



The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 8:45 AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Carol Gigue on "Besancon"

Franklin Ashdown (b. 1942)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be God's name forever.
Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,
we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✝ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 248

People, Look East



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BESANÇON, French carol

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Let us pray.
Praise to you, O God, who holds our joy and sorrow.
You bring water to parched ground and life out of death.
Bless us as this light grows,
and send sorrow and sighing to flee away.
Give us strength and patience,
trusting that you are true to your promises.
Transform the lives of all who suffer
with your wonders near at hand.
Amen.

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING CAROL

Please sing verse 1, 2 & 3 as we light the third candle.



(Advent 1) Light the can-dle of love to-day, the giv-er of love is
 (Advent 2) Light the can-dle of peace to-day, the giv-er of peace is
 (Advent 3) Light the can-dle of joy to-day, the giv-er of joy is
 (Advent 4) Light the can-dle of hope to-day, the giv-er of hope is

here!_____ Wel-come the love we live and die for, but
 here!_____ Wel-come the peace we fight and cry for, but
 here!_____ Wel-come the joy we crave and pray for, but
 here!_____ Wel-come the hope we long and wait for, but

on - ly Christ can give._____ Flick-er and flame and
 on - ly Christ can give._____ Flick-er and flame and
 on - ly Christ can give._____ Flick-er and flame and
 on - ly Christ can give._____ Flick-er and flame and

glow_ with love, light up the world a - round you.
 glow_ with peace, light up the world a - round you.
 glow_ with joy, light up the world a - round you.
 glow_ with hope, light up the world a - round you.

Flick-er and flame and glow with love, light up the world a -
 Flick-er and flame and glow with peace, light up the world a -
 Flick-er and flame and glow with joy, light up the world a -
 Flick-er and flame and glow with hope, light up the world a -

round _____ you.
 round _____ you.
 round _____ you.
 round _____ you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

In anticipation of the Lord's coming, Christians are called upon to cultivate patience rather than discontent.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



All: Alleluia

Choir: I am sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your way before you. (Matt. 11:10)

All: Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Abarno

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 242

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

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APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

After each portion of the prayers:

We come to you...



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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The prayers conclude:

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us

You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road
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CHORAL ANTHEM

All Earth is Waiting

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
And open furrows await the seed of God.
All the world, bound and struggling,
Seeks true liberty, it cries out for justice
And searches for the truth.

Thus says the Prophet to those of Israel:
A virgin mother will bear Emanuel,
One whose Name is, God With Us.
Our Savior shall be through whom
Hope will blossom once more in our hearts.

Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain.
Open new highways for our God.
Who now comes closer for all to see.
Open the doorways wide as can be.

In lowly manger the Promised One appeared.
We feel his presence on earth today.
For Christ lives in us, and is with us now
And through eternity.

Text: Catalanian Text—Alberto Taulé, trans. Gertrude C. Suppe
Music: Dent Davidson (b. 1960)

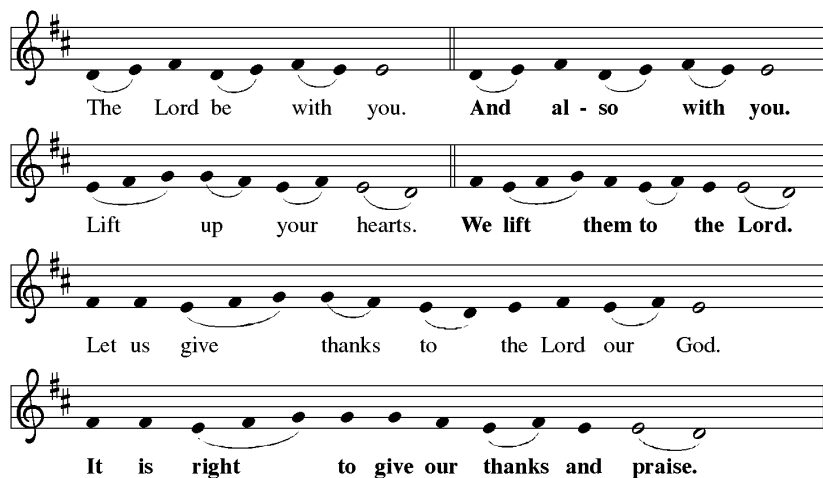
Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

