



# First Sunday of Christmas

January 1, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Waukesha, WI

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**Helping people make life-changing connections with God  
through Jesus Christ.**

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**Notes for Worship**

- ELW: cranberry hymnal (hymns go up to 893)
- ACS: purple hymnal (hymns start at 901)
- We invite children of all ages to be in worship with us. Children are welcome to use the Pray-Ground in front of the church on the piano side as a comfortable space to experience worship. If you feel your child(ren) are being too disruptive, you are welcome to move into the Chapel.

**PRELUDE**

*Joy to the World*

Ronald A. Nelson

**DIALOGUE**

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

**By day and night he shines for all to see.**

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

**that the world may see the justice and richness of God.**

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

**so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.**

Jesus is the light of the world.

**Jesus is the light of our lives.**

Sing to God a new song!

**A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.**

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his rich - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Gracious God of heaven and earth,  
you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—  
a beam of light that shines through Jesus.

Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation.

Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life.

Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world  
and in our hearts.

**Amen.**

## **Lessons and Carols**

### **LESSON**

Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.



1 'Twas in the moon of win - ter - time when all the birds had fled, that  
 2 With - in a lodge of bro - ken bark the ten - der babe was found; a  
 3 The ear - liest moon of win - ter - time is not so round and fair as  
 4 O chil - dren of the for - est free, the an - gel - song is true; the



\*God the Lord of all the earth sent an - gel choirs in - stead; be -  
 rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en - wrapped his beau - ty round; but  
 was the ring of glo - ry on the help - less in - fant there. The  
 ho - ly child of earth and heav'n is born to - day for you. Come,



fore their light the stars grew dim, and wan - d'ring hunt - ers heard the hymn:  
 as the hunt - er braves drew nigh, the an - gel song rang loud and high:  
 chiefs from far be - fore him knelt with gifts of fox and bea - ver pelt.  
 kneel be - fore the ra - diant boy, who brings you beau - ty, peace, and joy.



Je - sus your king is born! Je - sus is born, in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a!

**LESSON**

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.  
If the Assyrians come into our land  
and tread upon our soil,  
we will raise against them seven shepherds  
and eight installed as rulers.

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

## LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

<sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

## CAROL

*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

ELW 265



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.  
 in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
 thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

## LESSON

**Matthew 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." <sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked  
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look  
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
 your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

## LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## CAROL

### *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

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1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.  
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.  
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

## LESSON

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

**Your Word, Jesus, is truth.**

In his light, draw all to the manger

**to gather in wonder with the shepherds.**

In his light, draw all to the manger

**to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.**

In his light, draw all to the manger

**to sing for joy with the angels.**

In the brightness of his life

**cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.**

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

**In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.**

**Amen.**

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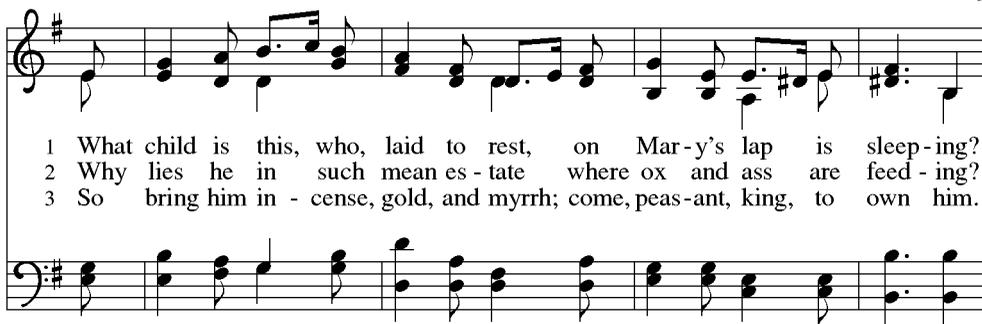
*Lo, How a Rose E;er Blooming*

