



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**SECOND 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

In the opening verses of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, John greets the readers of his epistle in this singular way: “Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come” (Revelation 1:4). John is confident that God’s grace is readily available for the readers of his letter who are scattered in many Christian gatherings across the area of Asia. And he is certain that the peace of God can reach to all of his readers in their very different and individual situations. The Advent season brings us the assurance that God’s plan is still unfolding and that we continue to abide in His peace. In this season of busyness, we can be peaceful and peaceable people by God’s grace!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Our Advent-hope hosannas Expectantly arise
To Jesus Christ, the Savior Who comes from Paradise.

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 - "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Matthew 2: 2

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels

2, 4 O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him
6 O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord

3 Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God, glory in the highest

5 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

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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

P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

C **Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see.

C **But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand, the son of man whom You have made strong for Yourself!**

P I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

C **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P O God, our Father, You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

C **Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. We acknowledge our sinful nature and confess our sinful thoughts, words, and deed. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.**

P Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come to us with Your presence. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and grant us a deep and abiding peace for all of our days. By the working of the Holy Spirit, lead us to share that joy we now know as Your gift. Keep us in true faith until the coming of Your everlasting kingdom where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

NICENE CREED

**☐ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

OPENING SONG – “We Are the Reason”

- 1 As little children we would dream of Christmas morn
 And all the gifts and toys we knew we’d find
 But we never realized a baby born one blessed night
 Gave us the greatest gift of our lives
- 2, 4, 6 We are the reason that He gave His life
 We are the reason that He suffered and died
 To a world that was lost He gave all He could give
 To show us a reason to live
- 3 As the years went by we learned more about gifts
 And giving of ourselves and what that means
 On a dark and cloudy day a man hung crying in the rain
 Because of love, because of love
- 5 I finally found a reason for living
 It’s in giving every part of my heart to Him
 In all that I do, every word that I say
 I’ll be giving my heart just for Him, for Him
- 7 He is my reason to live

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

(A shoot shall come forth from the stump of Jesse.)

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—
of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

- L** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
C Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

- L** 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.

EPISTLE

Romans 15:4-13

(Paul points to Christ as the source of hope.)

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

P Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight;

C all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

(John the Baptist preached in the wilderness.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

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

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of
by the prophet Isaiah when he said,
“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and
his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the
region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in
the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he
said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to
come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to
yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these
stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of
the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and
thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is
mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with
the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear
his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn
with unquenchable fire.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **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 3:1-2 – “In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus’ ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47). We never outgrow the need for repentance — for examining our lives, turning away from our sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive his forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

POST-SERMON SONG - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight

- 2 How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in

- 3 O holy Child of Bethlehem descend on us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Heavenly Father, You stir the hearts of Your faithful to prepare us for the advent of Your Son. We implore You, feed us continually with Your Word and Sacraments as we look for His return. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, by the ministry of Your Holy Church prepare the way for Your Son's return in glory. Send forth faithful pastors to proclaim Your Law and Gospel, and grant hearers ears to listen and hearts to receive their words in faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You preserved Jesse's faithful line by the incarnation of Your Son. Give families and individuals strength to faithfully fulfill their vocations to love and forgive one another, that we may be trained up in Your fear, love and trust. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, Your Son rules over creation with justice and righteousness. Endow those in authority with the desire and ability to protect the innocent, punish the wicked and work for the common welfare. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Compassionate Lord, as we await the day when the wolf will dwell alongside the lamb and pain and destruction are no more, grant us patience, comfort and healing, according to Your will. Hear our prayers for all the sick, [*especially _____,*] and give wisdom and skill to all medical professionals who care for them. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, and make ready the way of Your only begotten Son, who comes to us this day in His true body and precious blood for the forgiveness of our sins. May all who feast upon Him do so in repentance and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, grant that we may be kept in joy and sustained in hope through every trouble and trial of this mortal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P We pray the Lord's Prayer together.

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Lord's Supper

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 to 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, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.

Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“I See the Lord”

- 1, 2, 4 I see the Lord seated on the throne exalted
And the train of his robe fills the temple with glory
And the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled
And the whole earth is filled with His glory
- 3, 5 Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord
Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord
- 6 Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord
Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord of lords
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“Softly and Tenderly”

- 1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me
See, on the portals He’s waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me
- 2, 4, 5 Come home, come home, You who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O Sinner, come home
- 3 O for the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me
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DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you
in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have again welcomed us at Your Table and have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. Grant that the body and blood of our Lord now within us keep us joy-filled and secure in Your love. Bless us through this divine gift that we may live with assurance and confidence, even in times of earthly sadness and sorrow. Grant that Your Holy Spirit enlighten us with His gifts that we be people who rejoice in Your promises and live to Your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

C 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 - "The First Noel"

1 The first Noel, the angel did say
 Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
 In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
 On a cold winter's night that was so deep

2, 4, 6, 7 Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
 Born is the King of Israel

3 They looked up and saw a star
 Shining in the east, beyond them far
 And to the earth it gave great light
 And so it continued both day and night

5 Then let us all in one accord
 Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord
 That hath made heav'n and earth of naught
 And with His blood mankind hath bought

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