

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰AGAIN THE LORD SPOKE TO AHAZ, SAYING, ¹¹"Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹²But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." ¹³Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-58

³⁹IN THOSE DAYS MARY SET OUT AND WENT WITH HASTE to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." ⁴⁶And this is what Mary said:

"My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

⁵⁷Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

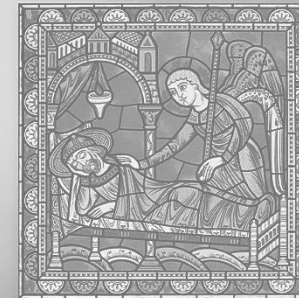


HYMN OF THE DAY: *In a Far-Off Place, Jesus Comes* (ACS 908)

- (1) In a far-off place, Jesus comes to earth.
Sheep and cattle grace the site.
As the angel songs begin,
like the whisper of the wind,
nature's hope awakes again; Jesus comes.
- (2) For the poor in heart, Jesus comes to earth.
Humble shepherds start the news.
For each homeless infant born,
for the meek and those who mourn,
for the weary and the worn, Jesus comes.
- (3) In our deepest night, Jesus comes to earth:
radiant star to light our way.
Summer's heat or winter's chill,
with a warm and loving will,
to a world that needs him still, Jesus comes.

Ushers still needed for 8PM Christmas Eve Service

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 18, 2022, 10:30 AM



She will bear
a **SON**, and
you are to name him
Jesus
MATTHEW 1:21

AUGUSTANA

Lutherans and Anglicans worshiping together
(A congregation of the ELCIC,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada)

Worship at 10:30 am

YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCua4E9ZVxIz4Wfmct0ZLnBA>



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AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ELW - *Setting 5, Holy Communion*

10:30 AM December 18, 2022

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn: "Blessed Be the God of Israel" #250

Confession and Forgiveness (*From Generation to Generation*)

Greeting, p. 156

Prayer of the Day (*From Generation to Generation*)

Children's Message

We Light the 4th Candle of Advent (*From Generation to Generation*)

Cherie Jarock, Toleff Tastad, Ruari Tastad with Tannis Sharp

Candle Lighting Hymn: "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" #247, vs. 2

THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia*, p. 160

Gospel: Luke 1:39-58

Choral Offering: "The Annunciation & Magnificat" *Echo Fettes soloist*

Meditation

Hymn of the Day: "In a Far-Off Place, Jesus Comes" #908 (ACS)

Apostles' Creed, p. 105

Prayers of the People: "Come Lord . . ."

Come down, Come in, Come among us and make us whole."

Sharing of the Peace, p. 161

Choir Anthem: "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt" *Cherie Jarock*

violinist

THE MEAL

Great Thanksgiving, p. 161

Holy, Holy, Holy, p. 162

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer, p. 163 (*to be sung*)

O Lamb of God, p. 164

Communion:

Hymns during Communion: "Creator of the Stars of Night" #245

"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" #265

"Wait for the Lord" #262

Post Communion Prayer, p. 164

SENDING

Blessing (*From Generation to Generation*)

Sending Hymn: "Canticle of the Turning" #723

Dismissal

WELCOME TO AUGUSTANA

Lutherans and Anglicans worshiping together

We are a Christ-centered, welcoming community. We commit ourselves to modeling Christ's unconditional love in our worship, learning, fellowship, friendship, and service to others. Just as God welcomes and cares for us, so we welcome everyone to participate in all aspects of our community, without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, culture or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, family or economic status, gender, or age. We pledge to ourselves and all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

Thank you for sharing in worship here today.

May God's abundant grace be a blessing to you,

a source of strength and hope.

AUGUSTANA CHURCH COUNCIL & PERSONNEL

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PLEASE PLACE YOUR OFFERINGS IN THE PLATE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

Offerings & Income for December to date: \$7,977

CLWR \$250, Facilities Improvement-Signage \$500, Rent \$1855

December expenses to date: \$5,303

Thank you to our lector Tannis Sharp, musician Mik Bickis, ushers Gloria and Melissa Rowan, communion assistant Linda Stauffer and Wayne Carlson, and technical support Greg Fowlie-Neufeld for assisting in worship today. Thank you also to the Choir for the musical selections (including soloist Echo Fettes and violinist Cherie Jarock).

Last Sunday's attendance: 58



All are welcome at the table.

If you wish to receive the healing gift of God's grace and believe Christ is present, please feel welcome to participate in the Eucharist.

Grape-apple juice and red wine are provided in the glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

There will be no Communion served on Christmas Eve.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of today and tomorrow,

**All: When Mary was pregnant and afraid,
she ran to her cousin Elizabeth's house.**

**Elizabeth threw open the door with joy
and showered blessings upon her.**

How often do we have that same opportunity?

**How often do we leave the door locked,
the curtains drawn, and the lights off?**

**How often do we shower critique or judgment
instead of blessings and joy?**

Gracious God, forgive us for our wrongs.

We want to see you when we see our neighbor.

Amen.

Friends, this is what I know— you are saved by grace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Come Lord . . .

All: Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

BLESSING

As you leave this place . . .

love wildly, do justice, and come back soon.

All: May it be so. Amen

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Our Parish Calendar

Sunday	2:00 pm	Refugee Settlement Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Saturday	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service #1
Saturday	8:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service #2
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Sunday	2:00 pm	Moser Family Gathering