

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent, year B

December 20, 2020 + Mount Olive Lutheran Church



## Focus on the Season: The Fourth Sunday of Advent, year B

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With Mary, the church hears these words: Do not be afraid, you have found favor with God. You, the people of God. You, the baptized Christian. In an anxious and uncertain world, you need not be fearful, God is with you. With these words of consolation, we also hear and speak Mary's response: I am the servant of the Lord.

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## Centering and Gathering

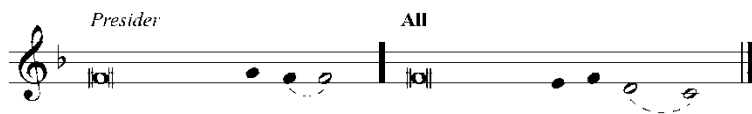
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Light your candle. **Start the video by clicking here**; it will continue through the Postlude.

PRELUDE: "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

*Recorded Wednesday, December 9, 2020; Singers of the Mount Olive Youth Choir; Tricia Van Ee, soprano*

### ADVENT DIALOG AND KYRIE



- P The Spirit and the Church cry out:  
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**  
P All those who await his appearance pray:  
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**  
P The whole creation pleads:  
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### KYRIE

A: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
C: Ky - ri - e e lei - son.

A: Chri - ste e - lei son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

C: Chri - ste e lei - - - son.

A: Ky - ri - e e - lei son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

C: Ky - ri - e e - lei - - - son.

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*Sung at Mount Olive on the First Sunday of Advent, year B, December 3, 2017.*

*Kyrie led by the Youth Choir.*

## Word

### GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

HYMN: *ELW* 263, “Savior of the Nations, Come”

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, year A, December 22, 2019.*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; reader – Harry Eklund, lector

<sup>1</sup> Now when [David] the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup> the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” <sup>3</sup> Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

<sup>4</sup> But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup> Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup> I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup> Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of

cedar?" <sup>8</sup> Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup> and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup> from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>16</sup> Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

PSALMODY: Luke 1:46b-55, the *Magnificat* – ELW234, “My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord”  
*Sung at Mount Olive on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, year B, December 24, 2017.*

SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27; reader – Vicar Andrea Bonneville, assisting minister

*Paul writes:* <sup>25</sup> Now to God 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 kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup> but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup> to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung before and after the reading*

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, Come, Je - sus come.

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, year B, December 24, 2017.*

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup> 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 Gabriel came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly agitated 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 favor 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 forever, 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>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 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 I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

SERMON

**With You**

Pastor Joseph Crippen

*Silence for reflection.*

HYMN: ELW 258, “Unexpected and Mysterious”

*Sung at Mount Olive at the Advent Procession Service, December 3, 2017.*

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, Vicar Andrea Bonneville, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.)* **Response: Hear our prayer.**

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ's peace.*

## OFFERING

There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. *The Olive Branch* has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:

<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

## OFFERTORY "Sweet Coming"

Sweet com-ing for which we long: soft com-ing of star-voiced Child; still  
com-ing in fra-grant meal; swift com-ing for won-drous weal. Sure  
com-ing, both hope and trial; soon com-ing, our wist-ful song.

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*Sung at Mount Olive on the Second Sunday of Advent, year C, December 6, 2015.*

## Sending

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LORD'S PRAYER *Pray the Lord's Prayer together.*

BLESSING **Response: Amen**

HYMN: ELW 266, "All Earth Is Hopeful"

*Sung on the Second Sunday of Advent, year C, December 6, 2015, with Mount Olive Children's Choir.*

DISMISSAL *The assisting minister leads the dismissal.*

**A** Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

**G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Savior of the Nations, Come" (from *Orgelbüchlein*)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Recorded on Tuesday, December 8, 2020*



## **In Our Prayers**

- *Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: James Wilkes, Charlotte Erlandson; JoAnn Norheim; Mary Lee; Elizabeth Beissel, Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Leanna Kloempken; Kandi Jo Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Pariann Schenk; Christine Walberg; Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Jodi Royce, daughter of Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; Kjell Thompson, relative of Nancy Anderson; Tommie and Susie Hunter, Danna Nelson, Jacques, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Randy Caverly and Nancy Stelling, nephew and friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Klarrisa Ramirez, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Susan Bary, friend of Judy Graves; Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Lynn Kernkamp, friend of Peggy Hoeft; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Donald Johnson, father of Nicholas Johnson; Nicole Sanders, Ann Clark, James Alexander, and Peter & Faye Kaliher, daughter and friends of Mary Rose Kaliher; Danielle Pitzen, friend of Ellen Kormanik; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linqvist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Janet Freeburg, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Michael Waechter, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Jay Heffern, friend of Gary Pagel; Jerry Baack and Todd Erickson, friends of Jean & Doug Parish; Melissa Suchor, niece of Mike Rader; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbeshier Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Doug Erhard, nephew of Evelyn Royce; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Norlene Bateman, aunt of Ted Thompson; Jennifer Kobylinski, cousin of Kathy Thurston; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Weichman, Levi Boswell, son and nephew of Grace Wiechman; BJ Wilkes, Joshua Wilkes, LaTrell Wilkes and Julius Underwood, and Lonnell Wilkes, son, nephews, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Sandra Dycus, Becky Groska, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Patrick Clark, Annie Hose-Ryan, Marcia Van Gorden, friends of Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Anne-Marie Lundberg, cousin of Eric Zander; Judy Bonnes, Tommie & Susie Hunter; Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.*
- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Mark Farnan, Allen Dundek, Mary Lee, Caroline Menard, Owen Menard, Elisabeth Hunt, and Henry Hunt.
- **Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world** who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.
- **Our continual prayers are offered for peace:** We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**  
**December 20:** Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church, died 1552 – Born to an impoverished nobleman, Katie eventually took vows as a nun, but around age twenty-four she and several other nuns who were influenced by the writings of Martin Luther left the convent. Six children were born to Katie and Martin.