

Saved By Grace Lutheran Church
Advent 4
Theme: Rejoice
December 18, 2022



We are a Biblical church giving God's Word first place in our faith and life. We are a Lutheran church that proclaims forgiveness for all through Jesus Christ. We are a Christian church that gathers to praise God, to be strengthened by His Word, and to reach out to those around us in Christian love.

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Today's Service: Matins, p. 109

This morning's theme: Isaiah foretells of Jesus' forerunner, John the Baptist. He will "Prepare the way of the LORD." John prepared the way by a message of repentance and faith. It is the same message needed in our day; a message that gives us joy that Jesus came for the forgiveness of our sins.

Hymns: "Most Glorious Holy Trinity", "From Your Throne Above," 102, 46, 109

6. Psalmody/Introit/Gloria Patri

♪ Rain down, you heavens "from above, / and let the skies pour down 'right-eousness.

Let the 'earth open, / and bring forth 'sal-va-tion.

The heavens declare the 'glory of God, / And the firmament show his *hand-i-work*.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son/ and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the be`ginning, is now,/ and ever shall be, forever`more. A men. Glory be to the Father, 'and to the Son / and to 'the Holy Ghost; as it was in the be - 'ginning, is now / and ever shall be: forever - 'more. Amen.

7. The Lection, p. 112

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-8

Hymn Response: "From Your Throne Above," verses 1-3

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7

Hymn Response: "From Your Throne Above," verses 4-6

Gospel: John 1:19-28

10. An Offering (As the offering is brought forward, the congregation sings, hymn #105:5)

Organ Dedication: Our new organ is being dedicated in this morning's service. The purchase of the organ was made possible by gifts given for church music/organ upgrade in memory of Betty Puch and Harry Bartels. The organ was custom built circa 2004 by Ahlborn-Galant, an Italian

manufacturer, and sold second hand to Saved By Grace by William Hardy of Sacramento, California. Thanks to all who gave gifts for the organ, to Brad Hall for finding and facilitating the purchase of the organ and to John and Andrew Rakos for installing the speaker system which was included with the purchase.

Christmas Coffee and Cookie Hour will follow this morning's service. We hope you can stay and join us for an enjoyable social hour!

Christmas Poinsettias: If you would like to donate poinsettias for Christmas in memory of honor of a loved one, please sign your name to the Festival Flower sheet in the church entry.

Midweek Advent Vespers conclude this week. We will continue this year's theme, "This is my Son", as we consider King David and his son, Absalom. David's hopes were dashed with tears at the death of his son Absalom. It would be generations before God would finally send his own perfect Son, Jesus, who would defeat death, bringing forgiveness, life and salvation to all who believe in Him.

The midweek Advent offering is designated for the India Orphanages. Offering envelopes designated for the offering are in the church entry.

Christmas falls on the Lord's Day this year. Sunday is called the Lord's Day because on a Sunday the Lord rose triumphant over sin, death and the devil. It was why he came on Christmas. If you are in town, we hope you can join us for one of our Christmas services as the Lord's Day and Christmas converge this year!

End of the Year Synod Offering: As the year 2022 winds down, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod is asking for help to meet its annual budget. If you are able to help, envelopes are provided in the church entry marked, "End of Year Offering for the ELS." Also, a special envelope to support our Bethany Lutheran College is provided in the church entry.

Weekly Calendar

- Wednesday, 5:30 PM Advent Vespers
- Thursday, 10:30 AM Bible Class; 4:30 PM After School Classes
- **Saturday, 7 PM Children's Christmas Eve Service**
- **Sunday, 10 AM Christmas Festival Service**