



FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation**  
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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May Christ our Advent King strengthen his rule in your heart through his powerful, Spirit-filled Gospel.

*Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or pastor.*

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday at 8:00 am to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please fill out a Visitor Card and hand it to an usher. Feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastor, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to pastor after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason, we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with pastor before communing with us. Thank you.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to you; here, Lord, abide! Oh, enter with your saving grace; show me your kind and friendly face. Your Holy Spirit guide us on until our glorious goal is won. Eternal praise and fame We offer to your name. Amen.

**SERVICE THEME**

Come, Lord Jesus! – As Immanuel

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Setting One* | 154-170



**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

*These sentences will be spoken and the Advent candles lit immediately following the ringing of the bells at the beginning of the service.*

We light four Advent candles as we behold Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary. He came to share our humanity.

**With eyes of faith we behold Jesus whose name means Savior. He came to save his people from their sins.**

We hear his call to give him a place in our hearts.

**We light four Advent candles as a sign of our joy and hope.**

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

**Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

*Four Advent candles (the Prophecy, Bethlehem, Angel, and Shepherd candles) are lit.*

*The service continues with the opening hymn.*

**OPENING HYMN**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* | 327 v. 1-2

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins, and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, 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.**

**FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 7:10-14

*The promised gift of Immanuel would be born of a virgin.*

The Lord spoke to Ahaz again. He said, <sup>11</sup>“Ask for a sign from the Lord your God. Ask for it either in the depths below or in the heights above.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz responded, “I will not ask. I will not test the Lord.” <sup>13</sup>So Isaiah said: Listen now, you house of David. Is it not enough for you to test the patience of men? Will you test the patience of my God as well? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give a sign for all of you. Look! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and name him Immanuel.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.****SECOND LESSON**

Romans 1:1-7

*After thousands of years of God’s promises, St. Paul sees them all fulfilled in Christ.*

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised in advance through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures. <sup>3</sup>This gospel is about his Son—who in the flesh was born a descendant of David, <sup>4</sup>who in the spirit of holiness was declared to be God’s powerful Son by his resurrection from the dead—Jesus Christ, our Lord. <sup>5</sup>Through him we received grace and the call to be an apostle on behalf of his name, to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, <sup>6</sup>including you, who were called by Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>To all those loved by God who are in Rome, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (spoken)***page 161***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.****Come to us, Emmanuel; come and set your people free.****Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.****GOSPEL (Sermon Text)**

Matthew 1:1-17

*Immanuel—which means the God who lives with us—is true God and true man.*

A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.  
<sup>2</sup>Abraham was the father of Isaac. Isaac was the father of Jacob. Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers. <sup>3</sup>Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah, whose

mother was Tamar. Perez was the father of Hezron. Hezron was the father of Ram.  
<sup>4</sup>Ram was the father of Amminadab. Amminadab was the father of Nahshon.

Nahshon was the father of Salmon. <sup>5</sup>Salmon was the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz was the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed was the father of Jesse. <sup>6</sup>Jesse was the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. <sup>7</sup>Solomon was the father of Rehoboam. Rehoboam was the father of Abijah. Abijah was the father of Asa. <sup>8</sup>Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat was the father of Joram. Joram was the father of Uzziah.

<sup>9</sup>Uzziah was the father of Jotham. Jotham was the father of Ahaz. Ahaz was the father of Hezekiah. <sup>10</sup>Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh. Manasseh was the father of Amon. Amon was the father of Josiah. <sup>11</sup>Josiah was the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the Babylonian exile.

<sup>12</sup>After the Babylonian exile, Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel. Shealtiel was the father of Zerubbabel. <sup>13</sup>Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud. Abiud was the father of Eliakim. Eliakim was the father of Azor. <sup>14</sup>Azor was the father of Zadok. Zadok was the father of Achim. Achim was the father of Eliud. <sup>15</sup>Eliud was the father of Eleazar. Eleazar was the father of Matthan. Matthan was the father of Jacob. <sup>16</sup>Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, from whom Jesus was born (who is called Christ).

<sup>17</sup>So altogether there were fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen generations from David to the Babylonian exile, and fourteen generations from the Babylonian exile to Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise be to you, O Christ!****HYMN OF THE DAY***Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord | 315***“The Family of Jesus”***Pastor Toppe***NICENE CREED & PRAYER OF THE CHURCH***pages 162-164*

**PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING**

**THE SACRAMENT**

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*Comfort, Comfort All My People | 312*

*Prepare the Royal Highway | 302*

**THANKSGIVING & BLESSING**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel | 327 v. 3-4*

**ORGANIST:** Erin Achey

**GREETERS:** 8:00 ~ Barb Krug

10:30 ~ Tim & Gail Zorn