



SAINT LUKE CHURCH



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A warm welcome to all who gather in the name of Christ this morning. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Saint Luke Church.

Out of an abundance of caution everyone is required to wear a mask in the church and during the service.

There will be no singing by the congregation and responses and prayers should be spoken quietly.

Sharing of the Peace will be done in place and without contact. A nod toward the neighbor, a bow of the head, a wave or other signs of mutual spiritual respect can be used.

Following the service coffee will be served in the church lobby. You are cordially invited to attend.

Free parking is available in the parking garage behind the church. Enter from Melrose St. (one block north of Belmont).

If there is anything else we can do to assist your worship experience, please let the ushers know.



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ILL

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants

<i>Scott Jurkas</i>	<i>Abigail Zhang</i>	<i>Patricia Grunde</i>	<i>Janet Hagberg</i>	<i>Eva Scheffler</i>
<i>Christian Long</i>	<i>Ruth Walp</i>	<i>Jeanette Geweke</i>	<i>Judith Hoyer</i>	<i>Ruby Strobmayer</i>
<i>Rosemarie Morgen</i>	<i>Calvin Clements</i>	<i>Laurie Strobmayer</i>	<i>Dan Horton</i>	<i>Tammy Crisman</i>
<i>Tyler Hennigan</i>	<i>Mark Van Scharrel</i>	<i>Hayden Berthelot</i>	<i>Alex Rose</i>	<i>Donna Jitchotvisut</i>
<i>Logan Berdacker</i>	<i>Debbie Clark</i>	<i>Mariam Usmani</i>	<i>Anna Gutweter</i>	<i>Manny Mendoza</i>
<i>William Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>Jenny Brown-Taylor</i>	<i>Charles Aufdenkampe</i>		

the help of your power, that illness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen

FOR ADVENT

Lord God, help us to hear your voice. Touch us once again and give us the courage to be your beloved. Give us courage to choose joy. We need you now this Christmas. Be born in us again. Amen.

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commit to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad:

Nicholas Bakulinski *Jeremy Strobmayer* *Dan McCarthy* *Lucas Kratz* *Preston Larson*

Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

O God, grant us the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world free from violence, where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. Help us to devote our thoughts and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all humanity were created. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30 AM

GATHERING

Sit Prelude: Improvisation on "Creator of the Stars of Night" D. Mead

Welcome

Stand Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Entrance Hymn

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed your reign on earth begun!
You come to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression and rule in equity.

You come with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in your sight.

Kings shall fall down before you, and gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore you, your praise all people sing.
To you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
your kingdoms still increasing, a kingdom without end.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.
Let us pray...
The congregation responds: Amen

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Psalmody Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and
will not be afraid,

For the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; He has
become my salvation.

**With joy you will draw water from the
wells of salvation.**

**And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name;
make known His deeds among the nations;**

Proclaim that His name is exalted, Sing praises to the Lord, for He has
done gloriously;

let this be known in all the earth.

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

The reading concludes: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Stand HOLY GOSPEL

Please turn to face the procession as it moves to the center of the church.

The congregation sings "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" before and after the Gospel

**Light three candles to watch for Messiah, let the light banish
darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel. God fulfills the promise.**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ Saint Luke 3:7-18 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

WORD _____

Sit First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

The reading concludes: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sit Sermon

Stand Hymn of the Day

Hark, the Glad Sound

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst, the iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of His grace to'en-rich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace, your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.

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

After each petition: Lord, Listen to your children cry.
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sharing of the Peace will be done in place and without contact. A nod toward the neighbor, a bow of the head, a wave or other signs of mutual spiritual respect can be used.

M E A L _____

Sit Gathering of the Gifts

Offering for the Congregation

Anthem "Nulla in mundi pax"

Antonio Vivaldi

Nulls in mundi pax sincera sine felle; pura et vera, dulcis Jesu, est in te.
Inter poenas et tormenta vivit anima contenta casti amorous sola spe.

