

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 2024



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

“SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

*O house of Jacob, come,
Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen*

PRELUDE

Creator of the Stars of Night

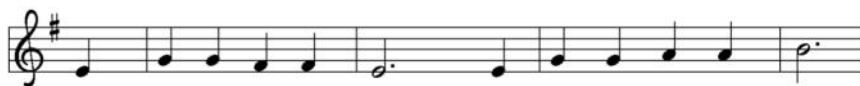
Arr. Robert Lau

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

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!

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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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

PSALM 25:1-10

Sung responsively by whole verse.



- 1 To | you, O Lord,
I lift | up my soul.
- 2 **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**
- 3 Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
- 4 **Show me your | ways, O Lord,
and teach | me your paths.**
- 5 Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.
- 6 **Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**
- 7 Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good-
| ness, O Lord.
- 8 **You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**
- 9 You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.
- 10 **All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.**

SECOND READING

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

Luke 21:25-36

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY *Creator of the Stars of Night*

ELW 245



APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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,
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

Lord in your mercy, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM *People Get Ready, w/ This Train* Curtis Mayfield/Sheldon Curry

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Advent Prayer

Anthony Giamanco

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light;
 he came down that we may have peace; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
 he came down that we may have joy;

OFFERTORY 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 our 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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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

ELW 257 (vs. 1 & 2), 510, 631, 765, 616

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying

Arr. Benton Price

Today's Worship Support

Presiding Minister: Rev. Christopher Frye

Assisting Minister: Anita Walter

Lector: Craig Heckert

Communion Assistants: Michael Peters
& Heidi Frye

Acolyte: Christina Yarma

Greeters: Susan Pettyjohn
& Jon Mao

Altar Guild: Dolly & Paul Oyler

Ushers: Dick & JoAnn Wildeson

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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sundays

10:00 am Holy Communion
8:45 am Faith Formation/Christian Education

Wednesdays

11:00 am Holy Communion & Healing
7:00 pm Prayer & Share via Zoom



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