



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Saturday, December 21, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Sunday, December 22, 2024 – 8:30 AM

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(Series C)

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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, 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

We often hear it said, and even say it ourselves, that “things aren’t like they used to be.” We can see it around us in our world, our culture, and even among our own families and homes, whether for better but often for worse. People sometimes have the same impression of the Lord. But our Lord remains unchanged (see Malachi 3:6), and Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (see Hebrews 13:8). Since the beginning, our holy Lord has always desired and even demanded holiness. Holiness comes only by the one perfect bodily sacrifice. Our Lord Jesus Christ has made us holy through Himself alone. Because of and through Him, we do not have to be like we used to be; rather, we live in that grace and love as He first loved us.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. *Micah 5:2*

WELCOME

✠PREPARATION ✠

332 SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

sts. 1-2

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it

here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—

That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76

Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter

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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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P We light the fourth Advent candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

C The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P The fourth Advent candle has been known as the angel candle and the candle of love. As our Advent season soon ends, we await the angelic message of the good news of a Savior. We have come to know the love of the one true God this season and always as we have prepared to celebrate His birth. We know God’s promises come to fruition in Jesus, who later made known His Father’s love in His being born into this world; in His life, ministry, teaching, preaching, healing; and ultimately in His dying and rising. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

C **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

P Guided by the light of love, we respond with the psalmist: “Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

C **Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast You save, O LORD.**

P How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

C **They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

P For with You is the fountain of life;

C **in Your light do we see light.”**

WE LIGHT FOUR CANDLES OF THE ADVENT WREATH

WE LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE

st. 4

4 We light the Ad - vent can - dle And share the won - drous
Word. With love, we tell of Je - sus Till
all a - round have heard. God's love is for each
na - tion Through - out His whole cre - a - tion. We
wait with grow - ing light Till God makes all things right!

Text: Lisa M. Clark

Tune: Swedish, 17th cent.

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EXHORTATION

LSB 203

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

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 203

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

- 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

1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b-7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47



P My soul magni- | fies the Lord,*
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.

C My mouth derides my | enemies,*
because I rejoice in your sal- | vation.

P There is none holy | like the LORD;*
there is none besides you; there is no rock | like our God.

C The barren has borne | seven,*
but she who has many children | is forlorn.

P The LORD kills and | brings to life;*
he brings down to Sheol and | raises up.

C The LORD makes poor and | makes rich;*
he brings low and | he exalts.

C 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.

P My soul magni- | fies the Lord,*
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

P Into the darkness,

C **You bring light,**

P and into our lives

C **You make known Your perfect and everlasting love.**

P Make us ready for the celebration of our Savior's birth,

C **that we receive Him as He comes to us as a humble infant,**

P bringing to fruition

C **the new covenant of Your love;**

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.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 5:2-5a

(The coming King born in Bethlehem.)

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

⁵ And he shall be their peace.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

361 O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

st. 1



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–93

Tune: Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

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PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7; antiphon: v. 7

P ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;

C **let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P ¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

C **You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

P ²Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

C **stir up your might
and come to save us!**

P ³Restore us, O God;

C **let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P ⁴O LORD God of hosts,

C **how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

P ⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears
C and given them tears to drink in full measure.

P ⁶You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
C and our enemies laugh among themselves.

P ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
C let your face shine, that we may be saved!

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.

P ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
C let your face shine, that we may be saved!

EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:5-10

(Jesus comes to do God's will.)

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said,
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;
⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

Stand

ADVENT ALLELUIA and VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise be to our Ad - vent
King. He was born in man - ger low - ly. He rose o - ver death and
grave. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Now we wait ex - pect - ant - ly.

Tune: PICARDY (LSB 621, LW 15)
Words: Michael J. Schmidt

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

(Mary visits Elizabeth.)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 207

- 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

LAMB'S MESSAGE

348 THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925, alt.

Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg, ed. John Wyeth

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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.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
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4801 Anderson Avenue
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**
Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Luke 1:45 – “And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord’s own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord’s commands in the face of the world’s anger and resistance, just as it gave Mary the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.

SPECIAL MUSIC – A Joyful Sound

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P O Lord, there is none like You in holiness, constancy and might; yet, You exercise Your power for the salvation of sinners. As we draw near to the celebration of Jesus’ birth, fill our hearts with gratitude that Your Son humbled Himself and became flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Mighty God, You have done great things for us, looking upon our humble estate and exalting us to be Your children for Jesus’ sake. Preserve us by Your Holy Word, that we would properly fear Your name and rejoice in it all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, Your Son from of old was born of Mary in time to be our peace. Grant us repentant hearts, that for His sake we would be at peace with You. Grant also that, forgiven of our sins, we may forgive and be at peace with those around us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

CLOSING SONG

352 LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has truly
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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