In this world there is no honest peace free from bitterness. It lies in You, sweet
Jesus, pure and true.

Amid pains and torments lives the soul, happy only with hope of chaste love.

Stand Presentation of the Gifts

Come, Now, O Prince of Peace

Come, now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al-so 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.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

The presiding minister continues to thank and praise God, remembering especially the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and his promise and command to celebrate this meal.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,

let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Sit

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. At the invitation of an usher, please proceed to communion at the front of the church by the center aisle and return via the side aisles.

Hymn

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard as though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown, a pulse of being stirred, a pulse of being stirred.

He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart; half-seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky of night within the heart, of night within the heart.

He comes to us in sound of seas, the ocean's fume and foam; yet small and still upon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.

He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and birth; to near within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving name, for ev'ry child of earth, for ev'ry child of earth.

He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored;
the Christ in all the scriptures shown, as yet unseen but not unknown,
our Savior and our Lord, our Savior and our Lord.

SENDING _____

Stand Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Wake, awake"

A.W. Leupold



Stephen Bouman, *Presiding Minister*
Robert Kleisch, *Assisting Minister*
Maia Surace, *Cantor*
Don Mead, *Organist*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 12, 2021



Introduction to the Day

The presence of the Lord "in your midst" in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the Lord in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with his winnowing fork in his hand, is good news – and cause for exultation – for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

Today

The third week of Advent—we are still waiting. Three of the four candles now burn in the Advent wreath in the center aisle. We know our waiting time is almost over. We see the Light coming from afar. We rejoice in his impending arrival and share our joy with those who watch with us. We recognize the Light in the words of the Baptizer and bring our lives in line with his call for repentance and service.

During this season of waiting, an important part of our liturgy is omitted. "*Glory to God in the Highest*," the great hymn of praise at the beginning of the service, was sung by the Christmas angels who announced the Savior's birth to shepherds. The waiting earth has not yet seen the angels or heard their song. We will restore this hymn to our service on Christmas Eve when we of earth will join heaven's angels in announcing the birth of the Savior.

The Altar



Looking toward the altar, the focus of attention in the chancel, we see on the frontal an unusual but fitting metaphor for our season. The hurricanes that inspired this image elicit the type of responses that should mark our Advent vigil. As a storm approaches, watchers acknowledge its power and track its passage, proclaiming to all the latest news. All those in the storm's path actively prepare for its coming. And as it approaches with awesome might and terrible power, all eyes are fixed on its progress. So are our eyes fixed on the coming King in our observance of Advent. We are ready! We are prepared! We watch and wait!

Arising from the wind and the power of the central eye of this symbol are Hebrew letters in white – Psalm 80:2, a prayer of God's ancient people, their fervent cry for deliverance: "*Stir up your power and come to save us.*" The cry from the midst of distress links us through time and space to those who first heard the words of God's promise. This phrase is repeated in prayers throughout the season, an expression of our hope in the fulfillment of our longing.



Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Service

Virtual only

10:30 p.m. Pre-service Christmas Music

11:00 p.m. Midnight Eucharist



Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion

First Sunday of Christmas

December 26

9:30 a.m. Service of Lessons and Carols



You will notice that the bales of hay forming the manger for Jesus in the stable are in the chancel. We are using the components of the manger scene as part of the Advent worship and preparation for the children of the Academy and Sunday School. This last week the animals were placed in the manger. Next week the shepherds and holy family will be placed, and the final week of Advent, the Baby. Like lighting one, then two, then three, then four Advent candles, we build anticipation as we build the space for the birth of Jesus.

Sunday School and Bible Class

- **Sunday School** is open for children of all ages, it would be wonderful to have a diverse group of youngsters. Join Teacher Rachel Bouman in Room 102 from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.
- **Bible Class** (in person) meets weekly (also from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.) on Sundays and virtually on Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.

