



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.

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

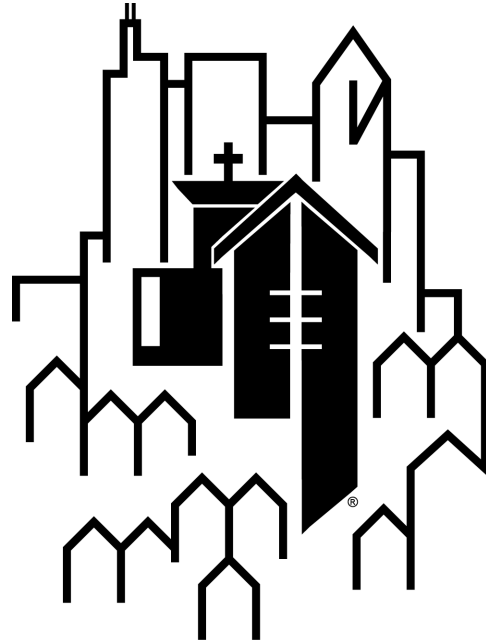
There will be no singing by the congregation and responses and prayers should be spoken quietly.

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.



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Sunday, December 19, 2021

Fourth 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. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, 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

<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>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

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. 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

Almighty God, all thoughts of truth and peace come from you. Kindle in the hearts of all your children the love of peace, and guide with your wisdom the leaders of the nations, so that your kingdom will go forth in peace and the earth will be filled with the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30 AM

GATHERING

Sit Prelude: "Savior of the nations come"

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

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon He is born, behold! The Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,
He opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever

To us, to all in sorrow and fear Emmanuel comes a-singing
His humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing;
Music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving kindness,
The thunder of His anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness

In darkest night His coming shall be, when all the world is despairing,
As morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder,
The weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless,
The rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;
May God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.

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

Micah 5:2-5a

The reading concludes: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Anthem: "Magnificat"

Herbert Howells

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For
He hath regarded: the loveliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified m: and
Holy is His name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him: throughout all
generations. He hath showed strength with His arm: He hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts. He that put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humbled and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good
things: and the rich He hath sent empty away. He remembering His mercy hath
Holden His servant Israel: as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and His
seed, forever.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

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 four 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 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ Saint Luke 1:39-55 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sit Sermon

Stand Hymn of the Day O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come
To you, O Israel.*

O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh:
In strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.

Refrain

O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of Hell your people save, and give them vic-t'ry. O'er as the grave.

Refrain

O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one:
Refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

BAPTISM

Presentation

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and
confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Chris, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

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 again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving for Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning. . .

. . .in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Baptism

Laying on of Hands

Anointing and Signing with the Cross

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the
Mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise
to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word
to all the world.**

Hymn

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

Dearest Jesus, we are here, gladly your command obeying.
With this child we now draw near in response to your own saying
that to you it shall be given as a child and heir of heaven.

Therefore we have come to you, in our arms this infant bearing;
truly here your grace we view; may this child, your mercy sharing,
in your arms be shielded ever, yours on earth and yours forever.

Now into your heart we pour prayers that from our hearts proceeded.
Our petitions heav'nward soar; may our heart's desires be heeded!
Write the name we now have given; write it in the book of heaven!

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.

MEAL

Sit Offertory "I sing of a maiden"

Patrick Hadley
(*Olde English text*):

I sing of a maiden that is makeless;
King of all kings to her son she ches.
He came all so still where His mother was,
As dew in April that falleth on the grass.
He came all so still to His mother's bower
As dew in April that falleth on the flower.
He came all so still where His mother lay,
As dew in April that falleth on the spray.
Mother and maiden was never none but she;
Well may such a lady God's mother be.

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



Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
“Most highly favored lady.” Gloria

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 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
with wings as drifted snow with eyes as flame:
“All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

“For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee;
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.
“My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name.”
Most highly favored lady. Gloria!

SENDING _____

Stand Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Grand Choeur

Cesar Franck



Stephen Bouman, *Presiding Minister*
Dale Hoiberg, *Assisting Minister*
Maia Surace, *Cantor*
Don Mead, *Organist*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 19, 2021



Introduction to the Day

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and the blessed virgin Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in the holy communion –with high delight –"we proclaim the Lord's death."

