to govern our land in righteousness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, uphold all who suffer in mind or body. Give them the knowledge of Christ, their Immanuel, who is with them in their trials. Grant them health and healing in accord with your perfect will. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, give us joy that as surely as your Son was conceived in Mary at your Word, so he comes to abide in us also at your Word in the blessed Sacrament. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, grant that as we joyfully receive Jesus as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - - - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with our pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 5)

As Angels Joyed with One Accord



1 As an - gels joyed with one ac - cord Up - on
 2 He came, not clothed in maj - es - ty Nor pow'r
 3 This done, he soared to God's right hand, Yet or -
 4 In ev - 'ry age— let praise a - bound— He comes;
 5 He comes in wa - ter to the child And cleans -



the ad - vent of our Lord, So laud we all and
 that suits his de - i - ty. In low - ly state he
 phaned not his cho - sen band, For he, not bound in
 we hear his voice re-sound. His glo - rious gos - pel
 es it, from birth de - filed. This wash - ing seals his



bless the name Of him who from the Fa - ther came.
 walked till he In dy - ing set us cap - tives free.
 grace and pow'r, At - tends his own each day and hour.
 does not cease To bring us com - fort, joy, and peace.
 pard - 'ning grace And shows the Fa - ther's kind - ly face.

6 He comes to us in bread and wine
 To give himself—and gifts divine.
 Oh, praise him for this sacrament,
 Redeeming love's great testament!

7 Lift up your heads! All grief and pain
 Shall vanish when he comes again.
 Where we shall see him face to face,
 There joy alone shall have a place.

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 Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (LM) Latin Melody, 15th century, adapt.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 19)

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, How wel - come
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; Love brought you
 3 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, Who sit in
 4 Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, Let not your
 5 He comes to judge the na - tions, A ter - ror



you a - right? Your peo - ple long to greet you,
 down to me. Your thirst for my sal - va - tion
 deep - est gloom, Who mourn o'er joys de - part - ed
 souls dis - tress; Your guilt the Lord will par - don
 to his foes, A light of con - so - la - tions,



My Hope, my heart's De - light. O Je - sus, let your
 Pro - cured my lib - er - ty. Oh, love be - yond all
 And trem - ble at your doom. De - spair not; he is
 And cov - er by his grace. He comes, for you pro -
 And bless - ed hope to those Who love the Lord's ap -



Word be A lamp to light my way, To show me
 tell - ing That led you to em - brace In love, all
 near you, He's stand - ing at the door Who best can
 cur - ing The peace of sin for - giv'n, His chil - dren
 pear - ing. O glo - rious Sun, now come, Send forth your



how to please you, To guide me ev - 'ry day.
 love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race!
 help and cheer you And bids you weep no more.
 thus se - cur - ing A her - i - tage in heav'n.
 beams most cheer - ing, And guide us safe - ly home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.



THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CWS 704)

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending
(see page 19)



1 Lo, he comes with clouds de -
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be -
 3 Those dear to - kens of his
 4 Yea, A - men, let all a -



scend - ing, Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner
 hold him Robed in glo - rious maj - es -
 pas - sion Still his daz - zling bod - y
 dore you High on your e - ter - nal



slain. Thou - sand, thou - sand
 ty; Those who ri - di -
 bears, Cause of end - less
 throne. Ev - 'ry knee shall



saints at - tend - ing Swell the tri - umph
 culed and sold him, Pierced and nailed him
 ex - ul - ta - tion To his ran - somed
 bow be - fore you; Come and take your



of his train. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to the tree, Deep - ly wail - ing,
 wor - ship - ers. With what won - der,
 peo - ple home! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Deep - ly wail - ing, Deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what won - der, With what won - der,
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ re - veals his end - less reign.
 Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 Gaze we on those glo - rious scars.
 You shall reign and you a - lone!



Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

Christmas Eve Worship

6:30 pm

Christmas Day Worship

9:00 am



Sunday December 24: 4th Sunday in Advent

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion

No adult Bible study, teen class or Sunday school between services

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Choir Director: Elaine Wilson
- Quintet Director: Ruth Kovaciny
- Councilman: 8:00 Jim Miller, 10:30 Mitch Myhre
- Ushers 8:00: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Kim Bauer and *additional counter needed*
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biwer, Kristin Huebner and Sophia Strong
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson • Refreshments: Kristin Huebner / Marianne Ketelhohn

6:30 pm: Christmas Eve Worship

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Ushers: Bob Degnan / Roger LaGrange / Heath Family
- A/V and Recording: Julie Doyle

Monday December 25: Christmas Day
Worship at 9:00 am with Holy Communion

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Emma Berg
- Elder assisting: Dave Olson
- Ushers 9:00: Sef Fox, Steven Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Sharon Kalscheuer
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biwer, Kristin Huebner and Sophia Strong
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle

Sunday December 31: 1st Sunday after Christmas
Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion

WELS Connection

No adult Bible study, teen class or Sunday school between services

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/elder: 8:00 Dave Olson, 10:30 Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers 8:00: Lynn Biwer and Roger LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Sharon Kalscheuer
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biwer, Kristin Huebner and Sophia Strong
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: The LaGrange Family

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Cole Eckelberg (12/26), Kathy Zech (12/27) and Marianne Ketelhohn (12/30) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Katie & Roz Craney (12/27) as they celebrate their anniversary on Wednesday.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder and Steve Tobison who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Looking ahead:

- **Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Worship, 6:30 pm**
- **Dec. 25: Christmas Day Worship, 9:00 am**
- **Dec. 31: Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am.** *No evening worship service.*
- **Jan. 1, 2024:** Food drive begins for DeForest/Windsor food pantry
- **Jan. 2:** Visitation for Roland Manthe at Zion Lutheran, Leeds. 3:00 – 6:00 pm
- **Jan. 3:** Visitation for Roland Manthe at Zion Lutheran, Leeds. 10:00 – 11:00 am,
Funeral Service at 11:00 am
- **Jan. 11:** Red Cross Blood Drive at Lord of Love, 12:00 – 5:00 pm
- **Jan. 27:** Euchre Card night, 6:00 pm
- **Jan. 28:** Lunch with quarterly open forum and voters meeting following, 11:35 am

Offerings December 1 - 9:

- General Fund: \$7,574
- Mortgage Reduction: \$660
- AV Improvements (Wish List): \$20
- Madison Mission Project: \$3,421

Offerings December 10 - 16:

- General Fund: \$7,057
- Mortgage Reduction: \$225
- AV Improvements (Wish List): \$70

Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$8,200

Electronic Giving: You can give contributions to church through the Vanco Mobile app. Download the free app today in the **Google Play store** or the **Apple App store**. Find the church by searching for Lord of Love Lutheran Church in DeForest, or by its invite code, D4K54K.

(December 1 - 16: In the totals listed above, \$5,726 was given to the general fund, \$500 to the mortgage reduction fund, and \$90 to the AV projector wish list through Vanco electronic giving.)

