

# St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Saturday, December 2, 2023 – 6:00 PM Sunday, December 3, 2023 – 8:30 AM

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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Divine Service, Setting 1
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#### **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, <a href="mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org">office@stlukesmanhattan.org</a>, 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).

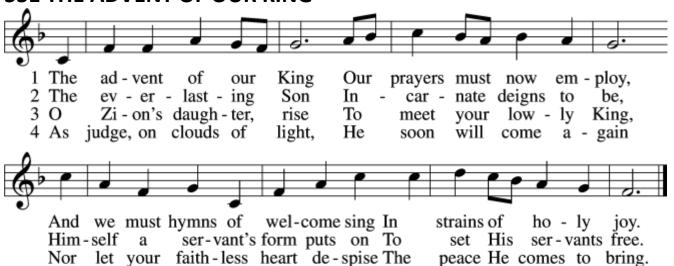
#### **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

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#### **WELCOME**

# **₩ PREPARATION**

#### 331 THE ADVENT OF OUR KING



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Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

And His true mem-bers

△6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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# Please Remain Standing

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

INVOCATION LSB 151

- $lackbox{\textbf{P}}$  In the name of the Father and of the  $lackbox{\textbf{H}}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

**EXHORTATION** *LSB* 151

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

LSB 151

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION LSB 151

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

₩ Word ₩

#### **INTROIT**

Psalm 25:1-3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\* righteous and having sal- | vation.

To you, | O LORD,\*

I lift | up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;\* let not my enemies exult | over me.

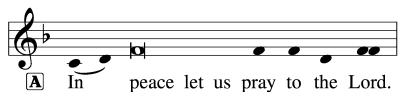
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;\* they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

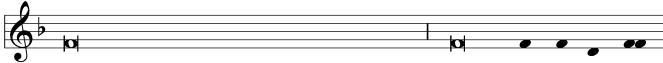
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KYRIE LSB 152





C Lord, have mer - cy.

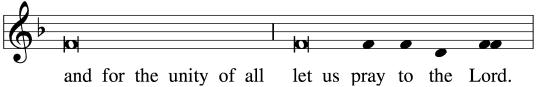


A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.





A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

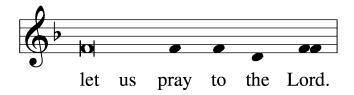


and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

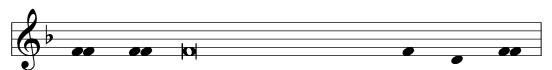




A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise







A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come to us

- as we wait for Your revealing.
- Protect us by Your hand that we may be rescued from the guilt of our sins
- and saved by Your mighty deliverance.
- **P** for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

# WE LIGHT THE FIRST CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

### WE LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE



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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
- <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.
- Thanks be to God.

## O LORD, HOW SHALL I MEET YOU

Herzlich tut mich verlangen (Isorhythmic)

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**EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

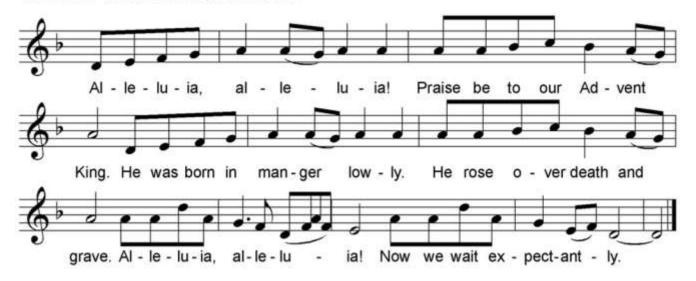
<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<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.

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

Stand

#### ADVENT ALLELUIA and VERSE



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HOLY GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

(The coming of the Son of Man.)

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



<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.



Sit

#### LAMB'S MESSAGE

# 332 SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME



- 5 God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course. Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father's Son Who in flesh the vict'ry won. By Your mighty pow'r make whole

All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night. Darkness there no more resides;

In this light faith now abides.

△8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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#### **SERMON**

#### **VOTUM**

- 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. A basket is 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 25:44 – "Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts and ask Him to increase our faith!

#### **NICENE CREED**

dead.

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

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  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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!

- He is our help and our shield.
- 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!
- He is our help and our shield.

