

First Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

²**BUT YOU, O BETHLEHEM** of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength
of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10:4-7

⁵**CONSEQUENTLY, WHEN CHRIST CAME** into the world, he said,
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
⁷Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

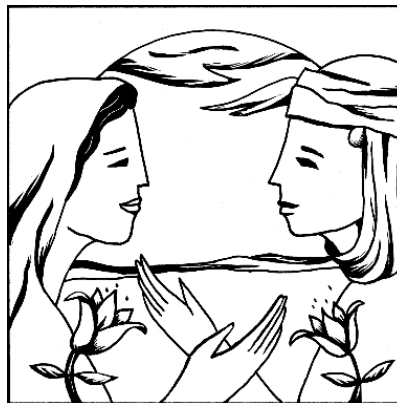
⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken
pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and
sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then
he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes
the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God’s
will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the
body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel

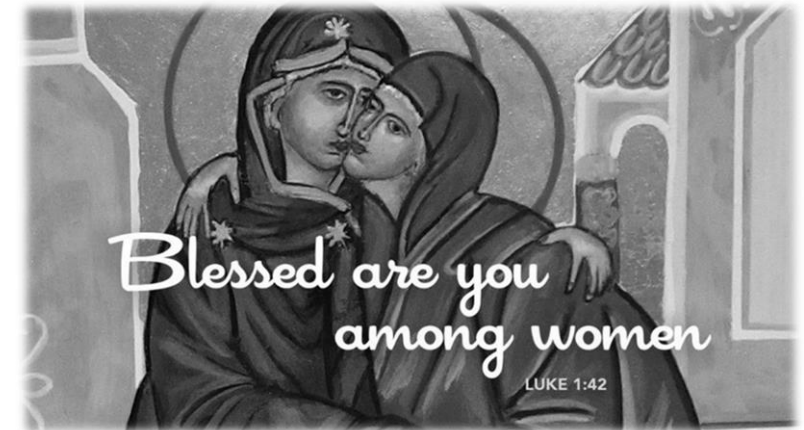
Luke 1:39-55

³⁹**IN 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 Mary said,
“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
and holy is your name.
⁵⁰You have mercy on those who fear you,
from generation to generation.
⁵¹You have shown strength with your arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
⁵²casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.
⁵³You have filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,
⁵⁵the promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children forever.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 19, 2021



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



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AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ELW - *Setting 4*

10:30 AM December 19, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude

Announcements & Welcome

Gathering Hymn: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #254

Kyrie & Glory to God, page 147

Children's Time

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Advent Song: "We Are Waiting for Jesus"

THE WORD

Advent Prayer

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Choir Anthem: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Acclamation (*Alleluia*), page 151

Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

Meditation

Hymn of the Day: "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" #265

Prayers of the People: "Hear us, O God . . . **Your mercy is great**"

The Lord's Prayer, page 154

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn: "Cold December Flies Away" #299

Dismissal

Thank you to all those who assist with the technical: Greg Fowlie-Neufeld, D.-Jay Krozser., Katie Ottley, Bryan Tastad, Alexa Wallace, and today Michael Diegel and Karen Wallace.

Thank you to our reader Larry Trenouth, musician Anna-Marie Skogsrud, acolyte Mason Lindenbach, and ushers D.-Jay Krozser and Wes Ulmer for assisting in worship today. Also thanks to the choir for leading the singing.

Last week's attendance: 39

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

Chair	Dawn Ingram	306-375-4702
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Our Parish Calendar

Sunday	3:00 pm	Blue Christmas Service
Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever-In-Motion
Wednesday	8:00 am	Men's Book Club (Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever-In-Motion
Friday	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve (Recorded - YouTube)
Saturday	10:30 am	Christmas Day (Recorded - YouTube)
Saturday	3:30 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Thank you to our Pat Blakley, Deborah Buck, Marie Ebbert and Reita MacDonald for assisting with the Blue Christmas Service today.



PLEASE PLACE YOUR OFFERINGS FOR TODAY IN THE PLATES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN-IN AT FRONT ENTRANCE FOR ATTENDING WORSHIP.

Offerings/Income for December to date: \$16,287

Included in the above figure: Christmas Hampers: \$1010 (Goal of \$1200 has been met), Grants received: \$1540; Rent: \$1705

We Are Waiting For Jesus

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus bring peace.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus bring peace.

Sun of justice, shine upon us;

We are trusting in your promise.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus bring peace.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus bring peace.

Loving Shepherd, walk beside us;

Stir our hearts, and gently guide us.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

The ELW will again be sending a **financial Christmas gift** to their adopted child, **Abdoul**. If you are interested in contributing to this gift, place your donation in the offering plate, marked accordingly or send an E-transfer to the church. All your donations are very much appreciated.

And in keeping with the spirit of the Advent season, the **ELW** has again set up the **Mitten Tree** in the narthex, to be decorated with mittens, toques, scarves, etc. Yarn has been placed under the tree for anyone wishing to knit/crochet articles to be donated to Haven Kids' House, Queen Elizabeth School, Interval House and the Salvation Army.

The students, staff and faculty at **Lutheran Theological Seminary** wish you a most wonderful Advent and Christmas season. Thank you for your prayers and financial generosity. Your continued support is appreciated. Today's students have nearly all tuition and fee costs covered. Our priorities are now funding for faculty and general operations. Please consider giving to the **Grace Fund for Faculty**, including for memorial and planned gifts. Gifts dated and sent to LTS by Dec. 31 will count for the 2021 tax year. Thank you for remembering the Seminary this Advent.

In relation to **2021 charitable donations**, the final deposit of cash and cheque offerings contributed to Augustana will be **December 30th at 2pm**. We kindly ask that you provide any Year End contributions before 12pm on December 30th so as to be counted correctly for your 2021 tax receipt statements. E-Transfers will still be accepted on Dec. 31st.



Just a reminder that **Annual Reports for 2021** will be due soon. Committees and members providing reports should have them emailed to the church office by **January 20th**. Reports should be submitted by the committee head after all members have agreed to its content. Please observe the deadline so the annual report can be prepared, printed and available 2 weeks before the annual meeting in February/March.

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Augustana - Lutherans and Anglicans worship together
Hymns for the 4th Sunday of Advent
Dec. 19, 2021

**GATHERING SONG: "Come, Thou Long-Expected
Jesus"** ELW #254

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.



**HYMN OF THE DAY: "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven
Came"** ELW #265

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame;
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
"most highly favored lady." Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee;
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady." Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleases God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!



SENDING SONG: "Cold December Flies Away" ELW #299

Cold December flies away at the rose-red splendor.
April's crowning glory breaks while the whole world
wonders
at the holy unseen pow'r of the tree that bears the
flow'r.
On the blessed tree blooms the rose-red flow'r.
On the tree blooms the rose here in love's own garden,
full and strong in glory.

In the hopeless time of sin shadows deep had fallen.
All the world lay under death. Eyes were closed in
sleeping.
But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose
golden light
brings unending joy, brings the endless joy
of our hope, highest hope of our hope's bright dawning,
Son beloved of heaven.

Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world
awakens.
In the lily's purest flow'r dwells a wondrous fragrance.
And it spreads to all the earth from the moment of its
birth;
And its beauty lives. In the flow'r it lives,
in the flow'r and it spreads its heav'nly brightness
sweet perfume delightful.