Coffee Break

“Coffee Break” will meet **tonight** at 7:00 p.m. The link for **"Coffee Break"** is on the website at stlukechicago.org. Please pass this information on to friends and family. The discussion is lively and new faces would be welcome. *See you tonight!*



Monthly Gifts

During December we are collecting **hats, gloves and socks** to be distributed by Lakeview Pantry. Remember those who have little to keep them warm during our bitter winters; put your donation in the collection barrel in the lobby.

Bible Class



Bible Class will meet this week on **Thursday, December 16 at 12 p.m.** Bring your lunch and join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for Advent 4.

The lessons are: *Micah 5:2-5, Hebrews 10:5-10, Saint Luke 1:39-55*

The link for **"Bible Class"** can be found on the website at stlukechicago.org. Click on “Bible Class” or enter the following URL into your browser: <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>
Meeting ID: 992 4691 2627 Passcode: saintluke *See you Thursday!*

Please note: There will be no Bible Class December 23rd.

Bible Class will resume Thursday, January 6, 2022.

Regular Support for Saint Luke

The **2022 Offering Envelopes** are available for pick-up in the church lobby. Please save the congregation the expense of mailing your envelope boxes by taking a moment to get your box this morning. Please notify the church office immediately if your name and address are not correct. Thank you for your help with this vital area of Church Stewardship.

If you don't have offering envelopes and would like a box, please let the church office know. Envelopes for 2022 will be on their way to you!

The Capital Campaign Continues

We are so grateful for every donation received. Every donation, no matter the size, brings us closer to our \$250,000 goal.

Here are a few simple ways you can donate:

- Use the QR code provided below to make a donation online
- Call the church office at 773-472-3383
- Drop a check in the collection plate (using the envelope provided in the lobbies)
- Go to stlukechicago.org, click on “support Saint Luke”
- Mail a check to the church office
- Use the Kiosk in the church lobby

Please help make a difference at the Academy and the Church with a gift today.

Please note: unless you indicate otherwise, we will include your name, along with the donation amount, on our online “donor wall”.



THIS WEEK

at Saint Luke Church

SUNDAY, December 12, 2021

Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
 Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
 Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.
 Coffee Break 7:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/3FjEkI6>

Room 102 (School)
 Memorial Hall
 Church
 Church Lobby
 via Zoom

MONDAY – FRIDAY, December 13 - 17, 2021

Morning Care 7:00-8:00 a.m.
 School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
 After Care 3:30-6:00 p.m.

4th Floor
 4th Floor

TUESDAY, December 14, 2021

Capital Campaign meeting 6:30 p.m.

via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, December 15, 2021

Church Service 9:00 a.m.
 Administrative Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m.

Church
 Staff Lunch Room

THURSDAY, December 16, 2021

Bible Class 12:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>

via Zoom

SUNDAY, December 19, 2021

Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
 Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
 Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.
 Coffee Break 7:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/3FjEkI6>

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THE CHRISTMAS CHANCEL

While we will not be putting up the large poinsettia trees this year, you still have the opportunity to purchase poinsettias to place in the Chancel of the Church. Use the blank below to order a poinsettia or two in your own name or that of a loved one whom you wish to remember in a special way. Please mail it to the church office or call the office to order a poinsettia! Please place your order by Sunday, December 19, 2021.

Your Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

In Memory of _____

Or

In Honor of _____

Please indicate the amount you wish to donate for Poinsettias:

\$30.00 \$40.00 \$50.00 \$100.00

Payment type: cash check charge

Please make checks payable to Saint Luke Church.



Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

As an added convenience you may use your VISA or MasterCard.

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ CVV _____



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

HOT SOUP MISSION!

Join us at Lakeview Church Wednesday, Dec. 15th at 4:45 pm as we pack, clean, and deliver food to our neighbors at the homeless encampment at LSD

QUESTIONS? CONTACT PAUL
773-841-3702 OR LISA 773-
960-5125

