

December 22, 2024, Order of Service—Lay Leaders
ADVENT 4 “JOY”

Announcements, Concerns, Joys

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Candle Lighting Song Hark, the Glad Sound! (vv. 1,2,3,4)

LBW #35
HP #1379

***Confession and Forgiveness** (from Sundays & Seasons, copyright 2024, Augsburg Fortress)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.
Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Silence for reflection)*
God of mercy,

**C: we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.
We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

P: God of might,
**we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted
false promises.**

P: God in our midst,
we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

P: A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have
forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness
of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn** *Let All Together Praise Our God (vv. 1,2,3)*

LBW #47
HP #1391

***Kyrie** (response: **Lord, have mercy**)

LBW p.78

***Prayer of the Day:** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace
and might, free us from the sin that binds us, 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.

Sharing the Peace

Receiving our Offerings of Thanksgiving

A reading from Micah the 5th chapter (5:2-5a) pew Bible, p.1445
(after each reading, "The word of the Lord." **"Thanks be to God!"**)

A reading from Luke, the 1st chapter (1:46b-55) (*Mary's Song*) pew Bible, p.1589

A reading from Hebrews the 10th chapter (10:5-10) pew Bible, p.1873

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia! Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word. Alleluia! (Luke 1:38)*

***The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 1st chapter (1:39-45)** pew Bible, p. 1588
Before the gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord!** (*Read by Rick Mueller*)
After the gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon/Homily (Rick Mueller)

***Hymn of the Day** *Prepare the Royal Highway (vv. 1,2,3)* LBW #26
HP #1370

***The Creed** LBW, p. 85

***The Prayers of Intercession** (Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**)

***The Lord's Prayer** LBW, p.91

***Blessing**

May God give you strength and courage to keep watch for the One who is coming.

May God give us to one another, so we remember we are not alone.

May God give us to the world to prepare the way for the coming kingdom.

In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***Sending Hymn** *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (vv. 1,2)* LBW #25
HP #1369

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel **Thanks be to God!**