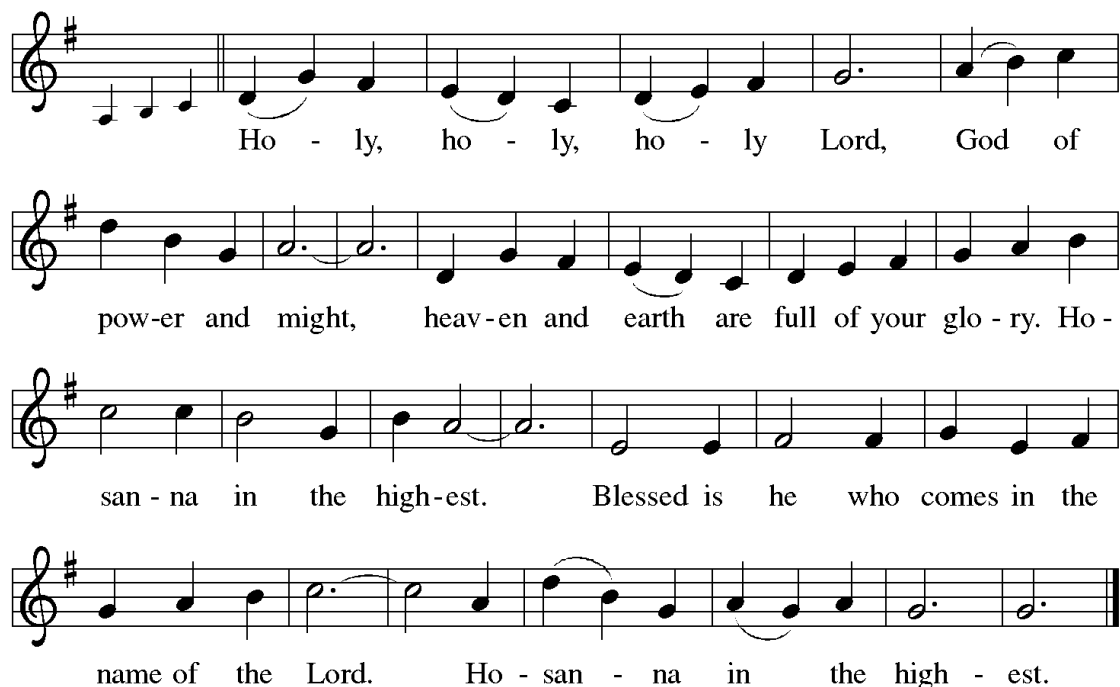
Let us pray.

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

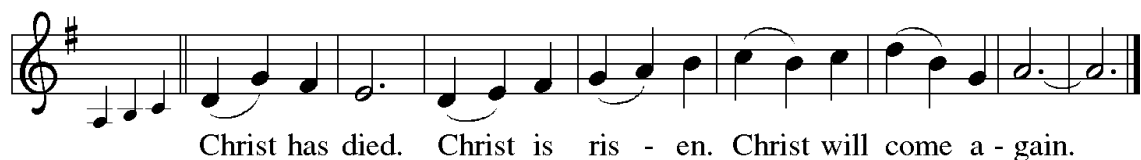


Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.



By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu reino,
hagase tu voluntad,
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,
mas libranos del mal.

Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Be strong do not fear!
Hear is our God, who has come to save us.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are two stations at the foot of the chancel steps. Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server) Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Sung by the choir.

Psalm 146: 5-10—Plainsong

COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 266

All Earth Is Hopeful



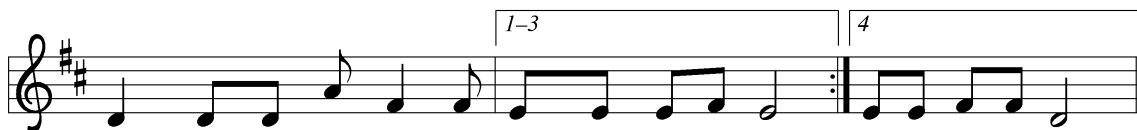
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task; this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

2 *Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel:*
 "De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel,"
 será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será,
 con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.

3 *Montes y valles habrá que preparar;*
 nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.
 El está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar,
 y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.

4 *En una cueva Jesús apareció,*
 pero en el mundo está presente hoy.
 Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está;
 y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: TODA LA TIERRA, Alberto Taulé

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Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE—ACS 905

We Are Waiting for Jesus

1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.