Today

On this day, the fourth and final Sunday in Advent, our wait is almost over. The long night is at its darkest, but we know that the dawn of the new order is about to break. Our weeks of preparation have steered us through the course. This is the last lap, the home stretch—and our hearts rise as we catch sight of the finish. Come, Lord Jesus. We are ready!

On this final day 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. 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.

Baptized in Christ

We welcome into the family of God, **Ruby Grace Strohmayer** baptized into the faith this morning. May Ruby Grace grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christmas Holidays

The **church and school offices** will be closed from December 27 until January 3. The offices will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022. Though the church office will not formally be open, your calls may still be directed to the church office (773.472.3383, press 1304 to leave your message with Elisabeth Stampfl).

- *Sunday School* will not meet on Sunday, December 26 and January 2. Sunday School will resume on January 9, 2022.
- *Bible Class* will not meet Thursday, December 23 or December 30. Bible Class will resume on Thursday, January 6, 2022.
- *In-Person Bible Class* will not meet on Sunday, December 26, 2021. In-Person Bible Class will resume on Sunday, January 2, 2022.

All members are reminded that the books of the congregation will be **officially closed** December 31, 2021.



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 week the shepherds and holy family were placed, and then 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!*



Poinsettias

There is still time to purchase a Poinsettia for the Christmas altar. Fill out the form found on page 20 in this bulletin and give it to Elisabeth Stampfl.

Regular Support for Saint Luke

The **2022 Offering Envelopes** are available for pick-up in the church lobby. Please take a moment to get your box and check to make sure your name and address are correct. If not, please notify the church office immediately. 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!

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

Please note: There will be no Bible Class December 23rd. Bible Class will resume Thursday, January 6, 2022.

The Campaign Continues



Building Connections for a Strong Community
Infrastructure, Advanced Wireless Technology & State-of-the-Art High-Speed Internet to seamlessly connect our community

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

So far Saint Luke members, parents and friends have raised \$63,581.99.
Your help is needed to meet our 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”.*





CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES Friday, December 24

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

Virtual only

Go to: stlukechicago.org/christmas

10:30 p.m. PreService Music

11:00 p.m. The Christ-Mass
Service of the Holy Night



CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE Saturday, December 25

9:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS December 26

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



Give Now for Tornado Relief

"By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace" (Luke 1:78-79).

On the night of Dec. 10 and early morning of Dec. 11, an outbreak of at least 30 tornadoes swept through six states. So far, 94 people are reported dead across five states, more than 80 of those in Kentucky. For those unaccounted for, search-and-rescue operations are underway. Homes and businesses were destroyed, and over 300,000 people were without electricity.

Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and other partners in the area to assess the damage and develop an immediate and a long-term response plan. Your gifts to support these response efforts will empower our partners to meet survivors' immediate and long-term needs. Given the extent of the damage, recovery will take years as thousands of homes will need to be rebuilt or repaired. With your support, Lutheran Disaster Response can accompany survivors on the long road to recovery.

Your gifts to "U.S. Tornadoes" will be used in full (100%) to help people impacted by the tornadoes until the response is complete.

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Ways to Give

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "U.S. Tornadoes" on your check memo line.

Give online at

<https://community.elca.org/USTornadoRelief>

THIS WEEK

at Saint Luke Church

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>

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

MONDAY – THURSDAY, December 20 - 23, 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

WEDNESDAY, December 22, 2021

Church Service 9:00 a.m.
 Administrative Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m.
 PreSchool Christmas Program 6:00 p.m.

Church
 Staff Lunch Room
 via Zoom

FRIDAY, December 24, 2021

Children's Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols 5:00 p.m.
 Go to stlukechicago.org/christmas
 Christ-Mass 10:30 p.m.

via YouTube
 Church

SATURDAY, December 25, 2021

Festival Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

Church

SUNDAY, December 26, 2021

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

Church
 Church Lobby
 via Zoom



Please Order TODAY!

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 _____