



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

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.

All **BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS** are welcome at the Lord's table. We all need what only Christ can give.

The people of Saint Luke Ministries, called by God's grace in Jesus Christ, are committed to share God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, to care for one another, and to serve those in need. As a **RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION**, we welcome all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions based on our belief in a radically inclusive Jesus who loved all people regardless of gender, ethnicity, race, religion, economic, social status, or physical abilities. Saint Luke Ministries strives to be a place "where all are welcomed."

Saint Luke Ministries acknowledges that it is built on the land of which many First Nation people called their home. Members of this community continue to contribute to the life of this city and to celebrate their heritage, practice, traditions, and care for the land and waterways. Therefore, we **EMBRACE OUR COMMITMENT** to Indigenous rights, racial justice, and cultural equity.

For your convenience, there are *large print copies* of the Sunday bulletin and *individual sound enhancement devices*.

The *wheelchair accessible entrance* is located on Greenview Avenue and the *wheelchair accessible lavatory* is off the left side of the church.

A section for parents with very young children is located in the back of the church. *Rocking chairs, floor cushions* and *children's booster seats* may be found in that area. *Church Activity Bags* with books and coloring materials for the very young are available from the ushers.

Sharing of the Peace is done in the way that is most comfortable to you.

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.



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Sunday, December 1, 2024

First 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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father 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

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| <i>Patricia Grunde</i> | <i>Christian Long</i> | <i>Neil Wagner</i> | <i>William Beilstein</i> | <i>Laurie Strohmayer</i> |
| <i>Steve Taylor</i> | <i>Alison Long</i> | <i>Katie Lynch</i> | <i>Marge Mead</i> | <i>Michael Holman</i> |
| <i>Mildred Wilson</i> | <i>Jablia McCain</i> | <i>Blanche Stewart</i> | <i>Stella Lackey</i> | <i>Anthony Leonard</i> |
| <i>Thetis Cromie</i> | <i>Marge Spolec</i> | <i>Jeanette Schwarz</i> | <i>Bridget Irving</i> | <i>Barbara Washington</i> |
| <i>Joyce Grosse</i> | <i>Carlos Rogal</i> | <i>Curtis Holland</i> | <i>Mark Van Scharrel</i> | <i>Joan Palumbo</i> |
| <i>Dennis Hadden</i> | <i>Joseph Glorioso</i> | <i>Sandra Glorioso</i> | <i>Juanita Siivonen</i> | <i>Tammy Crisman</i> |
| <i>Blake Murphy</i> | <i>Diane Gil</i> | <i>Patty Lumsden</i> | <i>Daniel Murov</i> | <i>Nate Ward</i> |
| <i>John Grosse</i> | <i>Andrea Schauer</i> | | | |

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

FOR ADVENT

God of Hope, we seek you. We seek you in the crude manger, a child born to save the world. May your hope be a comfort to all who long for justice. God of Hope, we seek you. May your hope fill our hearts and grace our lips so that we might reflect your hope for all the world. 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:

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| <i>Nicholas Bakulinski</i> | <i>Jeremy Strohmayer</i> | <i>Ashley Bakulinski</i> | <i>Lucas Kratz</i> | <i>Nicky Relias</i> |
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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30 AM



GATHERING

Sit Prelude: *Kylie, Couplets 1, 2, from the Mass for the Parishes* Francois Couperin

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 #436

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

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 Jeremiah 33:14-16

The reading concludes: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody Psalm 25:1-10

Chanted Responsively

To¹ you, O Lord,

I lift¹ up my soul.

My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be¹ put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph¹ over me.

**Let none who look to you be¹ put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame¹ who are treacherous.**

**Show me your¹ ways, O Lord,
and teach¹ me your paths.**

Lead me in your¹ truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all¹ the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compas-¹ sion and love,
for they are from¹ everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and¹ my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good-¹ ness, O Lord.**

**You are gracious and up-¹ right, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners¹ in your way.**

You lead the low-¹ ly in justice
and teach the low-¹ ly your way.