- 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!"
- 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.

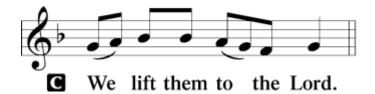
# **▼ SACRAMENT ▼**

PREFACE LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

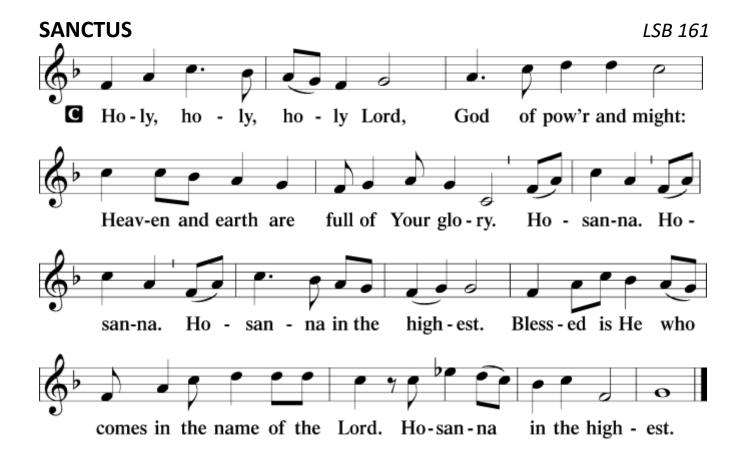


**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



#### **PROPER PREFACE**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for whose glorious revealing we now wait. With the crowds who cry, "Hosanna!" we humble ourselves before Him as the King who comes to save us from sin and declare us guiltless in Your sight. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, for the mercy You show us in Jesus Christ, Your Son and our King.
- You have rescued us from the guilt of our sins and revealed Your mercy to us in the cross and resurrection of our Savior.
- As we await His final coming, we gather before You to remember His sacrifice for us. Prepare our hearts to receive the redemption He provides through His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His holy name and in the timeless words He has taught us:

LSB 162

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

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 ⅓ 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."

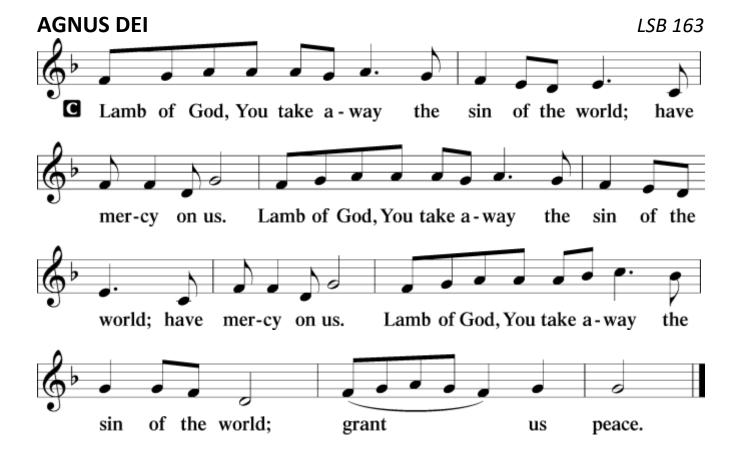
#### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PAX DOMINI LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





#### Sit

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, s 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.





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#### **620 JESUS COMES TODAY WITH HEALING**



5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,

Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His gracious call.

Wedding garments He provides me,

With a robe of white He hides me,

Fits me for the royal hall.

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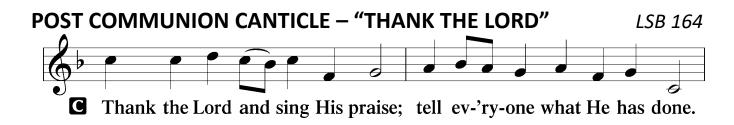
6 Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation, Balm to heal the troubled

soul.

God, my shield from ev'ry terror, Cleanses me from sin and error,

Makes my wounded spirit whole.

#### Stand







He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



# **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.

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



BENEDICTION LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



# 338 COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS



- 1 Come, Thou long ex pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
- 2 Born Thy peo ple to de liv er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee. Born to reign in us for-ev-er, Now Thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art, By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart. By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

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