



First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 29, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Waukesha, WI

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

First Weekend of Advent

Saturday, November 29, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Holden Evening Prayer with Holy Communion

Notes for Worship

- Hymns: ELW: cranberry ACS purple.
- Individually wrapped gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.
- 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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *An Advent Improvisation*

PROCESSION *Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the World*

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EVENING HYMN *Joyous Light*

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EVENING THANKSGIVING *May God Be With You All*

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PSALM 141 *Let My Prayer Rise Up Like Incense*

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part 1: treble voices; part 2: low voices

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light one candle for one God,

The one who comes to us as a baby, swaddled and wailing.

We light one candle for one hope, one light, one salvation.

We light one candle to say YES to the invitation

to participate in the story of God's people.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

² In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
⁴ He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.
⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 122

Read responsively by verse

¹ I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
² **Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
³ Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;
⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**
⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.
⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:**
“May they prosper who love you.
⁷ Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.
⁸ **For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**
⁹ Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY *All Earth Is Hopeful*

ELW 266



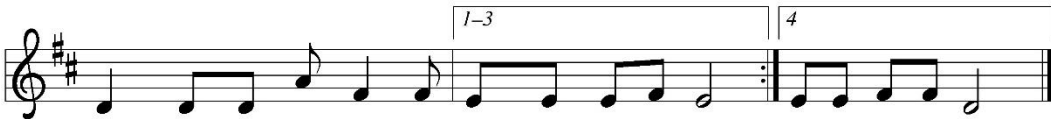
1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



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



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



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.

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples, ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Jordan

TIME OF SILENCE

THE ANNUNCIATION *The Light Shines in the Darkness*

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THE MAGNIFICAT *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness*

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LITANY AND PRAYERS *God of Mercy, Hold Us In Love*

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MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

OFFERING *Lost in the Night*

Kyle Haugen
Jill Larson, soprano

NOVEMBER MISSION: ELCA World Hunger and Waukesha Food Pantry: During the month of Thanksgiving, we are motivated to share a portion of the gifts we have received from God with others, so they too receive the gift of food. The ELCA World Hunger program is highly regarded in its effectiveness of its ministry as is the Waukesha Food Pantry in its ministry to Waukesha residents.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of every good gift, ... Grant us glad and generous hearts, ever and always,
Amen.

Two Options to Use Your Phone to Give



1. Point your QR reader at the left QR graphic where you can login and track your giving. Or visit stlukeslutheran.org and click the Online Giving tab on the right side of the page.
2. Point your QR reader at the right QR graphic to make an **online one-time** gift. Or visit omella.com/o/izfds.



DIALOGUE

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

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 Lord in the bread and wine of this meal. Juice and individually wrapped, gluten-free wafers are available from the server by request.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS Blessed Be the God of Israel

ELW 250



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Christ Jesus, ... to be forces for change in this world, as we find the YES within each of us,
Amen.

SENDING

FINAL BLESSING *Let Us Bless Our God*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Creator of the Stars of Night*

Thomas Keesecker

*** Please return your Holden Evening Prayer booklet for continued use in worship ***

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Sympathy: For the families of Anita Huntington and Joan Bucy

For needs to be met: For peace among nations, for our country, for those impacted by natural disasters, (especially those impacted by hurricanes and typhoons,) teachers, students, and parents, first responders, for all who struggle with uncertainty, caregivers, Hope Center, Bishop Curry, David M, Donna L, Baby W, Pam G, Joan B, Brad S, Kenzie D, Ian L, John K, Rusty B, Tim M, Sway S, Dakota, Dale R, Sally, Trina F, Matt F, Paul M, Linda M, Chris R, Karen R, Shari H, Joyce, Shane R, Kathi, Mike M, Jan C, Annette E, Dan D, Kayla, Kevin, Mary M, Dawn TW, Dave, Jamie F, Shelby H, Alexis M, Kim GM, Kristen, Pat H, John F, Jan N, Annette W, Anna and Don F, Bunnie Dave M, Chris B, Katie L, Chuck, Andy S, Kathy J, Michael B, Bob, Kathy, Barb C, Carey, Dave, Betty, Lisa S, Isabella, Connor W, Liz S, Terri I, Judy, Janet J, Mark, Lisa E, Dave S, and Vi E.

For our partner churches in the Meru Diocese in Tanzania: For the challenges they face. For God's continued blessings on our partnership

For those serving in the military: Gary Bjerke, Owen Hager, Jim Kieso Jr, Daniel Krueger, and Dmitriy Lando.

NOTES FOR WORSHIP

- Need to enter/leave the sanctuary while the service is underway? Please find times that are least distracting to others to do so. Appropriate times could be during a hymn, the peace, or the offering. Please try to avoid movement during divine moments of sacred action (when God has promised to be among us in special ways): in the reading/preaching of Scripture and in the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. And remember, there is a lot of grace for families and small children – their voices, wiggles, unexpected movements are part of the joy of living in community together.

- Our 8:15 a.m. services are livestreamed to the web via Facebook and our website, where they are archived for later viewing. Leaders and active assistants/participants in the service appear in the livestream. It is also possible that you and/or your children may be seen in our livestream.
- Please wear a nametag, especially to welcome visitors. It's another way we can be welcoming and help us to say hello to each other!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Pads

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

Ambo Flowers

This weekend's flowers are given by Dave and Julie Doepke for the many blessings of their church community.