All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast¹ love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your¹ testimonies.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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 one candle 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 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ Saint Luke 21:25-36 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sit Sermon

Stand Hymn of the Day #709

When Our Song Says Peace

Sit Gathering of the Gifts

Offering for Children's Christmas Gift

Stand 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**

Kneel Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Lord, Listen to your children cry.

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Stand Sharing of the Peace

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

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord in a way that is most comfortable to you.

MEAL _____

Sit Gathering of the Gifts

Anthem "My Lord, What a Morning"

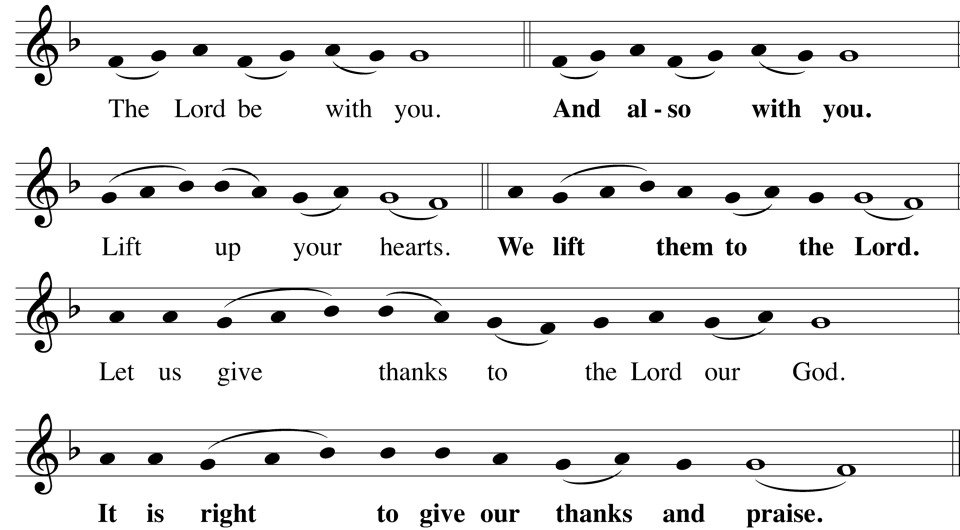
*Offering for the Congregation
(Words: ELW #438)*

Stand Presentation of the Gifts
Hymn #247

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Let us pray. God of abundance,
**we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them
our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need
until the coming of your Son, 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.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you . . .
. . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, . . .
. . . We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless . . .
. . . Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, . . .
. . . one God, now and forever.
Amen.

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 #711

O Day of Peace

SENDING

Stand Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the
hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds
and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn #262

Wait for the Lord

Benediction

Recessional Hymn #260

The King Shall Come

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Trumpet above and below"

N. Clerambault

Julie Ryan, *Presiding Minister*
Robert Kleisch, *Assisting Minister*

Maia Surace, *Cantor*
Don Mead, *Organist*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 1, 2024



Introduction to the Day

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.



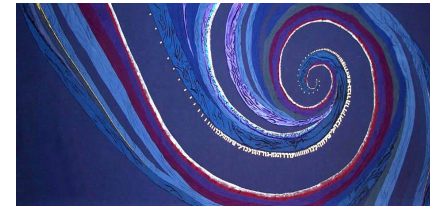
Today

Advent 1 stands on the cusp of the church year. It is that singular Sunday when we “look ahead” in two different directions. Following the recently concluded church year, we look to the fulfillment of our history when Christ returns as judge. At the same time, beginning a new church year, we look back in history to watch for the birth of the promised Messiah. The tension in this *time between the times* mirrors our existence as the redeemed awaiting redemption, the simultaneous saint and sinner. We are not quite sure where to look, backward or forward, and that is the point of the day, “Be on guard! For you do not know!”

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.

Advent Begins

Today the church throughout the world begins a month-long season of preparation for 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.



Bible Class (in person) meets weekly on Sundays from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. in Memorial Hall and virtually on Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.



Bible Class will meet this week on **Thursday, December 5 at 12 p.m.** Bring your lunch and join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for Advent 2.

