

**10:00 A.M. JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE  
& CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**We are grateful for the worship leadership of Pastor Jimmy Collins today. As Pastor Jimmy Collins is not an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA or in one of the ELCA's full-communion partner denominations, he has received temporary authorization from Bishop Bill Gafkjen of the IN-KY Synod to preside at Holy Communion.**

**WELCOME**

**BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

*You may either stand or kneel.*

**P:** God of resurrection life, we come before you today as those who would die to sin and rise to newness of life.

**C: Lower into the grave all selfishness, greed, and envy, all harmful desires and unworthy ambitions.**

**P:** Raise from death the good that is in us -- and gift us with the good that is not in us.

**C: Help us to love neighbors, strangers, and those we do not even like.**

**P:** We have failed you.

**C: We have failed our world.**

**P:** Give us the skill and the desire to bring healing into this world.

**C: Forgive us the sins we can name and the sins we cannot name.**

*(Silence to ponder our wrongs.)*

**P:** Lord, make us channels of blessing for the impoverished and injured souls of this world.

**C: In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

**P:** As the Apostle Paul teaches us in Romans chapter 5: If in Adam and Eve all have died—so now--in Jesus Christ--all are made alive. Let us rejoice in the lifegiving power of God's unconditional love. Our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.

**C: Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: "Christmas Road Trip"**

*see insert*



**APOSTLES' CREED:**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

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

**He will come again 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**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING:****OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P. Merciful Father,

**C. we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time,  
and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him  
who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**COMMUNION LITURGY**

P. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

**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.**

**HOLY COMMUNION:**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We trust and teach the “real presence” of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.*

*As you approach the altar rail, please keep a good space between yourself and others.*

**MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:****Selections by Wounded Healer**

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*Please stand as you are able*

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**C: Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

**P.** Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift – in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

**BENEDICTION:**

**P.** Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN: "Joy to the World"

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
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Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

ANTIOCH  
 CM and repeat

### DISMISSAL:

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" – C. W. Ore

Today's altar flowers are given by Bill & Ann Haas in honor of the birth of our Savior.