

St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Sunday, December 28, 2025 – 8:30 AM

Guest Speaker – Tim Oelke, Elder He will be leading the service and reading Pastor Schmidt's sermon.

> Rev. Michael J. Schmidt, Sr. Pastor William Prann, Director of Christian Education Gretchen Hartsook, Director of Music

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

(Series A)

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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

To the rest of the world, we are simply people with a different faith, but we have an identity that is unique: We are God's children, calling out to Him, "Abba! Father!" As He did with our forebears, we hear in the Old Testament Reading, He remembers His covenant. Even when danger threatens, as it did for the holy family, He is with us to protect and guide us. In fact, we are not only God's children; with Jesus, His only-begotten Son, we are also heirs of the promise, which He kept for us. That is merry news indeed!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. *Galatians 4:4–7*

WELCOME

▼PREPARATION ▼



Please Remain Standing

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

INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION LSB 203

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- 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

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

ABSOLUTION LSB 203

- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

₩ WORD ₩

INTROIT

Jeremiah 31:15-17; antiphon: Hosea 11:1

- P When Israel was a child, I loved him,
- and out of Egypt I called my son.
- P Thus says the LORD: "A voice is heard in Ramah,
- **C** lamentation and bitter weeping.
- **P** Rachel is weeping for her children;
- she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more."

- P Thus says the LORD: "Keep your voice from weeping,
- and your eyes from tears,
- **P** for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD,
- and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.
- P There is hope for your future, declares the LORD,
- and your children shall come back to their own country."
- 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 When Israel was a child, I loved him,
- and out of Egypt I called my son.

KYRIE



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



LSB 204



2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 205

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, although we are fallen creatures, You have shown us Your great love.

Grant us to see Your Son, Jesus Christ, as both our Lord and our Brother and to call to You as dear children speak to their loving Father;

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

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 63:7-14

(Although the Israelites have rebelled, God will help them.)

⁷I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. ⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. ¹⁰But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. ¹¹Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, ¹²who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name,

who led them through the depths?
 Like a horse in the desert,
 they did not stumble.
 Like livestock that go down into the valley,
 the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.
 So you led your people,
 to make for yourself a glorious name.

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



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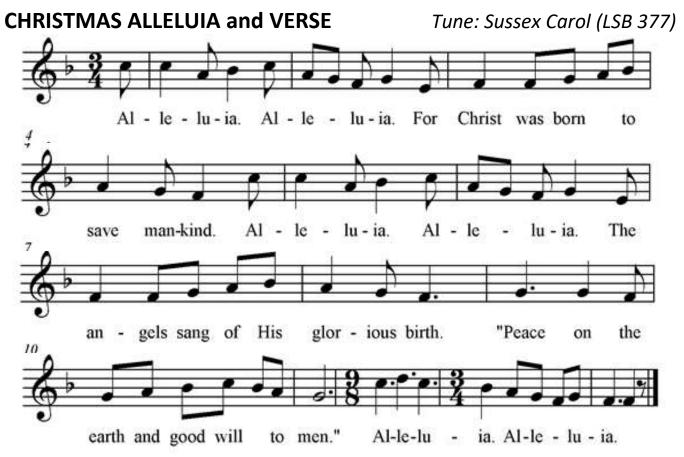
EPISTLE Galatians 4:4-7

(All God's promises are sure because we are God's children.)

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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

Stand



Text by: Michael Schmidt

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 2:13-23*

(The holy family is protected from Herod.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

18"A voice was heard in Ramah,
 weeping and loud lamentation,
 Rachel weeping for her children;
 she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

- **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.

