

Alternate Advent-4 Collect: 8. LORD God, Heavenly Father, it is good and right that we should give thanks to You, that You have given us a glorious baptism like that of John the Baptist, and that therein You have romised us the forgiveness of sins, the Holy Spirit, and everlasting life through Your Son, Jesus Christ: We beseech You, by Your grace and mercy preserve us in such faith, that we never doubt Your promise, but be comforted by our Baptism in all temptations; and grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may renounce sin, and ever continue in the righteousness bestowed on us in Baptism, until, by Your grace, we obtain our eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our LORD. **Amen.**

*Congregation At Prayer for Advent-4 Rorate Coeli ✠ Heavens Rain Down...
In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Apostles Creed *ELH p.46*

Bible Memory Verse: John said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the LORD,' as the prophet **Isaiah said.**" *John 1:23 Advent-4 Psalm 19*

The Catechism Try to memorize THE APOSTLES' CREED – THIRD ARTICLE

What is the Third Article? I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body ✠ and the Life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my LORD, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith; just as He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives me and all believers all our sins; and at the Last Day He will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant me **and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.**

Daily Readings from the Bible and Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions

Week 51 FofC. Solid Decl.	Daily Bible Readings Psalm.Old&New Testament
M FC SD [Election] XI 4-14	M Psalm 9; Malachi 3:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25
T FC SD[Election]XI 15-27	T Psalm 27; Malachi 4:1-6; Luke 1:39-45
W FC SD[Election]XI 28-36	W Psalm 8; Isaiah 25:6-10; Luke 1:46-56
T FC SD[Election]XI 37-47	T Psalm 5; Isaiah 28:14-19; Luke 1:57-66
F FC SD[Election]XI 48-64	F Psalm 21; Isaiah 7:1-17; Luke 1:67-80
FofC Major Part XI. Election	27 Psalm 143; Isaiah 32:1-8; John 1:1-15

NAMED PRAYER REQUESTS ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ OUR SAVIOR & FAITH FAMILIES

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Rick & Darrell ^{uncles-Shannon} ^{GP}	Anita E ^{GP}	Todd & Jerry ^{Anne/Eleanor} ^{FM}
Renee ^{IN} Maggie ^{FM}	Robert David & Tesa ^{FM}	Kris & Sean W ^{FM}
Katherine B Shawn ^{WA} ^{MBC}	Brenda B ^{GP} Mom	Karen ^{passed} Peter [Wojcik]

Next Sunday 12/28 Christmas-1: Presentation 163 244:1,7 154:1-4,5-6 48

Lecture: Isaiah 11:1-5; Galatians 4:1-7 **Gospel ✠ St. Luke 2:33-40**
Jesus is presented in the Temple in fulfillment of the Law and revealed to be "a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of the people of Israel."

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ☸☸☸ **RORATÉ COELI**
Heavens Rejoice! ✠ December 21st, 2025 9^{GP} & 11:30^{FM}



Monastery Icon for the 4th Sunday in Advent ✠ **St. Luke 2: Nativity So Near**
Mother Mary [and animals in the stable] are ready to welcome the Baby Jesus.

<https://www.MonasteryIcons.com/product/the-nativity-of-christ-icon-950>

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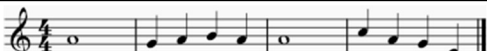
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✠ In Nomine Iesu ✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

WELCOME to all – *We are so glad you are here!* Visitors, please take a moment to sign our guest book. Please come often to the LORD's house! In conformity with the Bible, the Confessions of the Lutheran Church and historic Christianity, this Parish practices *Close Communion*, i.e. the bread and wine which are truly the Body and Blood of Christ are reserved for our communicant members and those guests of our confessional fellowship [W/ELS]. Thank you for respecting our practice. Please do come up to the rail for a blessing. And please speak with the pastor about receiving Holy Communion in the future. God bless your worship. Thank you.

The Divine Service Rite Two with Communion *ELH* p.60

Opening Hymn	90	Savior of the Nations, Come	7 verses
Chief Hymn	110	O Come, O Come Emmanuel	Sing verses 1-4
Third Hymn	110	O Come, O Come Emmanuel	Sing verses 5-7
Closing Hymn	109	Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes	4 verses

Introit *Tone IV*  *Isaiah 45:8; Psalm 19:1,5*

Antiphon P: ♪ Rain down, you Heav-**ens**, from a-bove: /
And let the skies pour **down** Right-eous-ness;
Let **the** earth o-pen: / And bring **forth** Sal-va-tion.

Psalm C: ♪ **The Heavens declare the `Glo-ry of God: /**
And the firmament shows `His hand-i-work. C: ♪ Glory...

The Collect for the Day

Stir up Your power, O LORD, and come, and help us with Your great might, that whatever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished by Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One True God, now and forever. C: ♪ **A--men.**

The Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 40: 1-8* *ESV*

In those days *Isaiah prophesied*: Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶ A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever.

Advent Season Psalm 25 C: ♪ **To You, LORD, I Lift My Soul, ...**

The Epistle *Philippians 4:4-7*

Brethren: Rejoice in the LORD always; again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The LORD is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gradual *Tone IV*  *Psalm 145:18,12*

C: ♪ **The LORD is near to all who `call up-on Him: /**
To all who call up-`on Him in truth.

My mouth shall speak the `praise of the LORD: /
And all flesh shall bless `His Ho-ly Name. C: ♪ Allelu-ia,[3x]

The Holy Gospel according to **St. John, the 1st Chapter: 19-28**

Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹ And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²² So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the LORD,' as the prophet Isaiah said." ²⁴ (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵ They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶ John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands One you do not know, ²⁷ even He who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Sermon **John 1:19-28** *GOD PREPARES CHRISTMAS WITH SERVANT JOHN B.*

The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus to Life Everlasting.

Votum Hymn Verse *ELH* **596** **Praise to Thee and Adoration** *verse 1*

1. Praise to Thee and adoration, Blessed Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve Thine own creation, Didst partake of Flesh and Blood.
Teach me that I never may From Thy fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding Follow where Thy steps are leading.

1. We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O LORD, from Thee.
3.O hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold, And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold!

Next Sunday 12/28 Christmas-1: Presentation ✠ & A Baptism at Grants Pass!