Johannes Brahms

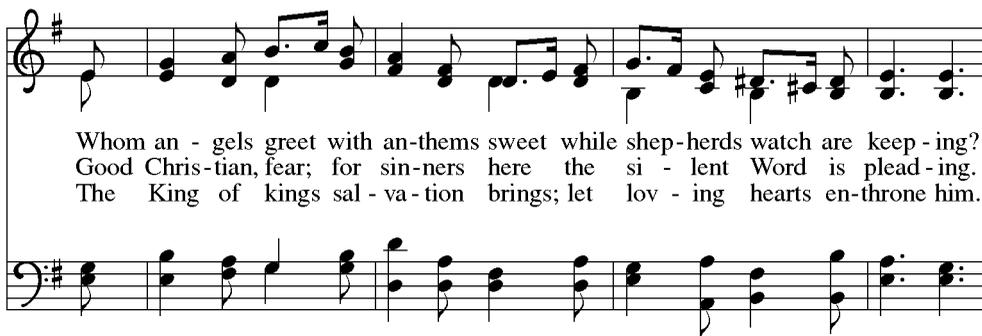
## OFFERTORY

*What Child Is This*

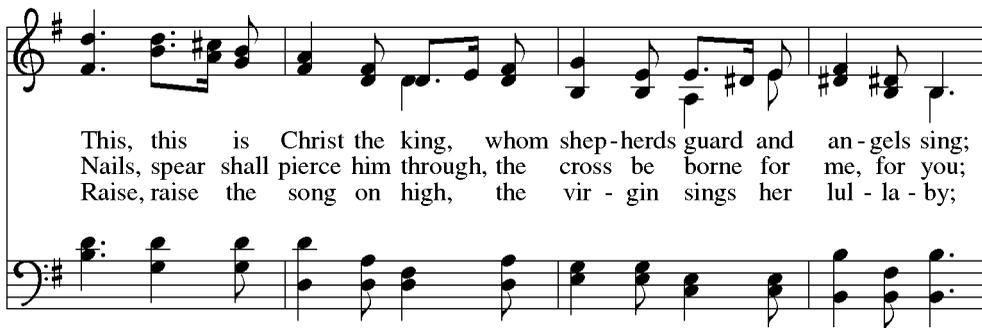
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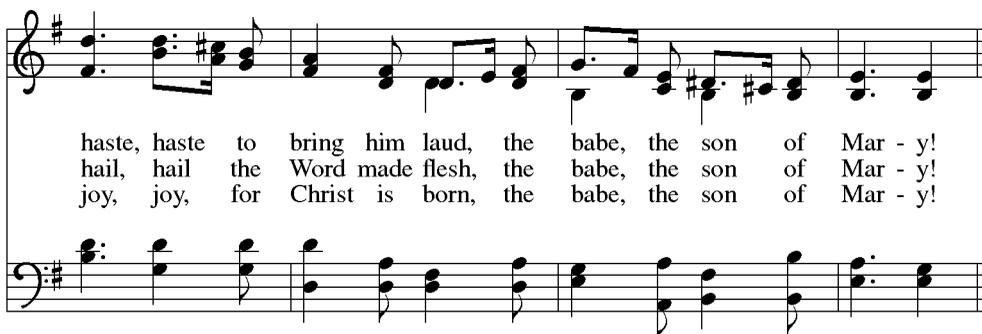
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;  
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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, ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, ... 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**

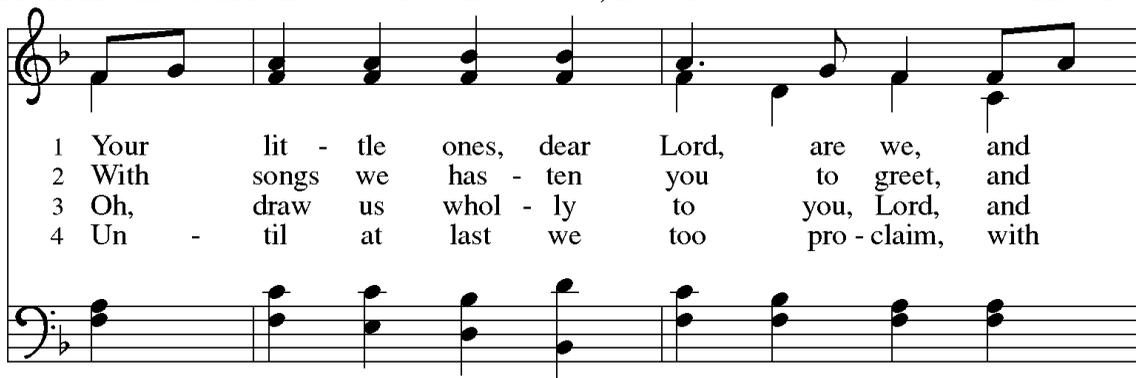
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

