

Welcome to Glory Lutheran Church

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



*Reaching Up... Reaching Out... Reaching In...*

## Gathering Song - Come, Emmanuel

Come, O come, Emmanuel,  
Holy One, Deliverer, Redeemer.  
Free us from our darkness and lead  
us to Your light.  
Lord, we need the hope that only You  
can give, You can give.

So come, O come, Emmanuel.  
Come, O come, Emmanuel.

Come, O come, Emmanuel.  
You alone will be the One we worship.  
Make Your home among us and fill us  
with Your love.  
With our songs and praises we invite  
You in, we invite You in.

So, come, O come, Emmanuel.  
Come, O come, Emmanuel.  
O come, O come, Emmanuel.  
Come, O come, Emmanuel.

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# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who alone does wonders,  
who lifts up the lowly,  
who fills the hungry with good things.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God for whom we wait,

**C: in the presence of one another,  
we confess our sin before you.  
We fail in believing that your good news is for us.  
We falter in our call to tend your creation.  
We find our sense of self in material wealth.  
We fear those different from ourselves.  
We forget that we are your children  
and turn away from your love.  
Forgive us, Blessed One,  
and assure us again of your saving grace.  
Amen.**

P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!  
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
+ your sins are forgiven.  
You are children of the Most High,  
inheritors of the eternal promise,  
and recipients of divine mercy.  
God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

**C: Amen.**

# Christ, Be Our Light!

Arranged by Joel Raney

## A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

*Congregation sings:*



4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.

*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: Bernadette Farrell

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CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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L: Advent is a time to bind up the broken hearted.

**C: Come Lord, and make all things new.**

L: For past wrongs that prevent us from moving forward:

**C: Come, Lord, and make all things new.**

L: For any bitterness that scratches our soul:

**C: Come, Lord, and make all things new.**

L: For relationships left in decay and neglect:

**C: Come, Lord, and make all things new.**

L: For any action that has wounded us or by which we have wounded others:

**C: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

### ***Candle Lighting***

L: This morning we light four candles. The first candle is the light of hope for those in times of waiting. The second candle is the light of hope for those who are wearied by the circumstances of life. The third candle is the light of hope for those eagerly watching for God's promised glory. The fourth candle is the light of hope for those who carry the wounds of life. Today we acknowledge our pain and the pain we have caused others. As the light shines, we turn to the Savior who came to rescue the lost, to help the hurting, and to bind up the broken.

***All repeat:*** Christ Be Our Light! refrain

### ***Closing Prayer***

L: Merciful God, Advent reminds us that you left heaven's majesty to walk among wounded people in a broken world. We thank you that your love knows no boundaries or limitations. No wound of this earth is greater than the wounds you came to heal. For all who suffer this day, light the way, O Lord, towards the promise of healing and wholeness made known in you.

**C: Amen.**

## Greeting

### Sharing of the Peace

Please take time to say "Peace be with you" as directed by the Pastor.

### Children's Time

**First Lesson:** Micah 5:2-5a

L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm - Luke 1:46-55 - The Magnificat

Marty Haugen - Holden Evening Prayer

*sung by the Praise Band*



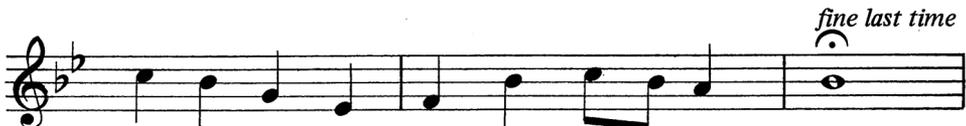
1.3. My soul pro - claims your  
2. You have cast the might - y



great-ness, O God, and my spir - it re-joic - es in  
down from their thrones, and up lift - ed the hum - ble of



you,  
heart, You have looked with love on your  
You have filled the hun - gry with



ser-vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
won-drous things, and left the wealth-y no part.

