

# Wittenberg Lutheran Church

711 W Elm St., Norwood Young America, Minnesota 55368  
Worship: 9:30 AM

**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**December 23, 2018**

## Order of Service

*Divine Service, Rite Two, Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, p. 60*

**Opening Hymn, 109** — *Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes*

### Introit

*Antiphon, Isaiah 45:8*

Rain down, O heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth Salvation.

*Psalm 19:1, 4–6*

The heavens declare the | glóry of God; \*  
and the firmament | shóws His hándiwork.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the | Hóly Spírit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | éver sháll be,  
- world with- | óut end. Ámen.

*Repeat Antiphon*

**The Kyrie** — *II, p. 63*

### The Gloria

### The Collect

Lord God, heavenly Father, it is good and right that we should thank You for giving us a more glorious baptism than that of John the Baptist, and therein promised us the remission of sins, the Holy Spirit, and everlasting life through Your Son, Jesus Christ: Preserve us, we implore You, in such faith in Your grace and mercy, that we may never doubt Your promise, but be comforted by the same in all temptations: and grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may renounce sin, and ever continue in the righteousness bestowed upon us in baptism, until by Your grace we obtain eternal salvation, through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

### Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 18:15–19  
*The Lord will raise up a prophet*

**Gradual** — *Psalm 145:18,21*

The Lord is near to all who call up- | ón Him,\*  
to all who call u- | pón Him in truth.  
My mouth shall speak the praise of the | Lord,\*  
and all flesh shall | bléss His hóly name.

### The Psalm

Psalm 19

### Epistle Lesson

Philippians 4:4–7  
*Rejoice in the Lord always*

**Verse** — *Psalm 40:17*

Allelúía \*

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You are my help and | my' delíverer;\*  
do not delay, O my God. Al- | lelúía.

### Alleluia

### Gospel Lesson

John 1:19–28  
*The Testimony of John*

### The Nicene Creed

**Chief Hymn, 110** — *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

### Sermon

### The Offertory

**The Prayer of the Church, page 96**

## The Service of Holy Communion

**Exhortation to the Communicants** (page 77)

**The Preface** (page 72)

### The Sanctus

### Lord's Prayer

### Words of Institution

### The Agnus Dei

### The Distribution

**Nunc Dimittis**

**Collect**

**Hymn of Thanks, 106** — *On Jordan's Bank the Herald's Cry*

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn, 108** — *Creator of the Starry Height*

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WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS in the name of Jesus Christ! Wittenberg Lutheran Church confesses and practices the doctrine of Holy Scripture, as we have received it restored unto us by Luther, and confirmed in the public confessions of our Church, the Book of Concord, 1580. If you have any questions about the Lutheran faith, or about our congregation, please direct them to Pastor Diers.

*Giving thanks to God always, Who has chosen us for salvation  
through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.*

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