### **COMMUNION**

*All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion, regardless of church affiliation. Receive our crucified and resurrected Lord in the bread and wine of this meal. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available from the server by request.*



1 Your lit - tle ones, dear Lord, are we, and  
 2 With songs we has - ten you to greet, and  
 3 Oh, draw us whol - ly to you, Lord, and  
 4 Un - til at last we too pro - claim, with



come your low - ly bed to see; en - light - en ev - 'ry  
 kiss the ground be - fore your feet. Oh, bless - ed hour, oh,  
 to us all your grace ac - cord; true faith and love to  
 all your saints, your glo - rious name; in par - a - dise our



soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.  
 sweet - est night that gave you birth, our soul's de - light.  
 us im - part, that we may hold you in our heart.  
 songs re - new, and praise you as the an - gels do.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from  
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

## TABLE BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our redeemer,  
you have fed us at this table  
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.  
As you have gathered us in joy,  
send us forth as messengers of your peace.  
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,  
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### BLESSING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

**Praise God, all creatures here below!**

You are the shepherds telling the story.

**We tell it in the streets and across the land.**

You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

**We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.**

You are the angels announcing peace.

**We live with joy and go now in peace.**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN***Angels We Have Heard on High*

ELW 289

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****DISMISSAL**

Christ the Savior is born!

Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

**Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE***Angels We Have Heard on High*

Robert Buckley Farley

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

**For needs to be met:** Luke B, Krissi, Ryan C, Liz S, Jerry, Brian, Debbie E, Anita B, JP, Kenzie, Debbie, LaVerne, Addie S, Tera S, Karen R, Kim S, Jacob H, Maria, Allie H, Michele G, Nancy A, Nicole C, Ed K, Eric Mc, Baby Finleigh, Carly S, Larry S, Diane D, Noelle B-N, Dale R, Dave A, Shane, Laura W, Alice B, Mary S, Andrew P, Kellie, Greg H, Sue C, Dottie Z, Larry W, Gary, Katie L, Laura, Mark, Sandy & Joe W, Manny, Stacia, Brian.

**For our partner churches in the Meru Diocese in Tanzania:**

For much needed rain and God's continued blessings on our partnership.

**For those serving in the military:** Gary Bjerke, Jim Kieso Jr, Daniel Krueger, Alexander Maxwell, S. Kate Zelinger.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Friendship Pads**

Please be sure to sign in on the friendship pads located in each pew.

### **50+ Anniversary**

We give thanks for Ed and Arlene Raether. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on December 28!

### **Thank You to The Amigos**

The Worship Team extends their gratitude to the Amigos for their devoted work on the Christmas decor in the church, and on our grounds. Wreaths, trees, lights, banners, and stars would not be part of our worship experience without the many hours The Amigos dedicate to assisting with our Advent and Christmas designs.

### **Poinsettia and Christmas Decorations**

The Worship Committee was overjoyed at the abundant gifts given for our Christmas decor of poinsettia plants, wreaths, and trees. Poinsettias were delivered to our homebound members, and we received their heartfelt thanks. Poinsettias in the church will be available to take home, especially for those of you who contributed. Please feel free to pick them up after the New Year's Day service or stop by Cloninger Hall anytime beginning the afternoon of Tuesday, January 3. Again, our thanks for your generosity in making our worship space so beautiful and that memorialized so many of our loved ones.

## **Our Monthly Book Club**

First Tuesday Book Club meets on the First Tuesday of every month and this month will be held on January 3 at 9:30 a.m. Please watch for more information on this ministry.

