



**St. Luke's  
Lutheran Church**



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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**Sunday, December 27, 2020 – 11:00 AM**

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**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**(Series B)**

## **WELCOME**

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, [office@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org), or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. **In accordance with city ordinance #7488, masks are to be worn whenever you are in the church building.** (*Exceptions are made for individuals who have a medical condition, verified by a doctor, for which wearing a face covering is not advisable.*) We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

## **AS WE GATHER**

The Gospel for the First Sunday after Christmas takes us to the temple in Jerusalem, where Jesus is brought by Mary and Joseph. In presenting Him there, they are affirming that He is dedicated to God as a firstborn son. But He is much more than a son—He is the Son. In her classic hymn text, German hymnist Elisabeth Cruciger celebrates His coming as she writes, “The only Son from heaven, foretold by ancient seers, By God the Father given, In human form appears. No sphere His light confining, No star so brightly shining As He, our Morning Star” (*LSB 402:1*). Jesus is the One in whom we see our salvation, whose light guides our way through life, and whose presence enlightens our world. With joy, we worship Him!

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

For my eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples. *Luke 2:30–31*

## **PRELUDE**

*(Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.)*

# ✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stand*

### **PRESERVICE SONG - "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"**

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."
  
- 2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."
  
- 3 Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

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*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Luke 2:30, 32; Psalm 71:19, 23*

- P** Alleluia! My eyes have seen Your salvation,  
**C** a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people.  
Alleluia!
- P** Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.  
**C** You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?
- P** My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;  
**C** my soul also, which You have redeemed.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** People redeemed by the Lord, let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.  
**C** Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of having sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We have not lived our lives fully in the freedom won for us by our Lord. We have not always shared the bounty You have given us as stewards of Your creation. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus, our Savior. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.
- P** God has promised pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His beloved Son, who has replaced slavery to sin with a priceless inheritance of freedom and joy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.  
**C** Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P** We confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed,

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

## **OPENING SONG – “God is With Us”**

- 1           The skies don't seem to be as dark as usual  
The stars seem brighter than they've been before  
Deep within I feel my soul a stirring  
As though my hope has been restored  
The shepherds say they've heard the voice of angels  
Confirming rumors spread across the land  
That a child protected well from Herod's anger  
Is our Father's Son, and the Son of man
- 2, 4, 5       Love is raining down on the world tonight  
There's a presence here I can tell  
God is in us, God is for us, God is with us, Emmanuel  
He's the Savior we have been praying for  
In our humble hearts He will dwell  
God is in us, God is for us, God is with us, Emmanuel
- 3           I feel compelled to tell all who will listen  
That peace on earth is not so out of reach  
If we can find grace and mercy and forgiveness  
He has come to save, He is all of these
- 6           God is in us, God is for us, God is with us, Emmanuel  
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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 61:10-6:3*

*(Nations will acknowledge the Chosen One of the Lord.)*

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 9a,b*

**L** <sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people;

**C** **he has commanded his covenant forever.**

**L** <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

**C** **in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

- L** <sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the LORD,  
**C** **studied by all who delight in them.**
- L** <sup>3</sup>Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
**C** **and his righteousness endures forever.**
- L** <sup>4</sup>He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
**C** **the LORD is gracious and merciful.**
- L** <sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him;  
**C** **he remembers his covenant forever.**
- L** <sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works,  
**C** **in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**
- L** <sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
**C** **all his precepts are trustworthy;**
- L** <sup>8</sup>they are established forever and ever,  
**C** **to be performed with faithfulness and up-rightness.**  
<sup>9</sup>**He sent redemption to his people;**
- L** he has commanded his covenant forever.  
**C** **Holy and awesome is his name!**  
<sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;**
- L** all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
**C** **His praise endures forever!**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- L** <sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people;  
**C** he has commanded his covenant forever.

## EPISTLE

*Galatians 4:4-7*

*(At the right time, God sent His Son into the world.)*

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA & VERSE

*Luke 2:30, 32*

- P** Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation: a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
**C** and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

*(Jesus is presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## SERMON

Pastor Schaedel

### Endings & Beginnings – Luke 2:24-35

## VOTUM

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## OFFERING

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:** Luke 2:39 – “And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord...” The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins, but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. And the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live. As Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living and the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.

*Stand*

## POST SERMON SONG - "Silent Night, Holy Night"

- 1 Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace
  
- 2 Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar; heav'nly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!
  
- 3 Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth  
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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Gathered as God's people and as heirs of an eternal inheritance, let us pray for the whole Church and for all who bear the name of Jesus Christ, who is our Light and our Salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** As we remember St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, we pray for the Church, asking that through her the joyous news of salvation be proclaimed as the Holy Spirit directs. Give us faith to acknowledge and rejoice in the fellowship that we share in Christ with people here and in every place, that we may see in each sister and brother in Christ a reflection of Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of all, watch over our nation and grant Your divine favor to all who bear office in our land, especially the president and Congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of this state, and to all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Help them to serve all those in their care according to Your holy will, that we may live in peace and safety.

Save us from pestilence and plague, for unseasonable weather, and the dangers that are ever-present in our lives. Grant us Your blessing as one calendar year closes and another begins. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give a special measure of blessing to those with special needs. Especially we remember the sick, the shut-in, those dealing with depression, those who sorrow, and others known to us who at this time are in need of prayer. Help us to be people who bless, encourage, and strengthen all those in our circles of relationship and beyond. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Sovereign Lord, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors, [*especially . . .*]. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**C** **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.**

## **CONCLUDING COLLECT FOR THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all of God's people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you and keep you and give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG** - "Joy to the World" Luke 2:10

- 1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing
  
- 2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let men their song employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy
  
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found
  
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love

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