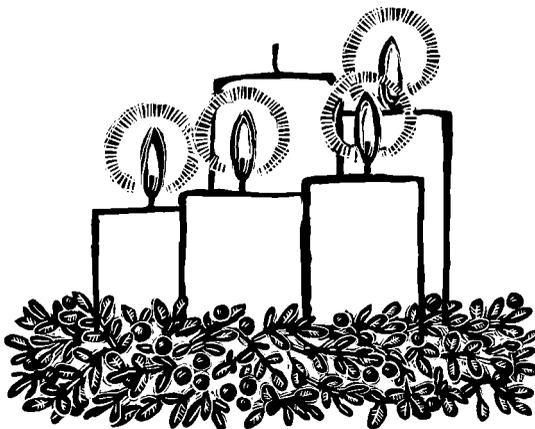


THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Worship Focus

Prepare for the Coming Christ – The Forever King



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OPENING HYMN

1 – The Advent of Our King



1 The ad - vent of our King Our
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In -
3 O Zi - on's Daugh - ter, rise To
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He
5 Be - fore the dawn - ing Day Let



prayers must now em - ploy,
car - nate deigns to be,
meet your low - ly King,
soon will come a gain,
sin's dark deeds be gone,



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To
Nor let a faith - less heart de - spise The
And his true mem - bers all u - nite With
The sin - ful self be put a - way, The



strains of ho - ly joy,
set his ser - vants free,
peace he comes to bring,
him in heav'n to reign,
new self now put on.

6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt.
Tune: ST. THOMAS (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731-76.

INVOCATION

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

Congregation **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

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.**

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.



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.



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.



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



M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



1 Come, O long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set your peo - ple free;
2 Born your peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a king,



From our sins and fears re - lease us By your death on Cal - va - ry.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now your gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope to all the earth im - part,
By your own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By your all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to your glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt.
Tune: ST. HILARY (87 87 D) Unknown.

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.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON 2 Samuel 7:8-16

God promises David that he will establish an everlasting kingdom for him.

²SAMUEL 7:8 “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

“The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: ¹² When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who 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 does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. ¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”



**“I WILL RAISE
UP YOUR
OFFSPRING
AFTER YOU ...
AND I WILL
ESTABLISH
HIS KINGDOM.”**

2 SAMUEL 7:12, NRSV

PSALM

Psalm 89

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Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone

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I will sing of the LORD'S great love for | ever;*
I will make your faithfulness known through all gener | ations.

I will declare that your love stands firm for | ever,*
that you established your faithfulness in heav | en itself.

The heavens praise your won | ders, O LORD,*
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the | holy ones. *Refrain*

O LORD God Almighty, who | is like you?*

You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness sur | rounds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to ac | claim you,*
who walk in the light of your pres | ence, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name | all day long;*

they exult in your | righteousness.

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. *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON Romans 16:25-27

Paul proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ, a long hidden mystery now revealed.

ROMANS 16:25 Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past,²⁶ but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him--²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

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.

GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38

Through the angel Gabriel, God announces that Mary will give birth to the one who will establish the kingdom of David forever.

LUKE 1:26 In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant 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."

²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God.³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name 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 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”

³⁴ “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ The angel answered, “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 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing is impossible with God.”

³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



*He will be great and
will be called the
Son of the Most High.*

Luke 1:32



HYMN OF THE DAY

20 – When All the World Was Cursed



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo - ses' con - dem -
 2 Be - fore Saint John was born, He leaped in joy - ful
 3 Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who bears the world's trans -
 4 Oh, grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re -



na - tion, Saint John the Bap - tist came With
 meet - ing, Con - fess - ing him as Lord Whose
 gres - sion, Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The
 joic - ing, The word pro - claimed by John, Our



words of con - so - la - tion, With true fore - run - ner's
 moth - er he was greet - ing, By Jor - dan's roll - ing
 dev - il's dread op - pres - sion, Be - hold the Lamb of
 true re - pent - ance voic - ing, That glad - ly we may



zeal The great - er one he named, And him, as
 stream, A new E - li - jah bold, He tes - ti -
 God, Who takes a - way our sin, Who for our
 walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way Un - til we



yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.
 fied of him Whom proph - ets had fore - told.
 peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.
 live with him In his e - ter - nal day.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711, abr.; tr. Paul E. Kretzmann, 1883–1965, alt.
 Tune: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT (67 67 66 66) Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701, alt.

SERMON

2 Samuel 7:8-16

When God Overspent His Christmas Budget

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for all people according to their needs.

