



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**

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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Sunday, November 30, 2025 – 11:00 AM

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FIRST 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

The season of Advent (and the new Church Year) begins with a call to watchfulness and readiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that no one knows the day or the hour of His return (Matthew 24:36-44). Just as the flood came suddenly in Noah's day, so the Son of Man will come unexpectedly, urging us to be awake in faith and steadfast in hope. Advent is not only a season of preparation for Christmas but also a time of anticipation for Christ's coming again in glory. On this day, the Church also remembers St. Andrew, the first of the apostles to follow Jesus and to invite others to "come and see" the Messiah. His witness encourages us to live as people prepared for the Lord's return, inviting others to share in the promise of salvation. As we gather, we lift our eyes to the coming King, praying that our hearts remain watchful, faithful, and ready until He comes.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" *Matthew 21:9*

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 – Special Music

Max Peterson

“Lo, How a Rose Er’r Blooming”

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

Romans 13:12; Philippians 1:6

P The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

C So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Silence for self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

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.

P He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P Lord, have mercy on us.

C Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

OPENING SONG – “My Jesus”

- 1 Are you past the point of weary?
 Is your burden weighing heavy?
 Is it all too much to carry?
 Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
 Do you feel that empty feeling?
 'Cause shame's done all its stealing
 And you're desperate for some healing
 Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
- 2, 5 He makes a way where there ain't no way
8 Rises up from an empty grave
 Ain't no sinner that He can't save
 Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
 His love is strong and His grace is free
 And the good news is I know that He
 Can do for you what He's done for me
 Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
 And let my Jesus change your life
- 3, 6 Hallelujah, hallelujah
9,10 Hallelujah, amen, amen
- 4 Who can wipe away the tears
 From broken dreams and wasted years
 And tell the past to disappear?
 Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
 And all the wrong turns that you would
 Go and undo if you could
 Who can work it all for your good
 Let me tell you about my Jesus
- 7 Who would take my cross to Calvary?
 Pay the price for all my guilty?
 Who would care that much about me?
 Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, oh

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

("Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.")

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 122; antiphon: v. 6

- L** ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
C “May they be secure who love you!”
- L** ¹I was glad when they said to me,
C “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
- L** ²Our feet have been standing
C within your gates, O Jerusalem!
- L** ³Jerusalem—built as a city
C that is bound firmly together,
- L** ⁴to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
C as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
- L** ⁵There thrones for judgment were set,
C the thrones of the house of David.
- L** ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
C “May they be secure who love you!”
- L** ⁷Peace be within your walls
C and security within your towers!”
- L** ⁸For my brothers and companions’ sake
C I will say, “Peace be within you!”
- L** ⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
C I will seek your good.
- 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.
- L** ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
C “May they be secure who love you!”

EPISTLE

Romans 13:8-14

("Put on the armor of light.")

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLILUIA AND VERSE

Psalms 24:7

L Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

C that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

(The Son of Man is coming when you least expect Him.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶[Jesus said:] *“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

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. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

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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Shall come to thee, O Israel

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray on behalf of the world, those with special need, and for all the faithful.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

That we may depart from the ways of the wicked and manifest in word and deed our faith in His Word and our delight in His will, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That we may resist the temptation to despair in time of trouble and manifest a joyful heart and hope in all circumstances of this mortal life, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That we may enjoy the gift of good government, wise and faithful leaders, and peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That those who suffer in any want or need—the sick, grieving, and those troubled in mind or soul—may be granted healing and comfort, [*especially . . .*], and that all may be preserved in faith and holiness to the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C 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.

COLLECT FOR GRACE

P Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; 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 grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 – “Your Everlasting Love”

- 1 Your everlasting love is higher, higher, higher than the sky
Your everlasting love is higher, higher, higher than the sky
Higher than the sky
Oh, the wonder of Your everlasting love is higher than the sky
- 2 Your everlasting love is deeper, deeper, deeper than the sea
Your everlasting love is deeper, deeper, deeper than the sea
Deeper than the sea
Oh, the wonder of Your everlasting love is deeper than the sea
- 3, 5, 6 Higher, than the heavens above is the glory of Your wonderful love
I’m lost in the mystery of Your everlasting love,
(3, 6- Your everlasting love)
- 4 Your everlasting love is reaching, reaching, reaching out to me
Your everlasting love is reaching, reaching, reaching out to me
Reaching out to me
Oh, the wonder of Your everlasting love is reaching out to me
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