



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 – 6:30 PM

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**Advent Midweek 1
The Song of Zechariah**

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

The first week of the Advent season starts the time that is referred to as the festival half of the Church Year. Between now and the final week of the Easter season, we will follow the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, from now, when we await His coming as a baby in Bethlehem, to the time when He physically leaves the earth at His ascension and then His disciples begin the new era of life in the church as it takes form in Jerusalem and beyond. It is a time for praise! A Danish hymn from around 1600 calls out to us as the church: “O Bride of Christ, Rejoice!” It closes each stanza with an address to our Advent Lord: “Hosanna, praise, and glory! Our King, we bow before Thee” (*LSB* 335). May the beginning of this new Church Year resound with our joyful praise that continues through Christmas and well beyond!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A quiet chamber set apart
For You to dwell within my heart. *LSB* 358:13

✠ PREPARATION ✠

LIGHTING OF CANDLES (INCLUDING THE ADVENT WREATH)

343 PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P In this season of penitence and reflection, let us think of our unworthiness; confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed; and ask for His merciful forgiveness.

C **Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our 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. May the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 146:1-2, 5-6, 7b-8, 10

P Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

C **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever.**

P The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

C **The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty Father, by the advent of Your Son into the world, the kingdom of heaven now is open to all who believe in Him. Give us grace to receive the Lord Jesus as our Emmanuel, God with us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, inspire our praises in this season of blessed expectation. Lead us joyfully to serve Jesus, our Advent King, in our daily lives, so that when He comes again on the Last Day in power and majesty we may, by Your mercy, be gathered into Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and our King.

C **Amen.**

Sit

P The text of the next hymn, “Praise to You and Adoration,” was written by Thomas Kingo, a Lutheran bishop in Denmark in the seventeenth century. Growing up in a family that had immigrated to Denmark from Scotland, Kingo came to love the language of his new homeland. He had a gift for using common language to convey the truths of the Christian faith and joyfully recounted how God came to earth in the flesh in the person of Jesus, who was among His people, sharing in their laughter and their weeping. Eternally grateful for the incarnation of our Lord, we sing the hymn.

692 PRAISE TO YOU AND ADORATION



1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in



Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with



share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,



From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your



joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; (st. 1): tr. Kristen Kvamme, 1866–1938, alt.; (st. 2): tr. Christian Worship, 1993

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 15:1-3

(Moses sings a song of victorious Praise.)

¹Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,
“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

²The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

³The LORD is a man of war;
the LORD is his name.

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

PSALM

Psalm 24

(I) – *Baptismal Side*; **(II)** – *Screen Side*

P The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

C **for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

I *Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place?*

II *He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.*

C **He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

C Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

C Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!

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.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:15-21

(St. Paul's exhortation on living in Christ.)

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

386 NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE

st. 1

I Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!

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Tune: German, 14th cent.

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Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:67-80

(The Song of Zechariah)

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

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

⁶⁷And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

⁶⁸“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people

⁶⁹and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,

⁷⁰as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
⁷²to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
⁷⁴that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”
⁸⁰And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the
wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

936 SING PRAISE TO THE GOD OF ISRAEL



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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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.

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St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

Stand

THE LITANY

LSB, p. 288

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

P O Christ,
C have mercy.

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

P O Christ,
C hear us.

P God the Father in heaven,
C have mercy.

P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
C have mercy.

P God the Holy Spirit,
C have mercy.

P Be gracious to us.
C Spare us, good Lord.

P Be gracious to us.

C **Help us, good Lord.**

P From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;
From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition
and from rebellion;
From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and
from everlasting death:

C **Good Lord, deliver us.**

P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
By Your Baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody
sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the
Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C **Help us, good Lord.**

P In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of
death; and in the day of judgment:

C **Help us, good Lord.**

P We poor sinners implore You

C **to hear us, O Lord.**

P To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors
and ministers of Your church in the true knowledge and understanding
of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the
way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your
harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C **we implore You to hear us.**

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **have mercy.**

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **have mercy.**

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **grant us Your peace.**

P O Christ,
C hear us.

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

P O Christ,
C have mercy.

P O Lord,
C have mercy. Amen.

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.

CLOSING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Accept, O almighty Lord, our praise for Your blessed Son, Jesus Christ, who came in the flesh to seek and to save us in our lost condition. Grant that at His second and glorious appearing He may find in us the fruits of the redemption that He has graciously accomplished for us; through the same, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

341 LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES



1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the
 2 A righteous Helper comes to thee; His chariot
 3 How blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the
 4 Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a
 5 Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to



King of glory waits. The King of kings is drawing
 is humility, His kingly crown is holi-
 ruler is confessed! O peaceful hearts and happy
 temple set apart From earthly use for heav'n's em-
 Thee; here, Lord, abide! O enter with Thy grace di-



near; The Savior of the world is here. Life and sal-
 ness, His scepter, pity in distress. The end of
 homes To whom this King in triumph comes! The cloud-less
 ploy, Adorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your
 vine; Thy face of mercy on me shine. Thy Holy



va-tion He doth bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
 all our woe He brings; Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
 sun of joy is He Who comes to set His people free.
 Sov'reign enter in And new and nobler life begin.
 Spir-it guide us on Un-til our glorious goal is won.



To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.
 To Christ the Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.
 To God the Spirit raise Your happy shouts of praise.
 To God alone be praise For word and deed and grace!
 E-ter-nal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.

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