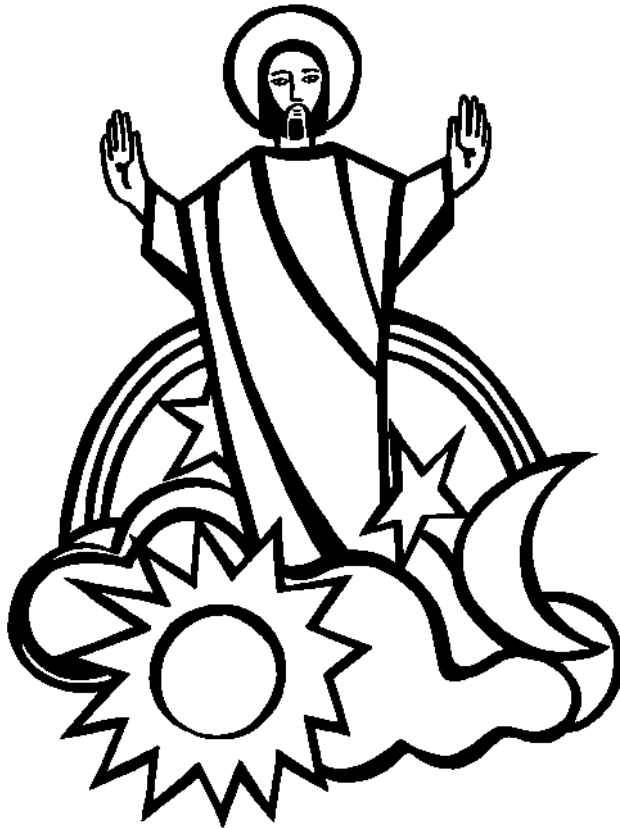


# 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2023



**St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
2695 Luther Drive | Chambersburg, Pennsylvania | 17202

*“SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”*

## WELCOME

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

### PRELUDE

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Lani Smith

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

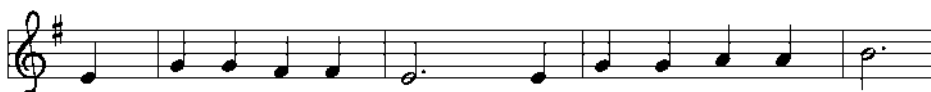
### OPENING HYMN

*Fling Wide the Door*

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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

### KYRIE



- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.  
Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth;  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise,  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

*Response after the reading:* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

*Spoken responsively by whole verse*

- <sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.  
<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**  
<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.  
<sup>4</sup>**O Lord God of hosts, how long will your anger fume  
when your people pray?**  
<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.  
<sup>6</sup>**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**  
<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.  
<sup>17</sup>**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**  
<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your name.  
<sup>19</sup>**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

## SECOND READING

I Corinthians 1:3-9

*Response after the reading:* Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## **GOSPEL**

Mark 13:24-37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark:  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Glory to you, O Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

ELW 244

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 power of 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

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**ANTHEM** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* by Charles Wesley, W. Walker

# OFFERING

**OFFERTORY**      *Contemplation*      Stephen Scott

**OFFERTORY HYMN**      *He Came Down*      ELW 253

## OFFERING PRAYER

# THE 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 him thanks and praise.**

*The presiding minister continues:* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff ends with a whole note, the second with a half note, the third with a half note, and the fourth with a double bar line.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
**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**

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table! Please join us by coming up the center aisle and receiving the bread from the Pastor. Then you may choose to receive the wine from the common cup, or by picking up an empty cup and receiving the wine from one of the two pouring chalices. Filled cups of grape juice are available alongside the empty cups.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*This Little Light of Mine*  
Soloist: James Martin

ELW 257 (vs. 1 & 2), 593, 438, 661  
by Jacqueline Hairston

## BLESSING

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## BENEDICTION

## SENDING HYMN

*The King Shall Come*

ELW 260

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

William Henry Monk



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Sundays - 10:00 am Holy Communion  
Wednesdays - 11:00 am Holy Communion & Healing  
-7:00 pm Prayer & Share via Zoom  
Faith Formation/Christian Education - Sundays, 8:45 am