Lord, the time of preparation is almost over and Your visitation is near; keep us focused on the Gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ. May it bring about the obedience of faith in us and all who hear Your Word this season. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, You continue to provide pastors for Your Church to proclaim the coming of Your Son. Be with all professional church workers as they work to serve Your people with the gifts of Word and Sacrament. Allow them to boldly speak the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, nothing is impossible with You. You sent Your Son into the world to be the great physician of body and soul. Give to _____ and all who are ill comfort and healing, if it be Your will, and patience and trust that come what may, You are with them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, even as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Your Son, He comes to us in the Sacrament of the Altar. May all who receive the bread and wine, that is the body and blood of Jesus, do so for the strengthening of faith and the forgiveness of sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, while we await the coming of Your Son, we remember with thanksgiving those who were before us in the faith and are now with You. Keep and preserve us in the one true faith to life everlasting until You bring us together with them into Your eternal Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, we commend to You all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE 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

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

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. Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. 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.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord’s Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord’s Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

25 – The King Shall Come



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child To
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn When
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn Shall
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
bear and fight and die, But crowned with glo - ry
Christ, vic - to - rious, rose And left the lone - some
dawn up - on our race The day when Christ in
light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes—
like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
splen - dor comes And we shall see his face.
peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings!

Text: John Brownlie, 1857–1925, abr., alt.

Tune: CONSOLATION (CM) *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813.

THANKSGIVING

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!

PRAYER AND BLESSING

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.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

12 – Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the cap - tives to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come



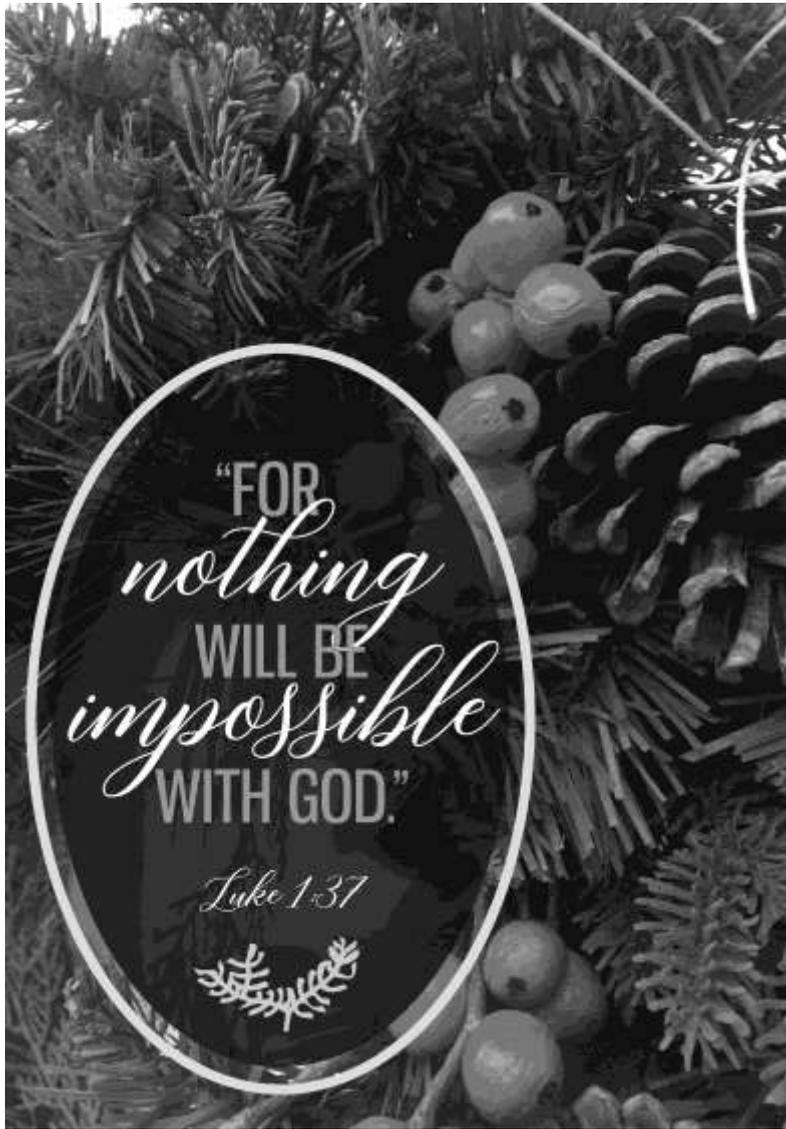
prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
pris - on held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst; The i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-51, abr., alt.
Tune: CHESTERFIELD (CM) Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820, alt.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.



HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2017

“O Come, Let Us Adore Him!”

December 2,3	Advent 1	Regular weekend schedule
December 6	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 9,10	Advent 2	Regular weekend schedule
December 13	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 15	Children’s Christmas Service	7:00 p.m.
December 16,17	Advent 3	Regular weekend schedule
December 20	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 23,24	Advent 4	Regular weekend schedule
December 24	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols	5:00 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Compline	11:00 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Day Festival with the Lord’s Supper	9:30 a.m.
December 30,31	1 st Sunday after Christmas	Regular weekend schedule
December 31	New Year’s Eve	5:00 p.m.