We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

Text: John Helgen, b. 1957

Music: JESUS BRINGS PEACE, John Helgen

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

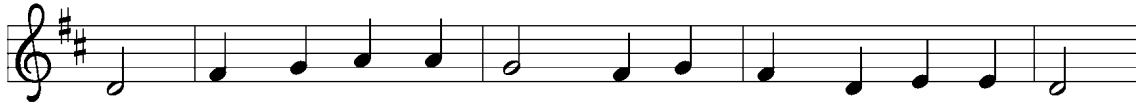
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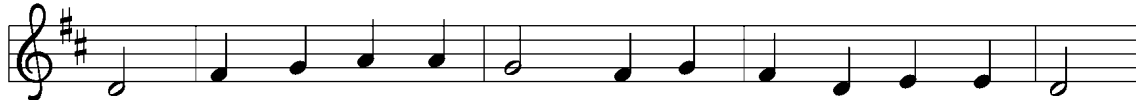
God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN • ELW 241

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
2 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.
3 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.
4 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
who mourn your joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.



Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast
A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
All hail the Lord's ap - pear - ing! O glo - rious Sun, now come,



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.
send forth your beams so cheer - ing and guide us safe - ly home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. composite
Music: WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Carillon on “Besancon”

Rebecca Groom Te Velde (b. 1956)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

PREACHING MINISTER

The Rev. Eleanor Abarno, *Pastoral Liaison to Women in Community*

COMMUNION SERVER

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Blake, Kayley, and Henry Danser

MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

Schola Cantorum

Neil Brown, *Trumpet*

THE FLOWERS ABOUT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Tom and Carol Darnell and in remembrance and thanksgiving for all the fallen armed forces men and women who gave their ultimate sacrifice on Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, 1941.

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, Dec. 11—Third Sunday of Advent

8:45 AM Holy Communion
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
 10:00 AM SLSHY
 10:00 AM Reception
 10:00 AM Fair Trade Holiday Market
 10:15 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM Holy Communion
 12:15 PM Creche Rehearsal
5:00 PM San Lucas Misa Español

5:00 PM Choristers RSCM program
 7:00 PM ESL
 7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
 7:30 PM AA

THURSDAY, December 15

8:00 AM CDS Classes
 4:00 PM CARing Project
 7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer

FRIDAY, December 16

8:00 AM CDS Classes
 12:00 PM Food Ministry

SATURDAY, December 17

9:00 AM Schola Cantorum & Choristers Rehearsal
 9:30 AM AA
 11:00 AM Al-Anon

MONDAY, December 12

8:00 AM CDS Classes
 1:30 PM CDS Staff Meeting
 5:30 PM COVID Advisory Group (zoom)
 6:00 PM CDS Board Meeting
 6:00 PM Yoga
 7:00 PM ESL

TUESDAY, December 13

8:00 AM CDS Classes
 10:00 AM Mary/Martha Circle (Hybrid)
 1:30 PM Program Staff Meeting
 3:30 PM Riderwood Advent Vespers
 4:30 PM Piano Lessons
 7:00 PM Girl Scouts
 7:00 PM Reformation Bells
 7:00 PM ESL

WEDNESDAY, December 14

7:00 AM Zoom Faith Connections
 8:00 AM Advent Midweek Devotion (Online)
 8:00 AM CDS Classes
 10:00 AM Women in Community
 10:00 AM CDS Chapel
 3:00 PM En Camino

SUNDAY, Dec. 18—Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:45 AM Holy Communion
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
 10:00 AM SLSHY
 10:00 AM Fireside Reception
 10:15 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM Holy Communion
 3:00 PM San Lucas Gospel Meditation online
 5:00 PM Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed

Upcoming Commemorations

Lucy, martyr, died 304

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Lucy was a young Christian of Sicily who was martyred during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian. Her celebration became particularly important in Sweden and Norway, perhaps because the feast of Lucia (whose name means "light") originally fell on the shortest day of the year.

John of the Cross, renewer of the church, died 1591

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

John was a member of the Carmelite monastic order, and worked to reform it. His writings reflect a deep interest in mystical thought and meditation.

Las Posadas (LLC)

Friday, December 16, 2022

This celebration, long popular in Mexico, takes its name from the "posadas," or lodgings, sought by Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. Their search is reenacted in a neighborhood, unsuccessfully, until finally they are welcomed in, and a party commences.

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MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED INDOORS AT SAINT LUKE

ADVENT

Christ came, Christ comes, Christ is coming.

LA SAGRADA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS HAT AND MITTEN TREE CDS CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Deadline for all of the above is **today, December 11**. Thank you so much for your generosity. For all the details pick up a brochure, *Opportunities for Sharing*, in the narthex, or go to www.saintluke.us and click Opportunities for Giving.

