

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 22nd, 2024



# WELCOME!

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Prelude

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Flute Trio

Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting

The Promise of Love

Reader: Advent is a time for God’s people to reawaken their longings.

All: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son

Reader: When we longed for the silence to be broken

All: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son

Reader: When we longed for the light that shines in the darkness

All: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son

Reader: When we longed for the peace that surpasses understanding

All: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son

Advent Song

Verse 4

Stewardship Moment

Shirley Marlow

Opening Hymn

“Hark, the Glad Sound!”

#239 Red Hymnal V 1,3 & 4

# Advent Song

(as published by Butterfly Productions)

Words and Music by  
Mary Lu Walker

## VERSE

$\text{♩} = 132$  C G7

1. Light the Ad - vent can - dle one. Now the wait - ing has be -
2. Light the Ad - vent can - dle two. Think of hum - ble shep - herds
3. Light the Ad - vent can - dle three. Think of heav'n - ly har - mo -
4. Light the Ad - vent can - dle four. Think of joy for - ev - er -
5. Light the Christ - mas can - dles now. Sing of don - key, sheep, and

8 C E7 Am F C

gun. We have start - ed on our way. Time to think of  
who filled with won - der at the sight of the Child on  
ny. An - gels sing - ing "Peace on Earth" at the bless - ed  
more. Christ - child in a sta - ble born, gift of love that  
cow. Birth - day can - dles for the King, let the "Al - le -

## CHORUS

15 G7 C G7

Christ - mas day. Can - dle, can - dle, burn - ing bright, shin - ing  
Christ - mas night.  
Sav - ior's birth.  
Christ - mas 'morn.  
lu - ias" ring.

22 C E7 Am F

in the cold win - ter night. Can - dle, can - dle, burn - ing bright,

29 C G7 C

fill our hearts with Christ - mas light.

## Confession and Forgiveness

**Pastor:** Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

**All:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. God of mercy...

**All:** We confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

**Pastor:** God of might...

**All:** We confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

**Pastor:** God in our midst...

**All:** We confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

**Pastor:** A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, In whom we have forgiveness, life and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

**All:** Amen

## Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, 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. Amen.



**Special Music**

**“Carol of the Bells”**

**Praise Ringers**

**Reading**

**Luke 1:39-55**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.” And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

**Sermon**

**Pastor Casey**

**Hymn of the Day**

**“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”**

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## **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 People

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

**Brief silence...**

God our uniter, increase communication and cooperation in our relationships with those of other traditions and religions. Root your church in the radical message of your incarnation, and enable us to pursue your justice in the world. Lord, in your mercy.

**Receive our prayer**

God our creator, we praise you for the beauty that surrounds us. Awaken in us a renewed sense of care for the wildlife in our communities. Form us into faithful stewards of what you have made. Lord, in your mercy.

**Receive our prayer**

God our sovereign, Mary proclaims a new way of life that lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things. Nurture in local governments and municipalities a desire to care for all who are overlooked and ignored. Lord, in your mercy.

**Receive our prayer**

God our beacon, as the northern hemisphere begins its slow turn toward more daylight, remind us that even in the deepest nights, you are there. Comfort the lonely and bereaved. Hold closely the frightened, anxious, depressed, and ill. Lord, in your mercy.

**Receive our prayer**

God our guide, shepherd the leadership of this congregation. Bless the council and staff in discerning future ministry and open their hearts to the voices of the community. Lord, in your mercy.

Receive our prayer

God our life, you remember the promises you have made to your people. In gratitude for those who have died, we praise you for your faithfulness throughout history. Lord, in your mercy.