The lessons are: *Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1:3-11, Saint Luke 3:1-6*

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!



December is a time for preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ and we are preparing our homes for Christmas and family celebrations. Saint Luke Academy children are learning about Christmas and preparing for their Christmas program December 18. *In church we need to prepare as well.* On Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. we will work in church to set the Christmas tree up and put the Nativity up. Would you like to help? Please put your name on the list in the Church Lobby.

We will be having an “Estate Sale” on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 & 8 and need volunteers to assist with the sale by keeping an eye on the building. Help is needed in two hour increments (or more or less, depending on your availability) on both days. Again, there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby. If you have any questions about these important dates, please see Elisabeth Stampfl or call 773.472.3383. *Thank you in advance for all your help!!*

Coffee Hour

Please stop in the Church Lobby after service today for Coffee Hour. The conversation is great, the coffee hot and the treats delicious. **We supply the coffee and a volunteer brings the treat!** Come and see what delicious offering is in store for you this week!

Thank you Patricia and Kathleen Horne, the Coffee Hour hosts this morning!

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.

Regular Support for Saint Luke

The **2025 Offering Envelopes** will be available **next week**, December 8 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.

If you don't have offering envelopes and would like a box, please let the church office know. Envelopes for 2024 will be on their way to you!

Advent Worship

Sunday Mornings: December 1, 8, 15, 22
9:30 a.m.



Wednesday Mornings: December 4, 11, 18
9:00 a.m. Worship Service and Holy Communion
Coffee and Chat immediately following the service



Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24

10:30 p.m. Pre-service Christmas Music
11:00 p.m. Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion



The First Sunday of Christmas, December 29, 2024
9:30 a.m. Service of Lessons and Carols

THIS WEEK

at Saint Luke Church

SUNDAY, December 1, 2024

Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
 Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY-FRIDAY, December 2 – 6, 2024

Extended Care 7:30-8:00 a.m. and 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.
 School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

MONDAY, December 2, 2024

Coffee Break <https://bit.ly/3Pye5l4> 1:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, December 3, 2024

Bookbugs 9:00 a.m.
 Time for Two 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, December 4, 2024

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Coffee and Chat immediately following the service
 Administrative Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m.
 Soccer Stars 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, December 5, 2024

Bookbugs 9:00 a.m.
 Time for Two 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Class 12:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>

FRIDAY, December 6, 2024

Saint Luke Academy to Greenview Place
 Santa's Family Workshop 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, December 7, 2024

Saint Luke Church Sale 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, December 8, 2024

Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
 Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.
 Saint Luke Church Sale 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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 Church
 Church Lobby

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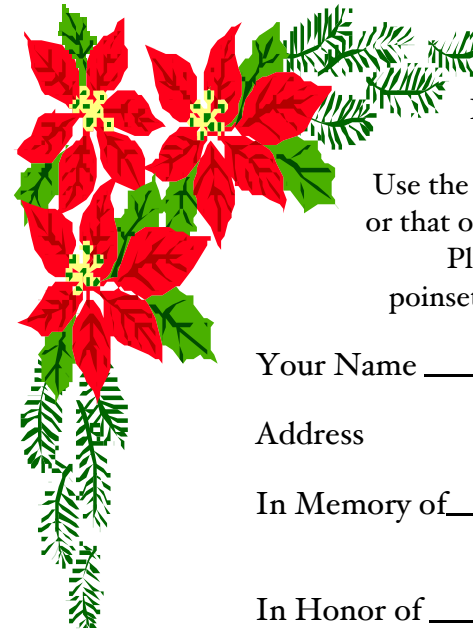
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Memorial Hall

Founders Hall

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THE CHRISTMAS CHANCEL

Poinsettias are a beautiful way to decorate the church. You may purchase poinsettias to place in the Chancel. 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 15, 2024.

Your Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

In Memory of _____

Or

In Honor of _____

Please indicate the amount you wish to donate for Poinsettias:

\$30.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 other

Payment type: cash check charge

Please make checks payable to Saint Luke Church.



Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

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

Card Number _____

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