

Love



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE
WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS
ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,

JOHN 3:16



Welcome to St. Luke's Church Sunday, December 18, 2022

**Our Vision:
To Know God and To Make Him Known**

*Visitors are not expected to participate in the offering.
We hope you enjoy visiting with us today. Please come again soon.*

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Processional Hymn

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Chorus 1: O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Chorus 2: For He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord

Chorus 3: We'll give Him all the glory
We'll give Him all the glory
We'll give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels

O Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God, all glory in the highest

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

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Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

All: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

Collect for Purity

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Joy. We light it and the candles of Hope and Peace again as we remember that Christ will come again and bring us everlasting peace and joy. Its light is meant to remind us of the love that God has for us. Jesus shows us God's perfect love. He is God's love in human form.

The scripture states that "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Love is patient; love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful or conceited, rude or selfish. Love is not quick to take offense; it keeps no record of troubles, but rejoices in the right, the good, and the true.

There is nothing that love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith, to its hope, to its endurance. Love never ends. We light this candle today to remind us of how God's perfect love is found in Jesus.

Lighting of the Fourth Candle: The Candle of Love

**Sung: Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
 Born to set Thy people free;
 From our fears and sins release us,
 Let us find our rest in Thee.**

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Praise and Worship

“Ascribe”

Ascribe unto the Lord the glory due His Name
Ascribe unto the Lord the honor and the praise
For He is holy and He is worthy of
All of the glory and all of our love

Great and marvelous are Your works oh Lord
Just and true are all of Your ways in all the earth
Alpha Omega the Beginning and the End
Forever we'll praise the Name of the Lord most high

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“Worthy”

It was my cross You bore
So I could live in the freedom You died for
And now my life is Yours
And I will sing of Your goodness forevermore

Chorus: Worthy is Your name Jesus
 You deserve the praise worthy is Your name
 Worthy is Your name Jesus
 You deserve the praise worthy is Your name

And now my shame is gone
I stand amazed in Your love undeniable
Your grace goes on and on
And I will sing of Your goodness forevermore

Bridge: Be exalted now in the heavens
 As Your glory fills this place
 You alone deserve our praise
 You're the name above all names

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“Worthy Of It All”

All the saints and angels they bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns
Before the Lamb of God and sing

Chorus: You are worthy of it all, You are worthy of it all
For from You are all things
And to You are all things, You deserve the glory

Bridge: Day and night night and day let incense arise
Day and night night and day let incense arise

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The Lessons

Isaiah 7:10-17

Psalm 24

Romans 1:1-7

At the end of each reading the lector says:

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

**Sung: Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew 1:18-25.

All: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

At the end of the reading:

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Message

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

All: 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: That this Advent Season may be holy, good, and peaceful,

All: We entreat you, O Lord.

Celebrant: That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

All: We entreat you, O Lord.

Celebrant: That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

All: We entreat you, O Lord.

Celebrant: That there may be peace in your Church and in the whole world,

All: We entreat you, O Lord.

Celebrant: That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

All: We entreat you, O Lord.

Celebrant: That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

All: We entreat you, O Lord.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1-2)

The Peace

Deacon: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Exchange with one another the Lord's Peace.

The Offertory (*Tithes and offerings are collected at this time*)

Celebrant: Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

(Acts 20:35)

"O Come O Come Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel)"

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Chorus: Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell they people save
And give them victory o'er the grave

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

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Doxology

**Sung: Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.
All: And of Your own have we given You.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

**Sung: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!**

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Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory; that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Mystery of Faith

Deacon: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord:

All: Face to Face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**All: Our Father Who art in Heaven hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
On earth as 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 the power and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Agnus Dei

**Sung: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

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Celebrant: The gifts of God, for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Celebrant: The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.
The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

Music During Communion

“Oh The Cross”

You carried the cross upon your back
Bleeding until your final breath
Tears of blood, a crown of thorns
You gave it all, our sins you bore
Oh oh There is no greater love

Chorus: Oh the cross what you've done
It was more than enough more than enough
Oh the cross what you've done
The power of your blood was more than enough

The sacrifice that changed history
The nails in your hands the hands that saved me
The grave was sealed, death lost its sting
As the lion roared in victory

Bridge: Thank you for breaking the bread of your body
Spilling the wine of your blood
Thank you oh my heart will sing forever

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“Enough”

You are my supply, my breath of life
Still more awesome than I know
You are my reward worth living for
Still more awesome than I know

Chorus: All of You is more than enough for
All of me for every thirst and every need
You satisfy me with Your love
And all I have in You is more than enough

You're my sacrifice of greatest price
Still more awesome than I know
You're my coming King, You are everything
Still more awesome than I know (Chorus)

Bridge: More than all I want
More than all I need
You are more than enough for me
More than all I know
More than all I can see
You are more than enough

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Post Communion Prayer

All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: All our problems

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All our difficulties

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All the devil's works

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: And all of hopes

All: We set on the risen Christ

The Blessing

The Recessional

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

Chorus: Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born
And sent us God’s salvation that blessed Christmas morn

I was a lonely seeker I sought both night and day
I asked the Lord to help me and He showed me the way

He made me a watchman upon the city wall
And if I am a Christian I am the least of all

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The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

This Week at St. Luke's Church, December 19th - December 25th

Monday

Vestry Meeting, 6:30-9:00 PM (Lower Conference Room)
Boy Scout Troop 411, 7:00-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

Tuesday

Worship With the Word, 6:00-8:00 PM (Sanctuary)
Stage 4 Ministry, 6:30-8:30 PM (Lower Conference Room)
Women's Group, 7:00-8:30 PM (Common Room)

Wednesday

MOPS/MOMSnext, 9:30-11:00am (Café)

Thursday

Stage 4 Ministry, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM (Lower Conference Room)

Friday

Saturday

Men's Group, 9:00-10:30 AM (Café)
Christmas Eve Worship, 5:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Sunday

NO SERVICES

Upcoming:

Church Offices will be closed from Dec. 26, 2022 thru Jan. 2, 2023

**Readings for December 24: Isaiah 62:6-12, Psalm 97,
Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2:1-20**