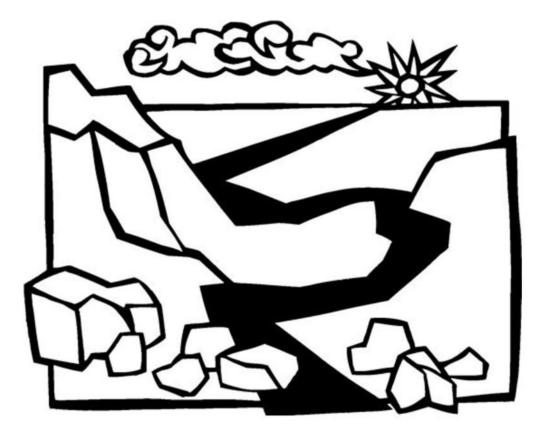
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 8, 2024



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 hope, for you promise to bring forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse who will bring justice to the poor, who will deliver the needy and crush the oppressor, who will stand as a signal of hope for all people.

As we light these candles, turn our wills to bear the fruit of repentance, transform our hearts to live in justice and harmony with one another, and fix our eyes on the root of Jesse, Jesus Christ, the hope of all nations.

O people of hope, come,

let us rejoice in the faithfulness 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 Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer. on us, 2 Have mer-cy Christ, and wash a - way our sin. on us. 3 Have mer-cy us, Lord; make sin and shame de part. on come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de - spair. We 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

Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.

PSALM—Luke 1:68-79 Sung responsively by whole verse.



⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the ¹ God of Israel, you have come to your people and ¹ set them free.

⁶⁹ You have raised up for us a ¹ mighty Savior, born of the house of your ¹ servant David.

- ⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us ¹ from our enemies,
- $^{\scriptscriptstyle 71}$ from the hands of $^{\rm I}$ all who hate us,

⁷² to show mercy ' to our forebears, and to remember your ' holy covenant.

⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our ¹ father Abraham:
 ⁷⁴ to set us free from the hands of our ¹ enemies,

free to worship you ' without fear,

- ⁷⁵ holy and righteous before you, all the days ¹ of our life.
- ⁷⁶ And you, child, shall be called the prophet of ' the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to pre- ' pare the way,
- ⁷⁷ to give God's people knowledge ' of salvation by the forgiveness ' of their sins.

⁷⁸ In the tender compassion ¹ of our God the dawn from on high shall ¹ break upon us,

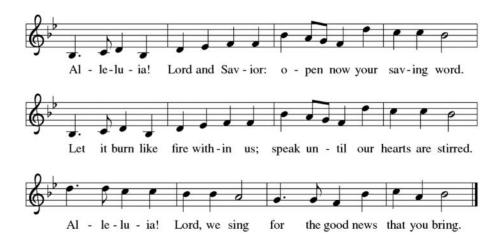
⁷⁹ to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- ¹ ow of death,

Malachi 3:1-4

SECOND READING

Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

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



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

OFFERING

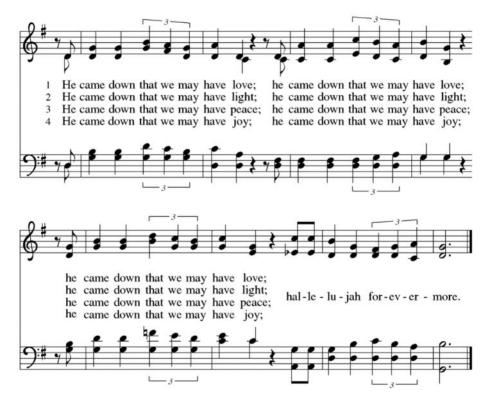
OFFERTORY

Advent Prayer

Anthony Giamanco

OFFERTORY HYMN He Came Down

ELW 253



OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

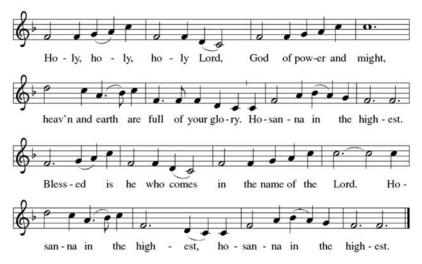
We lift them to the Lord.

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



EUCHARISTIC 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: Sue Purnell Terry Angstadt Lector: Communion Assistants: **Brad Bolinger** & Kay Gauthier Acolyte: Jon Mao Greeters: Velegai Beyan & Janet Lundblad Altar Guild: Dolly & Paul Oyler Ushers: Sue Pettyjohn & Mark Keener Offering Counters: Rick & Cindy Lawver A/V: Shelly Davies & Charles Davies

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Weekly Worship Schedule

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

Wednesdays I 1:00 am Holy Communion & Healing 7:00 pm Prayer & Share via Zoom