



## **St. Luke's Lutheran Church**



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

**Sunday, December 3, 2023 – 11:00 AM**

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**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

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

## **AS WE GATHER**

Welcome to the season of waiting! Not only is Advent a period of preparation for Jesus' first coming at Christmas, but this sacred season readies our hearts for Jesus' ultimate coming: when He, as King of kings and Lord of lords, returns in power and glory on the Last Day, when every knee will bow before Him and every eye will see Him as the One who reigns in sovereign majesty over all things. Until His ultimate revealing on that Day, we wait for Him in confident faith, strengthened by His Word and Meal, trusting His promise to make us guiltless in His sight. With the expectant people of old, may our worship together lead us to say: "Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield" (Psalm 33:20)

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. *Psalm 33:20*

## **PRELUDE**

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

## **LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

## **WE LIGHT THE FIRST CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**✠ A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE ✠**

## WELCOME

### 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 O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him  
4, 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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*Stand*

*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** Our soul waits for the LORD;  
**C** He is our help and our shield.
- P** For our heart is glad in Him,  
**C** because we trust in His holy name.
- P** Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
**C** even as we hope in You.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Confident in His steadfast love, let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we do and by what we fail to do. Instead of waiting on You and clinging to Your promises, we impatiently go our own way. Instead of loving our neighbors as ourselves, we put our wants first and serve our interests instead of Yours, O God. For the sake of our Savior and King, have mercy on us. Forgive us and restore us. Guide us and renew us. Help us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** “You are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 1:7–8). Our faithful God hears our prayers and answers them, taking away our guilt and giving us His righteousness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, our Savior and King, 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 to us
- C** **as we wait for Your revealing.**
- P** Protect us by Your hand that we may be rescued from the guilt of our sins
- C** **and saved by Your mighty deliverance.**
- P** for 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.**

## OPENING 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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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 64:1-9*

*("Behold, please look, we are all Your people.")*

- <sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—  
<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
<sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;  
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?  
<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.  
<sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,  
and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*(We wait for Jesus, who sustains us and takes our guilt away.)*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 24:7

**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

Mark 13:24-37

*(The coming of the Son of Man.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord

<sup>24</sup>*[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.*



<sup>28</sup>*“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.*

<sup>29</sup>*So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.*

<sup>32</sup>*“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”*

**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.

**C** Amen.

## OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. **Offering plates** will be passed 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 5:7 – “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”** This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness and generosity) — flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

## OFFERTORY – “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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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** As we wait in hope for the coming of our Lord, let us together, as His Advent people, bring our prayers before Him.

Gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your goodness and mercy that follow us all the days of our lives. You are our God; we are Your people. You have purchased and won us from sin and death by the sacrifice of Your Son upon the cross and by His rising from the grave. As He now sits at Your right hand, exalted over all things, we wait expectantly for the Day of His revealing. We wait in hope for the Lord!

**C** He is our help and our shield.

**P** Mighty King and loving Savior, we thank You for the authority You have over all things in heaven and on earth. To a world in disarray and for a people filled with despair, You alone offer hope, peace, and certainty that all things are in Your hands. Help us to trust in You, Lord Jesus, even as we wait for the redemption You will provide on the Day You come again to judge the living and the dead. Bless the land in which we live and all those who serve for the benefit of us all. Be present in our homes, our schools, and our workplaces that Your provision be known to all. We wait in hope for the Lord!

**C** He is our help and our shield.

**P** Healer of the broken and sustainer of the weary, grant the comfort of Your Holy Spirit to all who are suffering in heart, body, mind, and spirit. Remind those who are downtrodden that they are never alone, and use us as Your people to reach out in care and compassion to those in our family, our community, and within this congregation who need Your healing mercies, [*especially . . .*]. We wait in hope for the Lord!

**C** He is our help and our shield.

**P** Lord Jesus, we are Your waiting, expectant, hope-filled people. We anticipate the Day of Your revealing when Your saving work will be fully complete and when You renew and restore all things in heaven and on earth. Until that glorious Day, help us to rely upon Your grace alone, which declares us guiltless in Your sight through faith in Your promises. Stir up our hearts to make known to all the wonders You have done, so that more souls may be brought to saving faith and many would join with us in saying, “We wait in hope for the Lord!”

**C** **He is our help and our shield.**

**P** Confident in our coming King and Savior, we entrust our prayers into Your merciful hands, for You, O Father, live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

### **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** 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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

*Sit*

## 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.

## 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

### “Jesus, Draw Me Close” James 4:8

- 1, 2, 3     Jesus, draw me close, closer Lord to You  
Let the world around me fade away  
Jesus, draw me close, closer Lord to You  
For I desire to worship and obey
- 4             For I desire to worship and obey  
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### “Come Just as You Are” John 4:14

- 1, 2           Come just as you are  
Hear the Spirit call  
Come just as you are  
Come and see (*come and see*)  
Come, receive (*come, receive*)  
Come and live (*come and live*) forever
- 3, 5, 6       Life everlasting and strength for today  
Taste the Living Water and never thirst again
- 4, 7           Come just as you are  
Hear the Spirit call  
Come just as you are  
Come receive (*come receive*)  
Christ the King (*Christ the King*)  
Come and live (*come and live*) forever  
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*Stand*

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

**C** **Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of waiting that, on the Day of His coming, we may rejoice forever as those You have made guiltless in Your sight;**

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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 - “Ancient of Days” Daniel 7:14**

- 1, 3      Blessing and honor, glory and power  
Be unto the Ancient of Days  
From every nation, all of creation  
Bow before the Ancient of Days
- 2, 4, 7    Every tongue in heaven and Earth  
Shall declare Your glory  
Every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship  
You will be exalted O God  
And Your kingdom shall not pass away  
O Ancient of Days
- 5, 6      Your kingdom shall reign over all the Earth  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days  
For none can compare to Your matchless worth  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days

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