

# Welcome to Moe Lutheran

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 21, 2025



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
alive in the world,  
reviving creation,  
arriving soon.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

God of mercy,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.**  
**We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

God of might,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have turned away from our neighbors.**  
**We have trusted false promises.**

God in our midst,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We plead: come to us.**  
**Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

A righteous branch springs forth:  
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,  
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
receive the grace and forgiveness of God  
through Christ Jesus,  
whose day draws near. **Amen.**

## OPENING SONG: “Love Has Come”

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1 Love has come—a light in the dark-ness! Love shines forth in the  
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won-der. Love is God now a-  
3 Love has come and nev-er will leave us! Love is life ev-er -



Beth-le-hem skies. See, all heav-en has come to pro-claim it;  
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth-er;  
last-ing and free. Love is Je-sus with-in and a-mong us.



hear how their song of joy a-ris-es: Love! Love! Born un-to  
what is the name her heart is say-ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
Love is the peace our hearts are seek-ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav-ior! Love! Love! Glo-ry to God on high.  
name she whis-pers; Love! Love! Je-sus, Im-man-u-el.  
gift of Christ-mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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## LITANY:

Our Advent candles glow brightly with the gifts of Hope, Peace, and Joy.

**Today we welcome the gift of Love!**

Our God came to us in the quiet darkness of night.

**Our God comes as a light in the darkness of our world.**

Jesus came as a gift of love in the manger.

**Jesus comes as a gift of love to treasure and share.**

Today we light candles of HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and best of all ... LOVE!

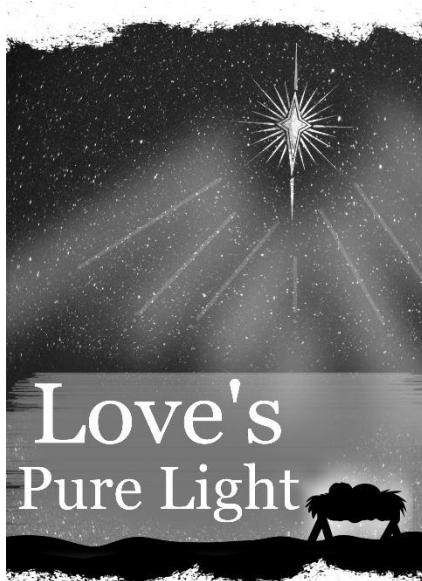
*Four candles are lit on the Advent wreath*

In darkness surrounded, the world waits for light,  
to shatter the shadowy darkness of night.  
To green'ry encircled,, the faithful draw near,  
And longingly listen, God's message to hear.

Into \_ the big wo-rld so dark and forlorn,  
a sweet gift is given, a baby is born.  
With Mary and Joseph, let's cherish this love,  
The gift of a Savior sent down from above!

**PRAYER of the DAY:**

Almighty God, in this season of watching and waiting fill our hearts with deep love for our Savior, born in Bethlehem long ago, and born in us today! Amen.

*Moe Choir Christmas Cantata*

## **PRAYERS:**

As we approach the celebration of our Savior's birth, let us turn our hearts and minds to the Father, with confidence in his generous love and mercy:

That people of faith everywhere be filled with joyful praise and proclaim God's love to all, Lord in your mercy ...

**hear our prayer.**

That leaders in authority would work toward paths of restorative cooperation and equity in our world, Lord in your mercy ...

**hear our prayer.**

That through our acts of kindness, the poor, the lonely, and the neglected will experience God's love during this joyful season, Lord in your mercy ...

**hear our prayer.**

That those who are sick, in the hospital, or homebound would know the comfort and strength of your presence with them, Lord in your mercy ...

**hear our prayer.**

That all who are busy with preparations to celebrate Christmas will take time to reflect on God's love for them, Lord in your mercy ...

**hear our prayer.**

That those who grieve this holy season would be comforted with the quiet peace of God, Lord in your mercy ... **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, prepare our hearts with your grace, that like Mary, we may be a worthy dwelling place for your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY:**

E Minor: Em D G D B<sup>7</sup> Em Am/C

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

**The Lord be with you.**

**And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**It is right to give our thanks & praise.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION:** Come and receive our Lord's good gifts!

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING:**

God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CHRISTMAS HYMN OF EXPECTATION:**

***"Go Tell it on the Mountain"***

***ELW 290***

### **DISMISSAL:**

*Go in peace. Christ is near.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Prayer for Lighting Advent Wreath at Home

God of love, you sent your Son, Jesus, to shine bright like the sun, lighting the way for all who walk in darkness. May the light of Christ's hope, peace, joy and love shine bright in us as we approach his coming, that we may be ready to welcome him on Christmas day and every day. *Amen.*

