

Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 18, 2022
Order of Service: Divine Service Setting Four
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As Advent hope-filled people, we resolutely pray, "Amen, O longed-for Savior! Come, Lord, with us to stay!"

AS WE GATHER

The season of Advent reminds us that we as individuals are part of the big picture of salvation planned by our God as we reflect on the coming of Christ to earth for us. We are called to be resolute, as in the words of the hymn "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"—determined and assured in Christ. We celebrate the season resolutely, sure that in Christ, God has done all that is necessary to keep us in His salvation picture for time and for eternity!

Opening Hymn: LSB #340 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

+Preparation+

Confession and Absolution

+Service of the Word+

Psalm

Psalm 24; antiphon: v. 7

Kyrie

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10–17

Epistle Reading

Romans 1:1–7

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18–25

Nicene Creed

Hymn of the Day: LSB #343 "Prepare the Royal Highway"

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

Sermon: Rev Lowell Dennis, Emeritus

Prayer of the Church

Offering: (the offerings previously gathered are brought forward)

+Service of the Sacrament+

Preface

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Sanctus

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

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| Agnus Dei | <i>LSB 210</i> |
| Distribution | |
| Distribution Hymns: LSB #563 & 618 | |
| Nunc Dimittis | <i>LSB 211</i> |
| Post-Communion Collect | |
| Benedicamus | <i>LSB 212</i> |
| Benediction | |
| Closing Hymn: LSB #333 “Once He Came in Blessing” | |

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