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WOV - With One Voice
CH - Celebration Hymnal
LBW - Lutheran Book of Worship

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Acolyte: Brooklyn Hackbart

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2018**

Prelude: "A Great and Mighty Wonder" G. Mueller
"Savior of the Nations Come" Johann Buttstedt

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness..... LBW p. 56
Entrance Hymn: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* LBW # 30
Greeting LBW p. 57

Advent Kyrie

P: O Lord, have mercy and come to us. **C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can close, you close and no one can open:

C: Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death.

P: O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting:

C: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

P: O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people:

C: Come and save us all, whom you formed out of clay.

P: O Emmanuel, our King and our Lawgiver, the anointed of the nations and their Savior:

C: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Hymn of Praise – *The Magnificat* Insert

Prayer of the Day: **Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy spirit, now and forever. Amen**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Reader 1: Last Sunday we lit the candle of peace. We light it and the candle of hope again as we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will come again to judge the world and bring it everlasting peace.

Reader 2: The third candle of Advent is the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

Reader 1: Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him. From hope, peace, and love grows joy.

Reader 2: We light the candle of joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us, we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

Reader 1: Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle, we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Let us pray: Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Choir Anthems: "Do You Hear what I Hear" and "He is Here"

First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10

Verse - *Alleluia*... LBW p. 62

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45[46-55]

Hymn of the Day: *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness*..... **WOV # 730**

Sermon: The 'Yes' and 'No' of Mary

Sermon Hymn: *My Soul Magnifies the Lord* **LBW # 180**

Apostles' Creed LBW p. 65

Offering: "Andante *Amabile in E*" Johann Kuhnau

Offering Response: LBW # 23 v.3

*I lay in fetters, groaning; You came to set me free.
I stood, my shame bemoaning; You came to honor me.
A glorious crown you give me, A treasure safe on high
That will not fail or leave me as earthly riches fly.*

Prayer and Lord's Prayer LBW p. 76

Blessing and Amen LBW p. 77

Announcements

Closing Hymn: *Oh, Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel* **LBW # 34**

Chimes and Postlude: "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" J. Walther



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