

# Celebrate



OUR SAVIOR'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Connecting Faith to Everyday Life*

Contemporary Worship Service

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021 • 8:45 and 11:00 A.M.



my heart  
shall  
sing

an Advent series  
about endings  
and beginnings

## GATHERING

**Gathering Song** – “Taste and See,” Adam Wirdzek, Paul Marino,  
and Peder Eide

1. His love is like a river  
Powerful and pure  
His justice is a fortress  
Solid and secure  
His mercy is a banner  
Declaring that He's near  
His kindness is a treasure  
And we need never fear

Chorus: Taste and see  
That the Lord is good  
The Lord is good  
Taste and see  
That the Lord is good  
To you and me  
Taste and see  
That the Lord is good  
The Lord is good  
His mercy endures forever, taste and see

2. His Word is like an anchor  
Mighty and unmoved  
His promise is unchanging  
Reliable and true  
His faithfulness is with us  
Never to be lost  
His sacrifice is Jesus  
Dying on the cross (chorus)

Bridge: Come on everybody  
See His glory fill this place  
Come on everybody  
Savor the sweetness of grace  
Oh taste

Final Chorus: Taste and see  
That the Lord is good  
The Lord is good  
Taste and see  
That the Lord is good  
To you and me  
Taste and see  
That the Lord is good  
The Lord is good  
His mercy endures forever  
Taste and see, taste and see

## **Call to Worship**

**Song of Praise** – “Canticle of the Turning,” Rory Cooney

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.

2. Though I am small, my God, my all,  
 you work great things in me,  
 and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
 to the end of the age to be.  
 Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
 and to those who would for you yearn,  
 you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
 for the world is about to turn. (*refrain*)
3. From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,  
 not a stone will be left on stone.  
 Let the king beware for your justice tears  
 ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
 The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
 for the food they can never earn;  
 there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
 for the world is about to turn. (*refrain*)
4. Though the nations rage from age to age,  
 we remember who holds us fast:  
 God's mercy must deliver us  
 from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
 This saving word that our forebears heard  
 is the promise which holds us bound,  
 till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
 who is turning the world around. (*refrain*)

## Lighting the Advent Wreath

### WORD

**Reading** – Hebrews 10:5–10

**Gospel** – Luke 1:39–55

**Sermon**

**Song of the Day** – “Trading My Sorrows,” Darrell Evans

Part 1: I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame,  
 I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.  
 I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain,  
 I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Part 2: Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes Lord;  
 Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord;  
 Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, Amen.

Part 3: I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned,  
 Struck down, but not destroyed;  
 I am blessed beyond the curse, for his promise will endure,  
 that his joy's gonna be my strength.  
 Though the sorrow may last for the night, his joy comes with  
 the morning. (*repeat part 1; repeat part 2 twice*)

**Prayers of the People**

## MEAL

### Offering

Offering Song – “Promise Keeper,” Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

1. You are here, moving in our midst. I worship You, I worship You.  
You are here, working in this place. I worship You, I worship You.

Chorus: You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker,  
Promise Keeper, Light in the Darkness,  
my God, that is who You are.  
You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker,  
Promise Keeper, Light in the Darkness,  
my God, that is who You are.

2. You are here, turning lives around; I worship You, I worship You.  
You are here, healing ev’ry heart; I worship You, I worship You. (*chorus*)

Bridge: Even when I don’t see it, You’re working.  
Even when I don’t feel it, You’re working.  
You never stop, You never stop working.  
You never stop, You never stop working.  
Even when I don’t see it, You’re working.  
Even when I don’t feel it, You’re working.  
You never stop, You never stop working.  
You never stop, Jesus, You are

Final Chorus: Way Maker, Miracle Worker,  
Promise Keeper, Light in the Darkness.  
My God, that is who You are. You are  
You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker,  
Promise Keeper, Light in the Darkness.  
My God, that is who You are

Prayer after the Offering

### Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Eat

Communion Song – “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” Phillip Brooks  
and Lewis Redner

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond’ring love.  
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth.
3. How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv’n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav’n.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born to us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
Oh come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel.

Communion Song – “What Child Is This?” William Chatterton Dix

1. What Child is this who laid to rest  
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping  
This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.
2. So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh  
Come peasant king to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high!  
The Virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Prayer after Holy Communion

## SENDING

### Announcements

### Sending

**Sending Song** – “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,” Charles Wesley  
and Felix Mendelssohn

1. Hark the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild. God and sinners reconciled”  
Joyful, all you nations rise. Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic hosts proclaim: ”Christ is born in Bethlehem”  
Hark the herald angels sing. “Glory to the newborn King!
2. Christ by highest heav’n adored. Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come. Offspring of a Virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see. Hail incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with us to dwell. Jesus, our Emanuel.  
Hark the herald angels sing. “Glory to the newborn King!
3. Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die.  
Born to raise each child of earth. Born to give us second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing. “Glory to the newborn King!



### Friday, December 24

- 3:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship, Celebrate Center
- 4:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship, Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. – Christmas meal, Friendship Room
- 5:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship, Celebrate Center
- 6:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship, Sanctuary

### Saturday, December 25

- 10:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Worship, Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 26

- 8:45 a.m. – Celebrate Worship, Celebrate Center
- 11:00 a.m. – Festive Worship, Sanctuary

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Tim Lemme

**Preaching Minister:** Pastor Justin Kosec

**Celebrate Band:** Nate Anderson, Rick Burkhardt, Denny Gale,  
George Gongopoulos, Janell Mills, Jane Ruud, and Gretchen Starnes

**Readers:** (8:45) Jill Franken; (11:00) Jennifer Selzler

**Media:** Kayla Preston

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