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

594 GOD'S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT 1 God's Ι child, glad - ly it: Ι am bap-tized own say 2 Sin, Ι dis turb my soul no long - er: am bap-tized 3 Sa hear this proc - la - ma - tion: Ι am bap-tized tan, 4 Death, you can not end my glad-ness: Ι am bap-tized 5 There To noth - ing worth com-par - ing this life-long is to Christ! He, be cause I could not in pay it, e - ven strong-er: to Christ! have com - fort in Ι to Christ! ly in Drop your ug ac - cu - sa - tion, Ĭ to Christ! When I die, leave all sad - ness com - fort sure! O pen - eyed my grave is star - ing: Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's a guilt - y sus' cleans-ing ri - fice. Should Je sac I am not soon en - ticed. Now that to the so To in - her - it a - dise! Though Ι lie par in ven there I'll Though my flesh sleep se - cure. a worth trea sures man y? Ι have one con - science seize Since me my Bap tism font I've trav - eled, All your might has Faith's dust and ash es as sur ance waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con than an - y That brought more me sal did re - lease In dear for me a un - rav - eled, And, come a gainst your ly flash - es: bright -Bap tism has the tin ues prais - ing: Ι bap tized am



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SERMON

VOTUM

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- Amen.

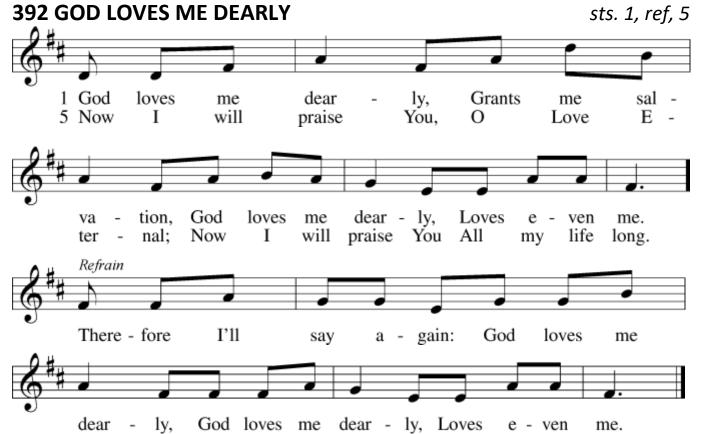
OFFERING

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.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Galatians 4:4 – "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law." Jesus was born under the law so that He might fulfill the law in our place. His perfect righteousness is credited to us. And it is this free forgiveness of sins and this crediting of righteousness that sets us free to follow our Lord in godly living. Since we are freed from the law's condemnation, we are freed from any mercenary attitudes. Now that the Lord has shown His love to us in saving us, we freely show our thanks to Him in generosity, humility and kindness.



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us go to our heavenly Father in prayer.

For the church, that the news of Christ's birth among us would bring joy to many people, let us pray to the Lord.

- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For those who have rebelled against all that our caring God has lavished upon them and that He would open their hearts and minds, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.

- P For those who have not heard about Jesus' birth, about our Savior's willingness to be a servant of the Most High, or about their own salvation, that God would surround them with people of faith and the Gospel Good News, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For all who tend fields, raise animals, distribute food, or work in supermarkets and roadside stands, that they recognize that they work to alleviate hunger and do what pleases our heavenly Father, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the leaders of the nations, those who bear arms, and all who run toward harm to help those who need aid and rescue, that they stop at nothing to establish and maintain peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For those near and dear to us, [especially . . .], that God would alleviate suffering and pain, sadness and grief in their lives, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of our elder Brother and Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

 \mathbf{C}

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

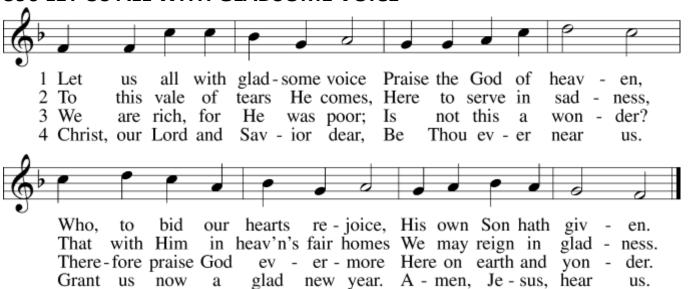
- C Amen.

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

390 LET US ALL WITH GLADSOME VOICE



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