Receive our prayer

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Sharing the Peace

*If you do not wish to shake hands, simply share a peace sign!*



Offering

“English Advent Carol”

Praise Singers

Offering Prayer

Holden Prayer Booklet

pg 4, 2. Psalm 141

## Happenings at Our Saviors!

**Dec 22 – Praise Singers singing songs of Advent**

**Dec 22 – “O, Night Divine” presented by Jackie Oakes, Cello and Peter Gutenberger, piano @ 3pm A free will offering is encouraged to support future concerts.**

**Dec 24 – Christmas Eve 4pm (featuring special guest tenor, Alex Gmeinder) and 9pm (candlelight) services- invite your family and friends!**

## 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,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## Communion



**All Are Welcome to the Table**

**Distribution Music “Once Upon a Christmas Night” Praise Singers**



## Benediction

**Pastor: God of endings and beginnings,  
God in the darkness and the light,  
God, our hope for the journey,  
Bless and keep you now and forever.  
All: Amen**

**“Once In Royal David’s City”**

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**Pastor: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”**

**Jackie Oakes**



**O, Night Divine**

A walk through beautiful Advent and Christmas carols including history and thoughtful, lyrical arrangements by Catherine McMichael.

Jackie Oakes, Cello and Peter Gutenberger, Piano

Join us for an afternoon program to bring comfort and joy to all during this busy holiday season. A free will offering is encouraged to benefit future concerts at Our Savior's Lutheran Church which in turn benefits the wider community!

When: December 22, 2024  
Time: 3pm  
Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church ELCA  
W299N5782 County Hwy E, Hartland, WI 53029

Serving in Worship **Christmas Eve**  
4pm

Usher:

Greeter:  
Lori Zeller

Communion Assistant:  
Ron Schell & Carol Emmel

Reader:  
Scott Dettman



Serving in Worship next week, 12/29

Usher:

Greeter:

Communion Assistant:

Reader:



# In Hartland For Good

## 2025 Stewardship Campaign

Please return by **January 19th**  
Commitments may be placed in  
the offering plate or dropped off  
in the office.

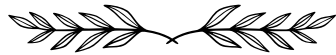
Serving in Worship **Christmas Eve**  
9pm

Usher:

Greeter:

Communion Assistant:

Reader:



Reader \* Communion  
Usher \* Greeter



Anyone interested in helping or willing to learn more about what's involved should see me or contact me via email ([c.emmel@hotmail.com](mailto:c.emmel@hotmail.com)) or via phone (414-573-6088).



# Mary's Boy Child

Long time ago in Bethlehem  
So the Holy Bible say  
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ  
Was born on Christmas Day

**(Chorus)**

**Hark now hear the angels sing  
A king was born today  
And man will live forever more  
Because of Christmas Day**

While shepherds watched their flock by night  
They see a bright new shining star  
They hear a choir sing a song  
The music seem to come from afar

**Chorus**

Now Joseph and his wife Mary  
Come to Bethlehem that night  
They find no place to born the child  
Not a single room was in sight

**Chorus**

By and by they find a little nook  
In a stable all forlorn  
And in a manger cold and ark  
Mary's little boy was born

**Chorus**

# Carol of the Drum

Come they told me, pa rum pum pum pum  
Our newborn King to see, pa rum pum pum pum  
Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum  
To lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum,  
rum pum pum pum,  
rum pum pum pum,  
So to honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum,  
when we come

Baby Jesus, pa rum pum pum pum  
I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum  
I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum  
That's fit to give a King, pa rum pum pum pum,  
rum pum pum pum,  
rum pum pum pum,  
Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum,  
on my drum?

Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum  
The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum  
I played my drum for Him, pa rum pum pum pum  
I played my best for Him, pa rum pum pum pum,  
rum pum pum pum,  
rum pum pum pum,  
Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum,  
me and my drum.



# Joy to the World

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sings and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make, His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love,



# TOY DRIVE



This holiday season, let's share the warmth of God's love by supporting our Free Christmas Market, which will provide gifts and essentials to **500 local children** in need. Your donations of toys, new socks and underwear (all sizes), and new blankets can make all the difference for families facing hard times. Together, we can ensure every child experiences the joy and comfort of Christmas.

Accepting Donation Through NOV 30TH-DEC 16TH	COLLECTION BINS In the lobby of Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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For More Information visit:  
[www.themcguirefoundation.org](http://www.themcguirefoundation.org)



**Help the McGuire Foundation  
Setup - Friday, December 20th  
10am-2pm**

**Gifting - Saturday, December 21st  
1:15pm-6:15pm**

**Elmbrook Church - Lake Country (Delafield)  
Contact Megan Anderson or Jill Lesch**

