

ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 7, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion



At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

P. Loving God, bless your people, who turn to you in faith.

C. Bless the waiting, where there is space for you to come.

P. Bless the darkness, that we may wait with hope.

C. Bless the silence, that we may listen for your coming.

P. Grant us stillness, that with patience and courage
we may prepare room in our hearts and minds for the coming
of Christ.

C. Come, O Savior, Come! Amen.

***Confession & Forgiveness**

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is
heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C. Amen.

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one
another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Long-expected God,

**C. we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and
security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become
impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us
from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our
neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to
your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you
have promised. Amen.**

P. God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. † You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

C. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn Let Justice Flow Like Streams WOV 763**

***Apostolic Greeting**

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

C. And also with you.

***Kyrie**



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ☩ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

*Canticle of Praise



I Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

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glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
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***Prayer of the day (Celebrate)**

Special Music: Nathan Jacob Bucy

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Reader: When deep blue darkness steps aside for softly spreading flame, we take comfort from the warmth of living light.

This candle on our Advent wreath represents the joy of life, which spreads as we share it. The unpredictable flicker of life brings comfort even when the future remains a mystery. In time every person will know the warmth of God’s love. But not yet, not fully.

Light One Candle (verse 2 only)

WOV 630

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching & song

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

L. The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God

Psalm Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

L. The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

P. The Holy gospel according to **St. Matthew 3:1-12**

C. Glory to you, O Lord

The reading of the Holy Gospel

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Angela Hammer

Hymn of the Day On Jordan's Bank the Baptists Cry LBW 36

*** Apostles' Creed**

P. United by the Holy Spirit, let us confess our faith

C. 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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 the Church**

***Sharing of Peace**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. And also with you.

P. Let us share God's peace with one another.

The Offering

Special Music: Abbie Faith Bucy
"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

***Offertory** What Feast of Love
 (to the tune of Greensleeves)
 What feast of love is offered here
 What banquet come from heaven?
 What food of everlasting life
 What gracious gift is given?
 This, this is Christ the king
 The bread come down from heaven
 Oh, taste and see and sing!
 How sweet the manna given!

***Communion Prayer**

P. Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

C. Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

***Great Thanksgiving**

P. The Lord be with you:
C. **And also with you.**
P. Lift up your hearts:
C. **We lift them to the Lord.**
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:
C. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Preface for Advent

P. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***Eucharistic Prayer**

P. Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus. Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

P. God, remember us in your love, 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.

*** Invitation to Communion**

P. Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

*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.

Communion Music Lift Up Your Heads, O Gates WOV# 631

*Communion Blessing

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

C. Amen.

*Prayer After Communion

P. God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

C. Amen.

SENDING

God sends us boldly into the world to share the good news

*Blessing

P. May God who comes among us, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

C. Amen.

*Sending Hymn Prepare the Royal Highway LBW 26

*Dismissal

P. Go in peace. Stay awake!

C. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Ministers:	St. Luke Community
The Pastor:	The Rev. Angela Hammer
Music:	JP Welliver
Lay Reader:	Anna Mae Grubb
Worship Assistant:	Betsy Rights
