

LARGE PRINT

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:26-38

In this annunciation,  
Luke makes clear that  
God comes with good  
news for ordinary  
people from little known



places. This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to  
common folk in a stall. Here Luke highlights the role of the Spirit,  
a special emphasis in this gospel.

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HOLY NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Hope, Minnesota

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Welcome to WORSHIP at Holy Nativity!

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*Our Mission & Ministry: "Grounded in Christ's love, Holy Nativity Lutheran Church is a welcoming community dedicated to helping all know God's love through worship, service, and fellowship."*

Join us for Sunday worship at 9:30am  
in person or on Facebook "LIVE"  
at [facebook.com/holynativitynewhope!](https://facebook.com/holynativitynewhope)

*The nursery is available during worship  
for families with kids ages 3 and under.*

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Mark Chamberlain, Harper Chamberlain, Andrew Kubly,  
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## **ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

*“We are all meant to be mothers of God. What good is it to me if this eternal birth of the divine Son takes place unceasingly but does not take place within myself? And, what good is it to me if Mary is full of grace if I am not also full of grace? What good is it to me for the Creator to give birth to his Son if I do not also give birth to him in my time and my culture?” -Meister Eckhart*

## **WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

*This is a time to quietly listen, pause to pray,  
and reflect on why we are here.*

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

*“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”*

Wayne L. Wold

### **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **INVOCATION**

*P: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen**

### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (P-Pastor, C-Congregation)**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

**C: Amen.**

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P: God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance.  
Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.  
*(silence is kept for reflection)*

P: Everlasting God,

**C: you love justice and you hate wrongdoing.**

**We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness  
that make us reluctant to work against oppression.**

**We are complicit in systems of exploitation.**

**We choose comfort over courage.**

**We are careless with creation's bounty.**

**Look upon us with mercy.**

**Turn our hearts again to you.**

**Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways  
for the sake of our waiting world.**

**Amen.**

P: Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of †Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all.

**C: Amen.**

## WE PRAISE GOD

### GATHERING HYMN

*"Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn"*

Hymnal #242

1) Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, he opens wide the  
heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.

2) To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing,  
his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing;  
music to heal the broken soul and hymns of lovingkindness,

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the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.

3) In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing,  
as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.  
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder,  
the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.

4) Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and  
cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and  
fearless.

Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;  
may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.

## **GREETING & KYRIE**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (unison) **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*“Veni Emmanuel”*  
Nativity Ensemble

Arr. Zachary Steele

*Veni, Veni Emmanuel (O come, O come Emmanuel)*  
*Captivum solve Israel (and ransom captive Israel)*  
*Qui gemit in excilio (that mourns in lovely exile here)*  
*Privatus Dei filio. (Until the Son of God appear)*

*Gaude! Gaude! Emmanuel (Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel)*  
*Nascetur pro te, Israel! (Shall come to thee, O Israel!)*

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*O come, thou Dayspring come  
and cheer our spirits by thine advent here.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadow put to flight.*

*O come, Thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads to thee,  
And close the path to misery.*

### **FIRST READING**

2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:1-11, 16

*Instead of David building a house (temple) for God, God promises to establish David's house (dynasty) forever. Centuries later, after the Babylonian exile, no king sat on the throne. Even then, however, the people of Israel remembered this promise and continued to hope for a king, the messiah, God's anointed.*

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup>the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." <sup>3</sup>Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." <sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup>Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup>Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" <sup>8</sup>Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup>and I have been with you wherever you went, and

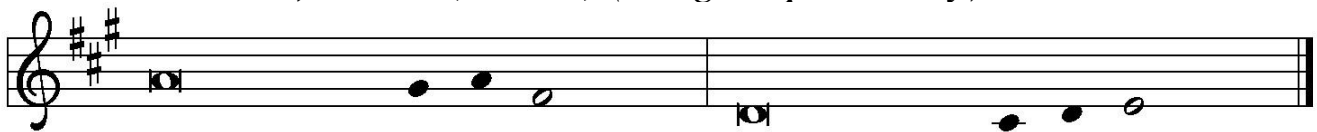
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have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>16</sup>Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

*Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words...*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26 (tone 3) (sung responsively)**



*(first line of each verse)*

*(second line of each verse)*

Leader: <sup>1</sup> Your love, O Lord, forever <sup>|</sup> will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will pro- <sup>|</sup> claim your faithfulness.