## **Forever Forty Planning 2023**

Forever Forty will be meeting at church on Saturday, January 21, for the annual chili dump/event planning for the 2023 year. Bring enough chili for two to three people and an item to share. Examples of an item to share are, sour cream, chopped onions, bread, butter, juice, soda or dessert. Everyone is welcome. Please join us and bring your events, ideas, and suggestions. Let's make it a great year of new adventures! Please contact Fran Parson by January 16, for your reservations and the item you will be sharing. She can be reached at 414-840-1625, or [fclparson@gmail.com](mailto:fclparson@gmail.com).

## **Penny War**

The Youth of St. Luke's are challenging the congregation to a Penny War during the month of January. All proceeds raised will be donated to Tanzania to purchase beans and maize for the children, families and friends impacted by the drought. The brave volunteers who are willing (?!?) to risk the potential "reward" of a pie in the face during the Education Hour will unveiled January 1<sup>st</sup> at the table in the Narthex and announced in a weekly Connections afterwards. The "winner" of the honor will be the one with the highest points total at the end of January. Paper (bills and checks) & electronic giving will be positive points and noisy money (coins) will be negative points. Reminder to our clever youth, only legal tender counts toward point totals (Sorry! Monopoly bills and hand drawn bills – although clever - do not count in the point totals).

## **Urgent Request from the Hope Center, Keep People Warm.**

With the extreme cold temperatures, they are in need of the following items to help keep our friends on the street as warm as possible throughout the night: hand and body warmers, heavy duty waterproof winter gloves (sizes M-XL), long underwear, men's and women's (sizes M-XL), adult snow pants/snowsuits, warm blankets, thick warm socks, gas cards, tents, tarps, and sleeping bags. Donations can be dropped off Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call their office at (262) 549-8726 if you need to drop off outside of hours.

## **Join Search Bible Study!**

Grow in faith and engage in great conversations. Join us at Search Bible Study, in the Hospitality area, Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

## **Vans Are Running Again**

We are excited for the return of drivers to aid our members that may not be able to make it to in-person services. Drivers will pick up for the 10:30 a.m. service and will run January 8. Check the bulletins for future dates. If you need a ride to service, call the church office, (262) 542-2545, no later than the Thursday of the week you wish a ride at 4:00 p.m. to get your name on the list to be pick up for that Sunday.

## **Support the Food Pantry**

You can make monetary donations to the pantry through their website. Leaders of the pantry want us to know that canned fruits and veggies along with soups have been limited the last few months. When shopping for yourself, pick up some for our neighbors and drop them in the food pantry barrels as you leave the grocery store, or bring to church to drop in the cart by door 2. The pantry is also experiencing a shortage of baby wipes and diapers (especially size 3, 4, 5, and 6.)

## **Food Pantry Delivery**

Many of you are bringing food items for the Waukesha Food Pantry. Help deliver the donations to the pantry each week. It takes less than an hour.. If interested in adding your name to the list of volunteers, please sign up at Signup Central. In January, a schedule will be sent out with the weekly assignments and contacts for a substitute if you're not able to make the delivery. Special thank goes out to Carolynn Fish and the Amigos for their diligent delivery of items over the past many months. Kudos to you! Your service was much appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Wood at 262-542-5118.

## **Exciting News! One More Way We Can Help Tanzania**

You can sponsor the Mt. Meru Hospitality Coffee Hour. Orders can be placed for a 5 x 7 table tent to be placed on the tables during coffee hour to honor, remember, or celebrate someone or something special in your life. Sponsor 2 weeks for \$25 or 1 month for \$45 to benefit the Tanzania coffee project. Sign up now to reserve your spot by contacting Sandy Hendrickson at (262) 613-0610 or shendrickson504@gmail.com.

## **Sew With Us**

Please join Needle and Thimble on Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., except for this week. We meet every week unless there is no school. Everyone is welcome. You do not need to be able to sew, as there are other things that can be done. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Please call Marilyn Olson if you have any questions, (262) 547-7818.

## **Knit While You Pray**

Please join us for Prayer Shawl Ministry held the first and third Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. We are looking to grow our ministry. If you do not know how to knit or crochet, we would be happy to teach you. Attendance is not required. You can donate items made at home: Prayer Patches, Prayer Shawls, and Lap Robes. Please call Gloria at (262) 547-8096 if you have any questions.

