

Wittenberg Lutheran Church

711 W Elm St., Norwood Young America, Minnesota 55368

Worship: 9:30 AM

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 18, 2016

Order of Service

Divine Service, Rite Two, Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, p. 60

Opening Hymn, 109 — *Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes*

Introit

Antiphon, Isaiah 45:8

Rain down, O heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth Salvation.

Psalm 19:1, 4–6

The heavens declare the | glóry of God; *
and the firmament | shóws His hándiwork.

Their voice is gone out | into áll the earth, *
and their words to the | énd of the world.

In the heavens He has set a taber- | nácle fór the sun, *
which is like a Bridegroom coming | óut of His chámber.

His going forth is from the | énd of the héaven, *
and his circuit | únto the énd of it.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the | Hóly Spírit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | éver sháll be,
- world with- | óut end. Ámen.

Repeat Antiphon

The Kyrie — *II, p. 63*

The Gloria

The Collect

Lord God, heavenly Father, it is good and right that we should thank You for giving us a more glorious baptism than that of John the Baptist, and therein promised us the remission of sins, the Holy Spirit, and everlasting life through Your Son, Jesus Christ: Preserve us, we implore You, in such faith in Your grace and mercy, that we may never doubt Your promise, but be comforted by the same in all temptations: and grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may renounce sin, and ever continue in the righteousness bestowed upon us in baptism, until by Your grace we obtain eternal salvation, through the same, Your beloved Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:1–8
Comfort my people!

Gradual — *Psalm 145:18,21*

The Lord is near to all who call up- | ón Him,*
to all who call u- | pón Him in truth.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the | Lord,*
and all flesh shall | bléss His hóly name.

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 4:4–7
Rejoice in the Lord always

Verse — *Psalm 40:17*

Allelúía *

Allelúía.

You are my help and | my' delíverer;*
do not delay, O my God. Al- | lelúía.

Alleluia

Gospel Lesson

John 1:19–28
The Testimony of John

The Nicene Creed

Chief Hymn, 110 — *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Sermon

The Offertory

The Prayer of the Church, page 96

The Service of Holy Communion

Exhortation to the Communicants (page 77)

The Preface (page 72)

The Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

The Agnus Dei

The Distribution

Nunc Dimittis

Collect

Hymn of Thanks, 106 — *On Jordan's Bank the Herald's Cry*

Benediction

Closing Hymn, 580 — *Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

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WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS in the name of Jesus Christ! Wittenberg Lutheran Church confesses and practices the doctrine of Holy Scripture, as we have received it restored unto us by Luther, and confirmed in the public confessions of our Church, the Book of Concord, 1580. If you have any questions about the Lutheran faith, or about our congregation, please direct them to Pastor Diers.

*Giving thanks to God always, Who has chosen us for salvation
through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.*

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