**All: <sup>2</sup> For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab-<sup>|</sup>  
lished forever;**

**you have set your faithfulness firmly <sup>|</sup> in the heavens.**

Leader: <sup>3</sup> “I have made a covenant with my <sup>|</sup> chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to Da- <sup>|</sup> vid my servant:

**All: <sup>4</sup> “I will establish your <sup>|</sup> line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all <sup>|</sup> generations.””**

Leader: <sup>19</sup> You spoke once in a vision and said to your <sup>|</sup> faithful  
people:

“I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one  
chosen out <sup>|</sup> of the people.

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**All:**     <sup>20</sup> **I have found Da- | vid my servant;  
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.**

**Leader:** <sup>21</sup> My hand will | hold him fast  
and my arm will | make him strong.

**All:**     <sup>22</sup> **No enemy | shall deceive him,  
nor shall the wicked | bring him down.**

**Leader:** <sup>23</sup> I will crush his | foes before him  
and strike down | those who hate him.

**All:**     <sup>24</sup> **My faithfulness and steadfast | love are with him,  
and he shall be victorious | through my name.**

**Leader:** <sup>25</sup> I will set his hand | on the sea,  
and his right hand | on the rivers.

**All:**     <sup>26</sup> **He will say to me, You | are my father,  
my God, and the rock of | my salvation.'**

## **SECOND READING**

Romans 16:25-27

*Paul closes his letter to the Romans by praising God because, in the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, God has revealed the promised, divine plan of salvation for all humanity. Paul proclaims this gospel of Christ in order to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations.*

<sup>25</sup>Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup>to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

*Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words...*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**



**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 1:26-38

*Pastor: The holy gospel according to Luke...***Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

*Pastor: The gospel of the Lord...***Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.****SERMON***“Luke 1 Annotated”*

Rev. Jason Wahlstrom

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**MOMENT TO REFLECT** (*We pause in silence.*)

**WE RESPOND**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“No Wind at the Window”*

All Creation Sings #906

1) No wind at the window, no knock on the door;  
no light from the lampstand, no foot on the floor;  
no dream born of tiredness, no ghost raised by fear:  
just an angel and a woman and a voice in her ear.

2) “O Mary, O Mary, don’t hide from my face.  
Be glad that you’re favored and filled with God’s grace.  
The time for redeeming the world has begun,  
and you are requested to mother God’s Son.”

3) This child must be born that the kingdom might come:  
salvation for many, destruction for some;  
both end and beginning, both message and sign;  
both victor and victim, both yours and divine.

4) No payment was promised, no promises made;  
no wedding was dated, no blueprint displayed.  
Yet Mary, consenting to what none could guess,  
replied with conviction, “Tell God I say yes.”

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

Hymnal Pg. 105

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;**

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he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

*(If you are worshipping at home, you are invited to mail or drop off your offering, or donate online – go to our website at [holynativity.net](http://holynativity.net) and click on “Make Donation.” Thank you!)*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(After each prayer petition... P: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: hear our prayer.)*

**LORD’S PRAYER** (unison) **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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P:** Now may the light of God surround us, the love of God enfold us, and the presence of God watch over and protect us. For wherever we are, our God is also there. We close as we began, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.      **C: Amen**