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Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,  
Great and might - y are you, O Faith-ful One,



strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.  
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,



How you fa - vor the weak and low - ly one,  
As you prom-ised to Sar-ah and A - bra - ham,



hum - bling the proud of heart.  
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

### Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10

L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Congregation sings:*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Leader sings verse 4:* A virgin will give birth to a son;  
his name shall be Emanuel:  
God is with us.

**Congregation: Repeat Alleluia**

# Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:39-45

## C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

### SERMON

#### Hymn of the Day - The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came *sing verses 1-3*



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
4 Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.  
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
and Chris-tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,  
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
Glo - ri - a!

Text: Basque carol: para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924  
Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol

## Confession of Faith - Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped  
and glorified, who has spoken through the  
prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## Offering

*As you leave, you may place your offering onto the plate located at the back of the church or use the online options available on our website.*

## Offertory Prayer

God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life.

**Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

### Prayer Response:

**P:** Hear us, O God, **C:** Your mercy is great.

## 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**

## BLESSING / Announcements

Glory's mail is delivered to a Canada Post community mailbox. This mailbox has been broken into THREE TIMES now during the last month necessitating three lock changes. **If you have sent mail to Glory during Nov/Dec and you believe that it has not been delivered, please contact Heidi at the office.**

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:**

Thursday, December 23, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 24, 4:00 p.m. **(more seats are now available)**

Friday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.

*Advance registration is required for the Christmas Eve services.*

***Please register online using Eventbrite here:***

***<https://glorylutheran.eventbrite.ca>***

***or contact the office***

## Sending Song - Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Sing we the song of Emmanuel;  
This, the Christ, who was long foretold.  
Lo, in the shadows of Bethlehem,  
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold.  
God, Most High, in a manger laid.  
Lift your voices and now proclaim,  
"Great and glorious, Love has come to us."  
Join now with the hosts of heaven.

Come we to welcome Emmanuel,  
King who came with no crown or throne.  
Helpless, He lay, the Invincible.  
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son.  
O, what wisdom to save us all.  
Shepherds, sages, before Him fall.  
Grace and majesty, what humility.  
Come on bended knee, adore Him.

Go spread the news of Emmanuel.  
Joy and peace for the weary heart.  
Lift up your heads for your King has come.  
Sing, for the Light overwhelms the dark.  
Glory shining for all to see.  
Hope alive, let the gospel ring.  
God has made a way. He will have the praise.  
Tell the world His name is Jesus.

Go spread the news of Emmanuel!

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### Dismissal

#### Service Volunteers Needed!

**Greeters/Ushers:** *Please sign up on the calendar on the easel stand in the Narthex at church or contact the office.*

**Children's Time Story Tellers:** *To volunteer, please contact Rhonda Berg. 780-440-6682 [bergsdownunder@gmail.com](mailto:bergsdownunder@gmail.com)*

**Counters:** *To volunteer to help count the offering after service on Sundays (usually 1 Sunday per month), please contact Chelsea Ashton. 780-435-5998 [kurtisandchelsea@gmail.com](mailto:kurtisandchelsea@gmail.com)*

## Thank You

to those who made contributions to this week's bulletin and to members who assisted in today's service.

<b>Musicians:</b>	Lynnette Woodrow, Elizabeth Wood, Pat Becker
<b>AV Techs:</b>	Brett Woodrow, Mark Becker, Noah McKinnon, Cole Berg
<b>Ushers:</b>	*see page 11*
<b>Greeters:</b>	
<b>Advent Candle Lighting:</b>	Gundula, Ben & Thekla Wilhelm
<b>Reader:</b>	Lynn Spain
<b>Church Lock-Up:</b>	Barb Anderson

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### Attendance & Offering:

	Online	In-Person	Offering
December 12	29	68	\$2049.00

*PAR totals will be reported here monthly. Other electronic offerings will be included in the total reported in the Finance Corner in the newsletter.*

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### Next Sunday's Readings:

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

### The service this morning will be both recorded and live streamed.

This can be accessed on Glory's website in the same way that the online worship services were in the past months. If there is a technological glitch and live streaming does not work, a recording will be available on the website later in the day.

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