



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(Series A)

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, 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. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

Today you are in a most important waiting room—every church sanctuary or other holy space in which God’s people gather is, in its way, a waiting room. Together we are waiting for the greatest of all events—the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the mountain of the house of the Lord, where two or three are gathered in His name. Here God dwells and is enthroned and reveals Himself to His people. Here we keep alert, joyfully anticipating the advent of our King.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

In Advent hope we gather
And worship trustingly,
Assured that Christ is coming
To set His people free.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WE LIGHT THE FIRST CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

PRELUDE

Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME

Stand

PRESERVICE SONG - "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Isaiah 49:3

- 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

- 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flowery meadow, flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing, ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

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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 SENTENCE

Psalm 25:1-2a, 4-5, 21; Proverbs 3:5-6

P To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.

C **Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.**

P Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

C **May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You.**

P Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

C **In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Confident of receiving God's great mercy, let us confess together that we by nature are sinful and that through our thoughts, words, and deeds we have sinned against our God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

C **Almighty God, we repent of our sins and ask for Your forgiving grace in our lives. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us remission of our sins so that, as Your redeemed people, we may greet you in Advent hope and with trusting hearts serve You in time and in eternity.**

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come among us to bring the joy of Your salvation. Bid all shadows and darkness in our lives be gone that we may walk in the light of the Lord. Keep us faithful to the work that You have given us while it is day as we share the hope and the joy that we have within us as people of Your kingdom. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our bright and Morning Star.

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Isaiah 60:1

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

- 2 O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death’s dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

- 3 O come, Desire of nations bind in one the hearts of all mankind
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, and be Thyself our King of Peace
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel
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Shall come to thee, O Israel

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OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 2:1-5

(Isaiah proclaims the peaceable kingdom of God.)

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 122; antiphon: v. 6

L ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
C **“May they be secure who love you!**

L ¹I was glad when they said to me,
C **“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”**

L ²Our feet have been standing
C **within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

L ³Jerusalem—built as a city
C **that is bound firmly together,**

L ⁴to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
C **to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

L ⁵There thrones for judgment were set,
C **the thrones of the house of David.**

L ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
C **“May they be secure who love you!**

L ⁷Peace be within your walls
C **and security within your towers!”**

L ⁸For my brothers and companions' sake
C **I will say, “Peace be within you!”**

L ⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
C **I will seek your good.**

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 ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

C **“May they be secure who love you!**

EPISTLE

Romans 13:8-14

(Put on the Lord Jesus Christ as you await His coming.)

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GRADUAL, ALLELUIA, AND VERSE

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

C **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

P Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

C **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless You.**

P Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates!

C **And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

(A call to faithful watchfulness.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

³⁶[Jesus said:] *“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

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

G **Amen.**

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. **Offering plates will be passed** and are available in the narthex as you exit for your convenience.
2. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503
3. Give through our **website**:
<https://stlukesmanhattan.org/about-us/financial-support/>
4. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget. The blessing it is *to us* to be of service in the Lord's Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

POST SERMON SONG - "What Child is This" Luke 2:11

- 1 What Child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping
- 2 This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary
- 3 So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh
Come, peasant, king, to own Him
The King of kings, salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him
- 4 Nail, spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be born for me and you
Hail, hail the Son of God
The Babe the Son of Mary
- 5 Raise, raise the song on high
The Virgin sings a lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born
The Babe the Son of Mary

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above that our Lord's advent might kindle in us a love for His name, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For faithful pastors and teachers, that they may boldly proclaim God's Law and Gospel so that we might be prepared for the day of Christ's appearing, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For God's kingdom on earth, that the Church may be a beacon to all nations, teaching them to walk in the light of His peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Christian homes, that God would defend husbands, wives and children from the temptation to walk in the works of darkness, clothing them with the armor of light, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our president, governor and all in temporal authority, that godly wisdom would guide policy and lead nations into the way of peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For [*and*] all who are sick or in need of our prayers, that God would visit them during these Advent days with His hand of healing, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P O loving Father, You alone know the day and the hour when our Lord, Jesus Christ, will come again in glory. Keep us steadfast in the one, true faith, that we may ever be ready for His reappearing; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever:

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG - "Jesus, Light of the World"

- 1 The most beautiful night of the year
All the stars light up the sky
And the city is sparkling with silver and gold
From a million points of light
A reflection of something that's deeper within
Just a flicker of something bold
- 2, 4, 5 Jesus, light of the world
Shine through the darkness, bright as the day
Jesus, light of the world
Shine in our hearts
Show us the way today
- 3 Who is this child in the manger?
Kings bow down and angels sing
The Lord of the universe is come here to save us
A precious offering
All the heavens above and the earth below
Are filled with the light of Your love

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