## **Online Giving**

To start giving electronically or make changes to your existing on-line giving, please log on to our website and click on the "Online Giving" tab on the far right. You can also fill out the paper authorization form and return it to the church office. Paper authorization forms are available at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

## **2023 Financial Inquiry Meeting**

If you'd like to know more about the finances and proposed 2023 budget of the congregation, please attend the 2023 Financial Inquiry Meeting. It will be held February 5, between services, in the Martin Luther Chapel. Members of the Finance and Budget Committee will be present to take your questions.

## **2023 Annual Meeting Announced**

St. Luke's Lutheran's Annual Meeting will be held February 12, 2023, between services in the sanctuary. Each year, we hold the annual meeting to complete elections, present and approve an annual budget, and more.

## **Community Meal**

We are also excited to be continuing our Thursday evening community meal from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. We provide a healthy meal for our families and youth every Thursday between youth choir rehearsals. All are welcome to join us for this time together.

## **Prayer Ministry**

How can we pray for you, a friend or a loved one? Our Prayer Team is ready to pray for you during the trials and joys of daily life. If you or someone you know needs prayer for any reason, or if you have any questions, please contact Laurie Rohrwasser. Perhaps there is someone you know who could use a note of encouragement or get well wishes. She'd like to know that also.

## **Extending Care for You**

Our pastors make regular visits and phone calls to people in need of care. If you would like pastoral care, please call the church office at (262) 542-2545. This is especially important if you are going through life-transitions, illness, or trauma. If you change your address or enter a care facility or rehab center, please update the church office with your contact information.

## **Fall 2023 Preschool Enrollment Time!**

It may be chilly outside, but January and February are the hottest months for preschool registration! If your child will be 2, 3, or 4 years of age by 9/1/23, this information is for you! Now is the time to call with your questions and to arrange a visit before the registration process begins. All classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Preschool enrollment dates are as follows:

**January 9-11:** Priority registration days for families with children currently enrolled in the Preschool program.

**January 18:** Registration for St. Luke's church members, families with children currently enrolled in the Child Care program at St. Luke's, and families who have had children in our preschool program in past years.

**February 1:** Enrollment is open to the community. Spread the word!

## **Save the Dates and Tell Your Friends!**

St. Luke's Preschool features small class sizes, weekly music classes, Bible stories and songs, Chapel Chats with a pastor, service projects, Pre-K readiness, field trips, and much more. More details can be found at [www.stlukeslutheran.org](http://www.stlukeslutheran.org). Children entering the 3 and 4 - Year classes must be toilet trained. Classes follow the school year calendar, and the following options will be available for fall 2023:

**2 Years Old** (by 9/1/23): First Steps to Preschool – Classes meet 1 morning a week - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (child must be accompanied by an adult).

**3 Years Old** (by 9/1/23): Classes meet 2 mornings a week - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**4 Years Old** (by 9/1/23): Classes meet 2 or 3 mornings a week - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Many families choose to attend our Preschool in the morning and our School District of Waukesha 4K in the afternoon!

Contact Liz at 262-522-6747 or [landerson@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:landerson@stlukeslutheran.org) to learn how your child or grandchild can be a part of the St. Luke's Preschool experience!

## This Week at St Luke's

### Sunday, January 1

9:00 a.m. Worship

### Monday, January 2

Office Closed

6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

### Tuesday, January 3

8:30 a.m. Needle and Thimble

9:30 a.m. First Tuesday Book Club

4:00 p.m. O.A.

### Wednesday, January 4

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Companions in Ministry

6:00 p.m. Godsbells

6:30 p.m. N.A.

7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

### Thursday, January 5

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl

4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

5:00 p.m. Community Meal

### Saturday, January 6

No Service

### Sunday, January 7

8:15 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Cinnamon Rolls

9:15 a.m. DT Training

9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee

9:30 a.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Van Pick Up

10:30 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Men's AA

## Serving Today

Presiding

Music

Assisting Minister

Lector

Communion Assistants

Altar Care

Usher

Rev. Jordan

Gene Traas

Daniel Jorvig

Kathy Fontaine

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Jay Fontaine

Brianna Ortega