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To Our Guests and Visitors

We *welcome* all our friends in Christ who have come to worship with us. If you are a guest, please feel at home with us, sign our guest register, and worship with us whenever you are able. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider becoming a part of our church family.

Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, guests who are not confirmed members of a LCMS congregation and have not previously communed at this altar, are asked to first speak with our pastor. If you are unable to do so before the service, it is out of Christian love and care for your souls that we ask you to refrain from communing this morning. For further study, please see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. If you desire to receive a blessing for yourself or your children, please approach during communion, cross your arms over your chest and bow your head as you kneel at the altar rail.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2015

*Upon entering the Sanctuary, please **turn off** cell phones, pagers, etc. Use the time as a quiet time for personal reflection and meditation in preparation for worship. This is a time for anyone to join in praying for the service, and for the church in general.*

Verse for meditation: Alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel. Alleluia. (Matthew 1:23a)

DIVINE SERVICE (Setting 4) **WITH HOLY COMMUNION** **LSB 203**
(Worshippers who have difficulty rising and standing during our services may remain seated with our complete understanding.)

WE COME BEFORE GOD WITH PRAISE AND CONFESSION

HYMN "Savior of the Nations, Come" **TLH 95**
 (Vs 1-4)

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