



Second Sunday of Christmas

Saturday, January 3, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 4, 2026, 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Waukesha, WI

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



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, ... lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
 and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
 proclaim, give praise, and say,
 "Save, O Lord, your people,
 the remnant of Israel."

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north

and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back;
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path where they shall not stumble,
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him
and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock."

¹¹ For the Lord has ransomed Jacob
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy;
I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴ I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *spoken responsively*

Psalm 147:12-20

- ¹²Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion,
¹³**who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.**
¹⁴God has established peace on your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
¹⁵**God sends out a command to the earth,
a word that runs very swiftly.**
¹⁶God gives snow like wool,
scattering frost like ashes.
¹⁷**God scatters hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand against God's cold?**
¹⁸The Lord sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.
¹⁹**God declares the word to Jacob,
statutes and judgments to Israel.**
²⁰The Lord has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Angels We Have Heard on High*

ELW 289

Refrain

Glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -
ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

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

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

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

ELW 295



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

MEAL

OFFERING *Caprice on 'Greensleeves'*

Brenda Portman

JANUARY MISSION: LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: This organization of the ELCA brings God's hope, healing, and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disaster in the United States and around the world.

Two Options to Use Your Phone to Give



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2. Point your QR reader at the right QR graphic to make an **online one-time** gift. Or visit omella.com/o/izfds.



OFFERING PRAYER

God of glory, ... of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

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 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 *Love Has Come*

ELW 292



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!



- 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!

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Incarnate God, ... love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

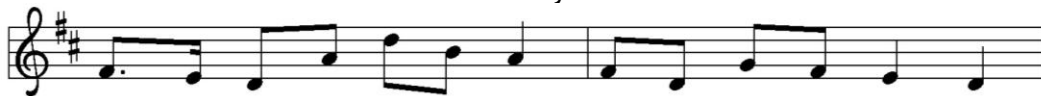
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The triune God, ... abiding Comforter, ✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

Amen.



1 Cold De - cem - ber flies a - way at the rose - red splen - dor.
 2 In the hope - less time of sin shad - ows deep had fall - en.
 3 Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world a - wak - ens.



A - pril's crown - ing glo - ry breaks while the whole world won - ders
 All the world lay un - der death. Eyes were closed in sleep - ing.
 In the lil - y's pur - est flow'r dwells a won - drous fra - grance.



at the ho - ly un - seen pow'r of the tree which bears the
 But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose gold - en
 And it spreads to all the earth from the mo - ment of its



flow'r. On the bless - ed tree blooms the red - dest flow'r. On the tree blooms the
 light brings un - end - ing joy, brings the end - less joy of our hope, high - est
 birth; and its beau - ty lives. In the flow'r it lives, in the flow'r, and it



rose here in love's own gar - den, full and strong in glo - ry.
 hope, of our hope's bright dawn - ing, Son be - lov'd of heav - en.
 spreads in its heav'n - ly bright - ness sweet per - fume de - light - ful.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God's people on earth!

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

Thanks be to God.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Sympathy: For the family of Kathie Whettam

For needs to be met: For peace among nations, for our country, for those impacted by natural disasters, teachers, students, and parents, first responders, for all who struggle with uncertainty, caregivers, Hope Center, Bishop Curry, Patsy H, April, Sarah E, James, Shane R, Karen R, Anthony Y, Jose G, David M, Debby B, Isabella, Steve, Karen R, Judy W, Pat H, Harold B, Joan B, Donna L, Sai R, Baby W, Joan B, Brad S, Kenzie D, John K, Tim M, Rusty B, Sway S, Dakota, Ian L, Dale R, Sally, Paul M, Linda M, Chris R, Mike M, Kathi, Joyce, Jan C, Annette E, Dan D, Kayla, Kevin, Dawn TW, Mary M, Dave, Jamie F, Pat H, Shelby H, Alexis M, Kim GM, Kristen, 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 to the Glory of God.

Hospitality Thank You

January's Mt. Meru Coffee Hour is sponsored by Chris Jackson for God's blessings and hope in the new year and peace to all.

Installation Service Scheduled

Bishop Paul Erickson of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA will install Pastor Maren Hooper as Associate Pastor of St. Luke's, Sunday, January 18. To celebrate, the congregation will hold one service that weekend: Sunday, January 18 at 9:15 a.m. There will be no Saturday night service that weekend. A meal and time of hospitality will follow.

Help Hadfield Children

The Children at Hadfield need winter gear. There is a posterboard in the Welcome Center that has tags for the different sizes and items that are needed. Please take a tag and return the item in the Hadfield box in the Welcome Center. Here are the items that are needed.

Boots

Girls size 3.5/4

Boys 9/10(adult)

Girls size 13

Girls size 3

Boys size 12

Boys size 5

Girls size 1

Boys size 3 (x3)

Snow Pants

Both genders 8/10

Both genders 14/16

Sweatpants

Boys 4/5 & 8/10 preferably with ties

Leggings

Girls 4/5 & 8/10

Snow Gloves

Both genders all sizes

Good Samaritan Fund Matching Challenge Update

We are continually amazed by the generosity of this congregation! Through 12/31, offerings were sent in for the Good Samaritan Match in the amount of \$2,565. The member who initiated the match challenge generously doubled the offer of the \$1,000 match to \$2,000. In total, we collected \$4,565 in the month of December to help individuals and families struggling in our community – outstanding! Through your continued stewardship, St. Luke's is truly helping people make life-changing connections with God through Jesus Christ. Thank you!

This Week at St Luke's

Sunday, January 4, 2026

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
 9:15 a.m. Discipleship Training
 Youth Group
 11:30 a.m. Executive Committee
 6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, January 5, 2026

8:00 a.m. Amigos
 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble
 9:30 a.m. 1st Tuesday Book Club
 7:00 p.m. Waukesha C.U.R.

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

1:00 p.m. Search Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training
 6:30 p.m. Godsbells Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. N.A.

7:00 p.m. SquareDancers
 7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, January 8, 2026

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

Saturday, January 10, 2026

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, January 11, 2026

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
 9:15 a.m. Cinnamon Roll Sunday
 9:15 a.m. Discipleship Training
 Youth Group
 9:20 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee
 9:30 a.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsals
 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 Jordan	Pastor Jordan
Music:	Michael Schaner	Michael Schaner	Michael Schaner
Assisting Minister:	Darius Outlaw	Jim Kieso	Curt Steinquist
Lector:	Dan Jorvig	Diane Voit	Chris Jackson
Bread Baker:	Jeanette Bjerke	Jeanette Bjerke	Jeanette Bjerke
Acolyte:	Nayeli Stangl	Olivia Houle	Ryan Kaminski
Communion Asst:	Jody Geibl	Ginny Dietzler	Laura Cameron
Altar Care:	Susan Klabunde	Jay & Kathy Fontaine	Diana Lando
Ushers:	Dan Jorvig	Wendy Bacon	Kevin & Jennifer Thorstad
	Susan Klabunde	Kathy Fontaine	Luke Thorstad
		Jay Fontaine	Mark & Susan Perry
		Trudy Staffeldt	
		Braden Davis	
Worship Tech:			