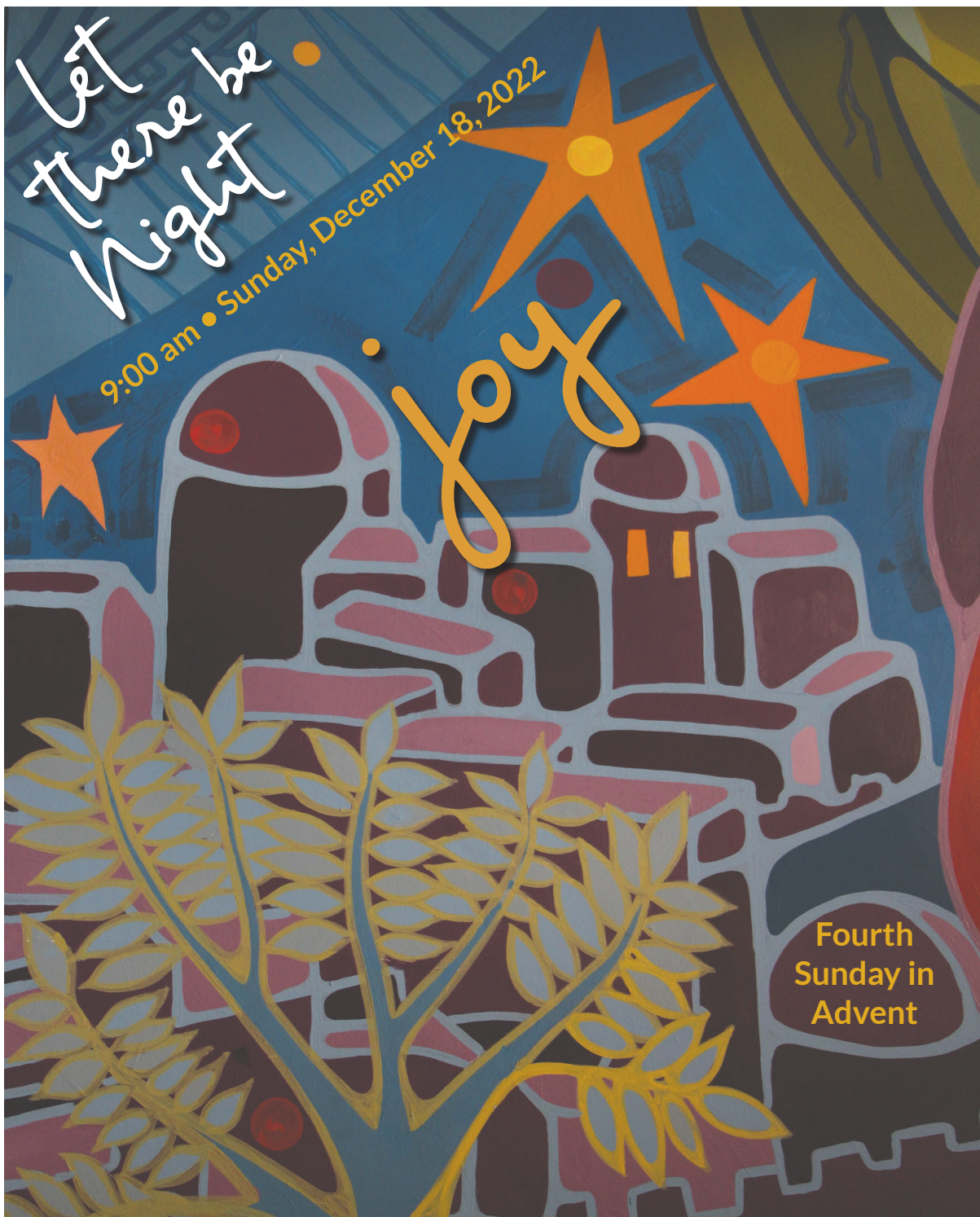


Let
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Night

9:00 am • Sunday, December 18, 2022

Joy

Fourth
Sunday in
Advent



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DEC. 18, 2022 • THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Words to hymns are printed in this bulletin, but you are encouraged to open up and use the red ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) hymnal found below or in front of your seat. Hymn numbers are provided.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

ELW 246

**Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness all you children of the day!"**

**Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.**

**See the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all, to be forgiv'n;**

**So, when next he comes in glory and the world is wrapped in fear,
He will shield us with his mercy and with words of love draw near.**

**Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son
With the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run!**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Frazier Family

Here is an ember of love.

Love for all nations and for all peoples.

Here is an ember of peace.

Peace for all nations and for all peoples.

Here is an ember of hope.

Hope for all nations and for all peoples.

Here is an ember of joy.

Joy for all nations and for all peoples.

As this candle of joy is lit, may we be reminded that the peace of God passes all understanding. God's peace is one that lives in times of light and in times of darkness. God's peace is that which lives within and among us, from morning through the night.

**He came down that we might have joy;
 He came down that we might have joy;
 He came down that we might have joy:
 Hallelujah forevermore.**

STORYTIME

*Storytime is for the entire congregation as we begin our exploration of our text for the day.
 Children are invited forward for Storytime as the congregation sings:*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
 Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

ANTHEM

O Come, Divine Messiah

Lucas Byl and John Helgen

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prepare the Royal Highway

**Prepare the royal highway, the King of kings is near!
 Let every hill and valley a level road appear!
 Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:
 Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-24

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

**"Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,
 and they shall name him Emmanuel,"**

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Tori Remer

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 pleaseth 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!

OFFERING

We gather as a people of God, in the presence of God, to offer up our thanks and praise.

Offering is one way in which we support and sustain our shared ministry.

*You may text your gift: Text <amount> to 651-383-1504,
 or scan the QR code at the end of this bulletin.*

Children are invited to bring their offering up to the front of the Worship Center.

PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

**We confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and
 strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us and free us from our sin.
 Send your Holy Spirit to empower us to live for you alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Rejoice in this good news! In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the
 Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed
 and forgiven children of God.

Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Non-communing children are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. Gluten/peanut free bread is available - please indicate this preference to the server. White grape juice is available and can be found in the cups toward the center of the tray. If you are unable to come forward, we will bring the sacrament to you in your seat. Please indicate this preference as the communion minister walks down your aisle.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Lamb of God

ELW 195

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. _____ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. _____ Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; _____ grant us peace, grant us peace. _____

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

ADVENT BLESSING

May starlight guide your steps towards this place of wonder and joy.
May angels sing their news as you travel to the manger.
May promise fill these days as we watch at the edge of birth.
and may faith tell you, Emmanuel will be with us soon, in human skin.
May you encounter joy in the world!

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

Love Has Come

ELW 292

**Love has come--a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.**

**Love is born! Come share in the wonder; love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers. Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.**

**Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us; love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!**

POSTLUDE

Participants

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

Pastor Marty Wyatt

Pastor Tori Remer

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Advent Candle: Frazier Family

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Christmas Eve

3:00 pm
4:30 pm
Family Service
Saturday, December 24, 2022



Christmas Eve

9:00 pm
Candlelight Service
Live-Stream at 9:00 pm
Saturday, December 24, 2022



Christmas Day

Roseville Lutheran Church
ONE Worship at 10:00 am
Sunday, December 25, 2022

New Year's Eve Concert
7:00 pm, Dec. 31 **FREE!**
RLC Jazz Invite a Friend!



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ONE 10:00 am – Sunday Worship



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