Hospitality Thank You

November Mt. Meru Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Generosity Team.

Bring Your Nativity Set to Church

Time to start looking for your nativity set! At worship services December 6 and December 7, we will again be blessing each of our nativities. We invite everyone to bring their sets to church beginning Wednesday, December 3. Tables will be arranged at the front of the sanctuary so you can display your set that weekend. Please start thinking about where you placed your nativity after last season. Plan to bring it to worship and have it blessed so that it might be a sign of Christ's presence in your home.

Kwik Trip Cards Fundraiser

This is an on-going year-round fundraiser for the youth. If you frequent Kwik Trip on a regular basis, please consider purchasing gift cards through St. Luke's to use for your gas and grocery purchases. The youth will get a portion of your everyday purchases. In addition to the gift, gas and grocery cards, we also have 5-count car wash cards available. Cards are available for purchase either via order form, available on the Welcome Station or directly from the stock Sunday mornings. Additional denominations are available upon request, usually within 2 weeks of the order. Contact Cari (youth@stlukeslutheran.org) with any questions or to order cards. Christmas is around the corner. KwikTrip gift cards make a great gift and support youth activities. We will be placing the next special order on December 3 for mid-December arrival.

Angel Tree – Thank You

The Angel Tree wishes have all been claimed and we are so grateful for the generosity St. Luke's has showed for Hadfield and other Waukesha community families. As a reminder, all unwrapped gifts need to be returned to church by the weekend of December 6/7. Important: When you return your gift, PLEASE attach the angel tag to it. You are also welcome to send along wrapping paper or boxes. Thank you again for the love you shared.

Join Us for Search Bible Study

Join PJ for Search Bible Study on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. Grow in faith and engage in great conversations.

Assisting Minister Training

Assisting ministers play a beautiful role in worship. They remind us that every baptized person shares in the priesthood of all believers. When you serve alongside our clergy, you help show that worship is something we all do together as the body of Christ. We'd love for you to be part of this ministry! Training Details: Date: Monday, December 15, Time: 5:30 p.m. Who: Current assisting ministers and anyone interested in joining. If you already serve and can't make it, please email PJ. If you're curious about serving, this is the perfect time to learn and get started. Come and see how you can make a meaningful difference in worship!

Good Samaritan Fund Matching Fund Challenge

Did you know that St. Luke's has a Good Samaritan Fund? This fund is used at the discretion of the pastors and provides emergency assistance to individuals and families in need. In these challenging times, we have seen a steady uptick in requests for help. A generous member has indicated they will match donations made to this fund, up to \$1000. Special gifts towards this matching fund challenge will be accepted now through December 31st. When donating, please indicate on your check and/or envelope memo line "Good Samaritan Matching Fund."

CLM Scrip Fundraiser

We have some exciting news! Our St. Luke's Child Life Ministries Scrip Account through RaiseRight is active! What is Scrip? It's a place where you can purchase gift cards and CLM will get a portion of your purchase kicked back! Going shopping? Get a gift card to pay for your purchase and donate to CLM at the same time, it's that easy! You can order your gift card and have it instantly available to use, right from your phone. There are two easy ways to sign up, follow this link OR scan the QR code. Share with your friends and relatives by sending them a text or email! There's no cost or upcharge, just purchasing gift cards that helps CLM. <https://www.raiseright.com/enroll?enrollCode=FD7A8962586>



This Week at St Luke's

Sunday, November 30, 2025

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, December 1, 2025

8:00 a.m. Amigos

6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

9:30 a.m. 1st Tuesday Book Club

6:00 p.m. Theology Uncorked

6:30 p.m. Welcome to the Font

7:00 p.m. W.C.U. Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

1:00 p.m. Search Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Godsbells

6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training

7:00 p.m. N.A.

7:00 p.m. Square Dancers

7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, December 4, 2025

1:00 p.m. The Gathering

4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

5:00 p.m. Community Meal

7:00 p.m. The Broad Highway A.A.

Saturday, December 6, 2025

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship

9:20 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Executive Committee

6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Serving this Weekend:

	5:00	8:15	10:30
Presiding:	Pastor Jordan	Pastor Hooper	Pastor Hooper
Preaching:	Pastor Jordan	Pastor Hooper	Pastor Hooper
Music:	Michael Schaner	Michael Schaner	Michael Schaner
Cantor:	Jill Larson		
Assisting Minister:	Dan Jorvig	Jim Kieso	Steve Wiley
Lector:	Jean Binner	Patti Walkowicz	Lori Chandler
Bread Baker:	Debbie Kuechler	Debbie Kuechler	Debbie Kuechler
Acolyte:	Ryan Kaminski	Gavin Harris	Jon Klawiter
Communion Asst:	Kathy Fontaine	Mark Bjerke	Tracy Craft
Altar Care:	Susan Klabunde	Trudy Staffeldt	Rusty & Kathi Bartelmas
Ushers:	Harold Bloch	Wendy Bacon	Janet Steinquist
	Susan Klabunde	Jay Fontaine	Curt Steinquist
		Kathy Fontaine	Debbie Knee
		Trudy Staffeldt	Kathy Fontaine
Worship Tech:		Braden Davis	