

*When Christ came into the world*



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**December 22, 2024**

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

**Worship Service at 10:30 am**

**Divine Service Setting One (Page 151)**

**WELCOME to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod on this day, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**Prepare** for Worship. Enter reverently, pray thoughtfully, enjoy the time prior to worship in spiritual meditation.

**The Nursery/Lounge** is located just past the Ladies room, off the Narthex. Please be assured that children of all ages are encouraged to participate in the worship service.

**Fellowship Register:** We ask (members, friends, and visitors) to fill out The Fellowship Book which is located at the end of each pew. Please include your name, address and telephone number.

Prelude

Announcements

**Special Music: Mary Did You Know**

**Processional Hymn:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #357

**Sermon Hymn:** Shine Jesus Shine Handout

**Theme** “Elizabeth and Mary”

- 1. Great Joy
- 2. Deep Humility
- 3. Strong Faith

**Recessional Hymn:** Joy to the World #387

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Our Lord shares with us His Precious Body & Blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite those who are baptized Christians who are able to examine themselves on the basis of these three points of Christian faith:**

- \*I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior from all sin.**
- \*I believe that the true body & blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament.**
- \*I resolve, with the Holy Spirit’s help to live for my Lord & witness through my actions that He is my Savior.**

## Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:2–5a

- <sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among  
the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.
- <sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up  
until the time  
when she who is in labor has  
given birth;  
then the rest of his brothers shall  
return  
to the people of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and shepherd  
his flock in the strength of the  
LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of  
the LORD his God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for  
now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.
- <sup>5</sup> And he shall be their peace.

## Epistle: Hebrews 10:5–10

<sup>5</sup>When Christ came into the world,  
he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have  
not desired,  
but a body have you prepared  
for me;

- <sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.
- <sup>7</sup> Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come  
to do your will, O God,

as it is written of me in the scroll  
of the book.’”

<sup>8</sup>When 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),  
<sup>9</sup>then he added, “Behold, I have  
come to do your will.” He abolishes  
the first in order to establish the sec-  
ond. <sup>10</sup>And by that will we have been  
sanctified through the offering of  
the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

## Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39–45

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and  
went with haste into the hill coun-  
try, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she  
entered the house of Zechariah and  
greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Eliza-  
beth heard the greeting of Mary, the  
baby leaped in her womb. And Eliza-  
beth was filled with the Holy Spirit,  
<sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry,  
“Blessed are you among women, and  
blessed is the fruit of your womb!  
<sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me  
that the mother of my Lord should  
come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the  
sound of your greeting came to my  
ears, the baby in my womb leaped  
for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who  
believed that there would be a ful-  
fillment of what was spoken to her  
from the Lord.”



**About the Cover:** The Old Testament sacrifices and offerings were always given in order to point forward to Christ. Christ has come to fulfill the Law, not merely with the outward observance of sacrifices and offerings, but with His whole body. For Christ has accomplished what we could never do. By taking on human flesh, He has redeemed and sanctified us, going all the way to the cross. He has become the one-time and eternal sacrifice for us.