

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Redfield, South Dakota  
Pastor Brian Wasmoen

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent 9 am December 20, 2020

ELW setting 4 \*Please stand if able

**WE PREPARE**

The Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Advent Candle Lighting Carol Lund  
**Prayer: "On a silent night, in an out-of-the-way town, to a carpenter and a young woman, you came to change the world. Help us to know the joy of this season that can only come from you, the True Light come into our world. Amen"**  
Hymn of the Light "Drawn to the Light" . . . . . #593  
Litany of Isaiah 9  
The people who walked in darkness  
**Have seen a great light**  
Those who lived in a land of deep darkness  
**On them light has shined**  
For a child has been born for us  
**A son given for us;**  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God  
**Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**WE PRAISE**

Hymn "Joy to the World" . . . . . #267  
Prayer of the Day:  
**All powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**WE LISTEN**

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38  
Gospel Hymn "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness" (vs 1-2).#251  
Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-7  
Gospel Hymn "Away in a Manger" . . . . . #277  
\*Gospel Reading: Luke 2:8-20  
\*Gospel Hymn "Angels, from the Realms of Glory". . . . . #275  
\*Share the Peace  
Sermon

**WE RESPOND**

Hymn of the Day "He Came Down" . . . . . #253  
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The Offering  
Hymn "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (vs. 1 & 3) . . . . . #272  
Holy Communion

**WE ARE SENT**

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Closing Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" . . . . . #288  
(Receive Sacrament as Ushered Out)  
Postlude

***Thanks to all those assisting with our Worship and Fellowship!***

Accompanist: Dana Lewis  
Song Leader: Mallory McMahan  
Lector: Carol Lund  
Usher:  
Communion Servers:

**The Radio Broadcast** is given in celebration of Linda Schroeder's birthday on December 29<sup>th</sup>. John, Jim, and Jodi's families wish you a Happy 70th birthday!

**The Bulletins** today are given by Les & Audrey Helm in memory of Lexy Becker who would have turned 17 years old on December 17.

**Condolences** to Doug & Diane Dangel and family. Doug's mom, Desamore, died this week.

**Church Council** meets today at 5:30 pm.

**Christmas Eve Worship** (Facebook only) at 6:00 pm—sing along with the carols, hear special music, and light the candle(s) in your own home to feel the presence of the Light.

**Pastor Brian** will be on vacation beginning Christmas Day through December 31.

**Harvestfest Offering**—as we scramble to catch up on offerings and pay the bills of 2020, we offer you the opportunity to support some other vital ministries through this December offering. 25% of our Harvestfest offering will go to each of these ministries: Redfield Area Ministerial Assn, Lutherans Outdoors camps, ELCA World Hunger and Our Savior's Operating Fund. Mark offerings clearly.

**As we near** the end of another year, we remind you that any offerings you wish on your 2020 giving statement for tax purposes need to be **in the office** by Wednesday, December 30. We will close the books that day.

**Our Savior's** is scheduled to deliver Senior Meals the week of January 4. There is a signup chart on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you have questions, talk to Pastor Brian.

**Fixing our ELW Worship Books** - While they are piled up in the back of the Sanctuary, we realized that 60-70% of our red books have broken bindings. As long as we are not using the books, now is a good time to fix them. We have someone who can teach us how – we need volunteers willing to help with this project. If you would like to help, contact Pastor Brian or the church office. 450-5101 or 472-2640. We will set a time to teach the volunteers how to do the repairs.

**Call the Office to sponsor a Bulletin**

**January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21 & 28. Cost \$ 25.00.**

**Or a Radio Broadcast**

**January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21 & 28. Cost \$ 75.00**

**Operating Offering last week - \$ 4,535.00**

**Sanctuary Fund - \$ 25.00**

**Harvestfest - \$175.00**

**Christmas - \$ 25.00**

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**"Through the grace of God, we are  
worshiping, sharing, growing."**

### **#593 Drawn to the Light**

1. People who walk in darkness have sought a light in the heart of the darkest night.  
Just when we thought all would be lost, we were drawn to the light of God.

**Refrain: Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the light and the morning.  
Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight to be drawn to the light of God.**

2, How can we tell a heaven from hell if ev'ry one dwells in the dark of night?  
Morning dispels, gently compels, and we're drawn to the light of God. **Refrain:**

3. Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the one, who is shining bright,  
Bids us to come! Life has begun when we're drawn to the light of God. **Refrain:**

### **#267 Joy to the World**

1. Joy to the world the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing and heav'n and nature sing.

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

3. No more let sin and sorrow 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.

4. 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.

### **#251 My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness**

1. My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord; I sing my Savior's praise!  
You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.  
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age this blessing shall proclaim –  
Great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.

2. To all who live in holy fear your mercy ever flows.  
With mighty arm you dash the proud, their scheming hearts expose.  
The ruthless you have cast aside, the lowly throned instead;  
The hungry filled with all good things, the rich sent off unfed.

### **#277 Away in a Manger**

1. Away in a manger no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

### **#275 Angels, from the Realms of Glory**

1. Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth  
Once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.

**Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new born king.**

2. Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light. **Refrain:**

3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star. **Refrain:**

4. All creation, join in praising God, the Father. Spirit. Son,  
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One. **Refrain:**

### **#253 He Came Down**

1. He came down that we may love; he came down that we may love;  
He came down that we may love; Hallelujah forevermore.

2. He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;  
He came down that we may have light; Hallelujah forevermore.

3. He came down that we may have peace; He came down that we may have peace;  
He came down that we may have peace; Hallelujah forevermore.

4. He came down that we may have joy; He came down that we may have joy;  
He came down that we may have joy; Hallelujah forevermore.

### **#272 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

1. Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung,  
It came a flow'r so bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.

3. This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us and lightens ev'ry load.

### **#288 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Give you heed to what we say; Jesus Christ is born today;  
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now,  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

2. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore,  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

3. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## **Luke 1:26-38**

### **The Birth of Jesus Foretold**

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,<sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.<sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.'<sup>\*</sup> <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'<sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'<sup>\*</sup> <sup>35</sup> The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born<sup>\*</sup> will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.'<sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

## **Luke 2:1-20**

### **The Birth of Jesus**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.<sup>2</sup> This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.<sup>3</sup> All went to their own towns to be registered.<sup>4</sup> Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.<sup>5</sup> He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.<sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.<sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

### **The Shepherds and the Angels**

8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.<sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.<sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:<sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah,<sup>\*</sup> the Lord.<sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.'<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,<sup>\*</sup> praising God and saying,<sup>14</sup> 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'<sup>\*</sup>

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.'<sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.<sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child;<sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.<sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.<sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.