

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

**December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**Opening Hymn: Savior of the Nations, Come**

LSB 332 sts. 1-4

**Divine Service Setting Three**

LSB 184

**Confession and Absolution**

**Introit**

Psalm 130:5-8; antiphon: Isaiah 64:1



Oh that you would rend the heavens | and come down,\*  
that the mountains might quake at your | presence.

**I wait for the LORD, my | soul waits,\*  
and in his | word I hope;**

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the | morning,\*  
more than watchmen for the | morning.

**O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,\*  
and with him is plentiful re- | demption.**

And he will redeem | Israel\*  
from all his in- | iquities.



**G** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**Kyrie**

LSB 186

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10–17

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”  
<sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup>And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. <sup>17</sup>The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

-  This is the Word of the Lord.
-  **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 1:1–7

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup>including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,  
<sup>7</sup>To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

-  This is the Word of the Lord.
-  **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia


LSB 190





 Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18–25

 The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.



 Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son,

and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:  
<sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”  
(which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

 This is the Gospel of the Lord.



 Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Children’s Message

**Sermon Hymn: By All Your Saints in Warfare** LSB 517 sts. 1,14,3

Sermon

**Response Hymn: If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee** LSB 750 sts. 1-4, 7

Nicene Creed

**Offering & Offertory** LSB 192

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Collect for the Word

**Benedicamus & Benediction** LSB 202

**Closing Hymn: Savior of the Nations, Come** LSB 332 sts. 5-8

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**December 21, 2025 –Fourth Sunday in Advent**

## ***God's Word Is Fulfilled for Us in the Flesh and Blood of Christ Jesus, the Son of Mary***

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the Nativity of Our Lord. With the blessed Virgin Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Word and Spirit of God. This fulfillment of the sign once given to the house of David, that *"the virgin shall conceive and bear a son"* (Is. 7:14), is now given to us in the Gospel. It declares that salvation is by His grace alone, entirely His work and a free gift. It also is the way and means by which the Lord our God is Immanuel, "God with us." The almighty and eternal Son of God is conceived and born of Mary, and is thus *"descended from David according to the flesh"* (Rom. 1:3–4). He comes in this way to save us with His own flesh and blood; wherefore, He is called *"Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins"* (Matt. 1:21). As Joseph received this sign in faith and immediately *"did as the angel of the Lord commanded him"* (Matt. 1:24), we also live by faith in this Holy Gospel.



**WE WELCOME ALL** who worship today, especially guests and visitors, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Guests are invited to sign our guest register. Please include your phone number and address in the guest book located in the Narthex. Thank you for visiting.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Angela Bellantoni in honor of her parents', Merrill and Joan Findley, 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:**

12/14/2025	Sunday Service
12/17/2025	Advent Service

### **Attendance**

85
32

### **Contributions**

\$3559.00

**MISSIONARIES:** Please remember JP and Aimee Cima, the missionaries that our congregation have adopted, asking God to protect them and use them to spread His gospel.

**CONGREGATIONAL SHUT-INS:** Lucy Brown and Dale Kletke

**CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS:** Ryan Lehmpuhl and Jake Langley

**SITTING AND STANDING IN CHURCH:** It is customary to stand during the worship service when we address God directly (*Confession, Prayers, etc.*) or out of respect (*Gospel Reading, Creed, etc.*). These actions have purpose and meaning; but they are not meant to be painful or difficult. In contrast, Psalm 51:17 says, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." If at any time during the service, it is too difficult or painful to stand, please remain seated. Our Lord knows your heart.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please talk to the Pastor prior to the Sunday service for special prayers.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR: Sick and/or Recovering:**

Debbie Ledbetter

Sharon Martinson

Zoey (Tangkawarow's Family Member)

Dustin Kletke

Cody Atkinson (Dawn's son)

Rod Willard

Robert Tangkawarow

Elaine Emery (Snyders' friend)

Dale Kletke

Mary Richardson

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you have a prayer concern and would like to send it through a prayer chain, we have 2 options.

- To send the prayer through a phone prayer chain, please contact Mary Richardson at 719-269-1426.
- To send the prayer via email, please contact Sue Poehlein at her email address: [cspoehlein@gmail.com](mailto:cspoehlein@gmail.com).

If you would like to join either prayer chain, please contact Mary or Sue respectively. If you would like a Christian greeting card from St. John sent to your loved one listed on the above prayer list, please contact Mary Richardson with the address where it should be sent.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN – DECEMBER 21, 2025- DECEMBER 28, 2025**

Office Hours: Monday through Friday — 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

- 9:00 a.m. Divine Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

*HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY*

*Judith Crider*

**Monday, December 22, 2025**

*HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY*

*Kris Holt  
Rob Godwin*

**Tuesday, December 23, 2025**

*HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY*

*Lucy Brown*

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025**

- Christmas Eve
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Children's Program
- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN – DECEMBER 21, 2025- DECEMBER 28, 2025**

Office Hours: Monday through Friday — 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 25, 2025**

- Christmas Day
- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Service



**Saturday, December 27, 2025**

*HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY*

*Avery Harms*

**Sunday, December 28, 2025**

- 9:00 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class



**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please send all announcements for bulletins to [office@StJohnCanonCity.org](mailto:office@StJohnCanonCity.org). Thank You.

**PARISH PAPER:** Articles for the January Parish Paper are due TODAY. Please email any articles to [Office@StJohnCanonCity.org](mailto:Office@StJohnCanonCity.org). Thanks.

**MEMBER NEWS:** Please notify newsletter editor Gail Kirkegaard of member activities and accomplishments so we can celebrate them in our monthly publication. E-mail [office@stjohncanoncity.org](mailto:office@stjohncanoncity.org). You can also put information and photos in her church mailbox. Please add your name so she can return photos. Make sure to write: "ATTENTION GAIL" for anything you want added to the newsletter.

**CHURCH NURSERY:** Parents may use the nursery in back of the church. Our monitor with remote control has now been installed to watch the service. Changing tables are available in three of our restrooms.

**CHURCH PUBLICITY:** If you have a meeting or event for the St. John website and / or Facebook page please notify Gail at 720-201-8743 or [kirkegaard1998@charter.net](mailto:kirkegaard1998@charter.net). Also let her know if it is changed or canceled so our information is correct. Thank you.

**PARKING REQUEST:** with an aging congregation, our parking lot is short on handicapped parking spots. If you are able bodied, please park towards Greydene or in the gravel so those who struggle have a shorter distance to walk. Thank you.

## Sermon Notes

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