FAIR TRADE HOLIDAY MARKET TODAY

From **8:30—12:30 today** Fair Trade Winds store will be in the Great Hall. What a great way to give gifts that also help so many around the world. These gifts literally give back. Thank you for shopping fair trade.

BE BORN IN US THIS DAY

Each week join Pastors Miller and Morales for Advent Devotions, *Be Born In Us Today*, **Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m.** www.saintlukeonline.us We are familiar with the physical birth of the baby in the manger but how is Jesus born in us each day? The theme comes from the stanza of the beautiful hymn, O Little Town of Bethlehem; *O Holy child of Bethlehem, descend on us we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.*

POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

Consider honoring or remembering someone with the gift of a Poinsettia Food Card. Simply go to www.saintluke.us and see the left hand column. All dedications will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. **Deadline : Sunday December 18.**

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Mark your calendar, next Sunday, **December 18, 5:00 p.m.** for this very special evening. Organ prelude will start at 4:40 p.m. The Word of hope, beautiful music by the Schola Cantorum and Choristers, followed by a reception. Please pass the word.

IN PERSON CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Children's Creche (Christmas Story) **Service**
8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Services of Lessons, Carol and Holy Communion
12:00 Midnight Misa Navidad (Worship is in Spanish) - **Online Only**

IN PERSON CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. Festival Worship

Today's Music

HYMN NOTES

People, Look East

Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965

This hymn was requested by the editors of *The Oxford Book of Carols* (1928), where it first appeared. Love as Guest, Rose, Star, and Lord is “on the way” and sets “every peak and valley humming” with rich imagery.—ELW Hymnal Companion

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Marty Haugen, b. 1950

According to Haugen, “In 1982 my family decided to exchange ‘non-material’ gifts for Christmas. I drew the name of my aunt, Marie Smedsrud. ‘Awake, Awake’ was written as my gift to her that Christmas.” Haugen originally wrote it “as a Christmas hymn...but, as there is more room in our repertoire for Advent carols than Christmas carols, it soon was changed.” - ELW Hymnal Companion

All Earth Is Hopeful

Alberto Taulé, 1932-2007

This hymn recalls Matthew 1:23 with its reference to Isaiah 7:14: the prophet announces the birth of a child who will be named Emmanuel. The hymn runs out the meaning of Emmanuel, “God with us,” using the imagery of the highway” from Isaiah 40:3 and the gateway from Psalm 24:7 that “Prepare the royal highway” used. This time, however, another of the prophetic implications is voiced, declaring “new protocols.” - ELW Hymnal Companion

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676

This hymn was first published in ten German stanzas in 1653. The text is about welcoming the incarnated God who sets us free from our gloom, rejoicing.—ELW Hymnal Companion

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude: Carol Gigue on “Besancon” - Franklin Ashdown (b. 1942)

Franklin D. Ashdown is a composer and medical doctor, who has pursued dual careers for the past 3 decades. Born in 1942, he studied piano for 12 years, and was “recruited” at age 13 to play the organ for a local congregation. He later studied organ with Judson Maynard and James Drake, was privately coached by Fred Tulan of San Francisco and Leonard Raver of New York's Juilliard School.—ecspublishing.com

His setting of the tune “Besancon” is in keeping with the spirit of the tune, a lilting, light-hearted dance that explores different tonalities. The ending crescendos to an almost full organ.

Choral Anthem: All Earth Is Waiting—Dent Davidson

A professional church musician since his teens, Dent Davidson sees his primary work as uniting voices in song with joy and passion. He travels frequently as a workshop clinician & consultant in music and worship, and currently serves as Music Chaplain to the Episcopal House of Bishops. With a degree in Composition and Vocal Jazz, Dent enjoys widening the scope and variety of music sung and heard in worship, and spends much of his time composing and searching for new resources.—St James Press
A beautiful Advent text (translated from Catalan), “All Earth Is Waiting” is set in a haunting, introspective manner accompanied by piano and trumpet.

Postlude: Carillon on “Besancon” - Rebecca Groom Te Velde (b. 1956)

Rebecca Groom te Velde (b. 1956) is a third-generation professional organist, following both parents and her grandfather. She graduated summa cum laude from Seattle Pacific University where she studied organ and composition with her father, Lester H. Groom. In 1982, she received the M.Mus in organ literature and performance from the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, having studied organ with Hugh McLean and composition with Jack Behrens.—sbmp.com
Her setting of the tune “Besancon” is a creative, fun carillon on the tune. At the end of the piece, she sneaks in the tune “Wie Schon Der Morgenstern,” which is sung during Epiphany.