

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 5, 2021

Second 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>
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<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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30 AM

GATHERING _____

Sit Prelude: "Wake, awake" J.S. Bach

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

Prepare the Royal Highway

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:
Refrain: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing: *Refrain*

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth and love.
So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

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**

WORD _____

Sit

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

The reading concludes: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody Saint Luke 1:68-79

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,

**from the hands of all who hate us,
to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear,
holy and righteous before you, all the
days of our life.

**And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

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 two 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 3:1-6 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sit Sermon

Stand Hymn of the Day

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of Kings!

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more;
oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.

All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

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.

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MEAL _____

Sit Gathering of the Gifts *Offering for the Congregation*

Anthem "Advent Message" Martin How

Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, Amen come Lord Jesus. Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus quickly come. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert, a highway for our God. Come Lord Jesus.

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 Comfort, Comfort Now My People

"Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.
To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever.

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
calling us to true repentance, since the reign of God is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away.
Valleys, rise to greet the Savior; hills bow down in humble favor.

Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

SENDING

Stand Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "O Lord, how shall I meet you"

J.S. Bach



Stephen Bouman, *Presiding Minister*
Terry Duchow, *Assisting Minister*
Maia Surace, *Cantor*
Don Mead, *Organist*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 5, 2021



Introduction to the Day

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the Baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day. Malachi's prophesy could as easily herald the coming Lord Jesus as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of the Lord and assist all flesh in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

Today

The second week of Advent—we see the signs and prepare for the Messiah! Two of the four candles in the Advent wreath are lighted to mark the progress of the season. The lessons and hymns for the day call for active preparation. We work to make our hearts ready and thus prepare the way for the One who will come to us at Christmas as our Savior.

During the season of Advent an important part of our liturgy is omitted. "*Glory to God in the Highest*," the great hymn of praise usually sung at the beginning of the service, was the proclamation of the Christmas angels who announced the Savior's birth to shepherds. As we prepare for the coming of the Savior, we remember that earth has not yet seen the angels or heard their song. This hymn will be restored 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.



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. The first week is the stable, the next week the animals, the following week the shepherds and holy family, 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.

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
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 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



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 9 at 12 p.m.** Bring your lunch and join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for Advent 3.

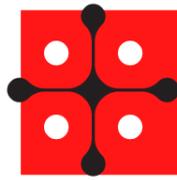
The lessons are: *Zephaniah 3:14-20, Philippians 4:4-7, Saint Luke 3:7-18*

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!*

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!



Building Connections for a Strong Community

Infrastructure, Advanced Wireless Technology &
State-of-the-Art High-Speed Internet to
seamlessly connect our community

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 church 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 5, 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 6 - 10, 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*

MONDAY, December 6, 2021

Financial Task Force Meeting 5:30 p.m.

via Zoom

TUESDAY, December 7, 2021

Academy Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

via Zoom

THURSDAY, December 9, 2021

Bible Class 12:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>
Saint Luke Academy Open House 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

via Zoom

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.
Confirmation Class 10:50 a.m.
Coffee Break 7:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/3FjEkI6>

*Room 102 (School)
Memorial Hall
Church
Church Lobby
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1218 W Addison
via Zoom*



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 _____