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## MISSION HYMN

*“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

Hymnal #254

*1) 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.*

*2) 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.*

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SENDING MUSIC

*“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”*

Robert J. Powell

*Flowers by the altar are given by Jackie Grossklaus in memory of her  
husband David Grossklaus on the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of his death (Dec.  
20<sup>th</sup>, 2020), and by Mary Warner in celebration of her birthday  
today.*

## WEEKLY INFORMATION

<p><b><i>Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup></i></b>  <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent &amp; Christmas Eve</i>            9:30am Worship            No Fellowship or Education            3:00pm Worship w/Communion            5:00pm Worship w/Communion            10:00pm Worship w/Communion</p>	<p><b><i>Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup></i></b>            Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm</p>
<p><b><i>Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup></i></b>            Office Closed            9:00am Holy Ghost Church</p>	<p><b><i>Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup></i></b>            Office Hours 9:00am – 1:00pm</p>
<p><b><i>Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup></i></b>            Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm            No Bible Study            No Staff Meeting            5:00 – 7:00pm Holy Ghost Church (Annex)</p>	<p><b><i>Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup></i></b>            12:00 – 4:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved</p>
<p><b><i>Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup></i></b>            Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm            9:30am Lounge reserved</p> <p>No Confirmation or Choir</p>	<p><b><i>Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup></i></b>  <i>First Sunday of Christmas</i>            9:30am Worship            10:30am Fellowship Time            No Education            12:00pm – 3:00pm Holy Ghost Church            9:00pm – 12:00am Holy Ghost Church</p>
<p><b>PRISM</b> is in need of all food donations.  <b>December's Mission Offering</b> is designated to the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.</p>	

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## **TODAY & THIS WEEK...**

**Our Christmas and New Year's schedules are as follows - join us!**

### **TODAY - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:30am Worship (also livestreamed)

NO Fellowship or Education

### **TODAY - Christmas Eve**

3:00pm Worship with communion (also livestreamed)

5:00pm Worship with communion

10:00pm Worship with communion

### **Monday, December 25**

No worship – office closed

### **Sunday, December 31**

9:30am Worship (also livestreamed)

10:30am Fellowship

NO Education

### **Monday, January 1**

Office closed

## **UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS...**

**Spreading Joy and Changing Lives** - During this season of giving, please consider the Holy Nativity Endowment Fund for gifts. A percentage of the fund value is used each year to pay for items that enrich our lives at Holy Nativity and are separate from the annual budget. Endowment memorials and tributes recognize someone special, mark special occasions, and remember a loved one. We give

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from our abundance and our thankfulness for God’s goodness. (Be sure to note “Endowment Fund” on your check.)

**Family Camp!** We are returning to Camp Wapo February 23 - 25 for a weekend of rest together. Games, snacks, puzzles, movies, reading, broomball, hiking, naps, or nothing at all. Families, couples, singles – all are welcome! Have questions? Kristin Daniels would love to talk with you. Watch for a signup.

**Thank you for your continued financial support!** If you are worshiping with us at home, there are still many ways you can financially support Holy Nativity!



- **Mail your offering** (you may use your offering envelopes or mail checks to us at Holy Nativity, 3900 Winnetka Avenue N, New Hope, MN 55427).
- **Scan this QR code with your phone to make a donation online.** Or go to our website at [holynativity.net](http://holynativity.net) and click on “Make Donation.”
- **Contact the office to send you a Simply Giving form** for automatic withdrawals

*People & needs to keep in your prayers this week:  
Barbe Moe, Deb Champion*

*If you have a prayer request or update, or wish to be added to our prayer group, please contact the church office at 763-545-1647 or [office@holynativity.net](mailto:office@holynativity.net).*



<i>Thank you to today's worship assistants!</i>	
Council Host	Becky Nichols
Cantor	Nora Levenson
Scripture Reader	Kari Johnson
Greeters	Ted & Kathy Davis
Ushers	Karen Levenson, Nancy Nagle, Sande Stenzel, April Umana
Acolytes	
Altar Guild Assistants	Deb Peterson, Nora Levenson