

Peace



GLORY TO GOD IN THE  
HIGHEST, & ON EARTH PEACE,  
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.

LUKE 2:14



## **Welcome to St. Luke's Church Sunday, November 27, 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

### “All Hail the Power”

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall,  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God, who from His altar call;  
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod and crown Him Lord of all;  
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet and crown Him Lord of all;  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet and crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all.  
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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 first candle in our Advent Wreath, the candle of Hope. We light it again as we remember that Christ will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us.

The Second Candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. The Candle of Peace reminds us of the place in which preparations were made to receive and cradle the Christ child.

Peace is a gift that we must be prepared for. God gives us the gift of peace when we turn to him in faith.

The prophet Isaiah calls Christ "the Prince of Peace." Through John the Baptist and all the other prophets, God asks us to prepare our hearts so that He may come in.

Our hope is in God, and in His Son Jesus Christ. Our peace is found in Him. We light this candle today to remind us that He brings peace to all who trust in Him.

### **Lighting of the Second Candle: The Candle of Peace**

**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: Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## Praise and Worship

### “Blessed Be Your Name”

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's "all as it should be"  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say

Bridge: You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord, blessed be Your name

## **“Trading My Sorrows”**

I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame  
I'm it all for the joy of the Lord

I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain  
I'm laying it down for the joy of the Lord

Chorus: And we say yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord  
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord  
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord Amen

I'm pressed but not crushed  
Persecuted not abandoned  
Struck down but not destroyed  
I am blessed beyond the curse  
For His promise will endure  
That His joy's gonna be my strength

Though the sorrow may last for the night  
His joy comes with the morning

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## **“Shout To The Lord”**

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You  
All of my days, I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship You

Chorus: Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

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## The Lessons

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-19

Romans 15:1-13

*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 3:1-12.

**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)**

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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**

### **"O Lord, You're Beautiful"**

O Lord, You're beautiful  
Your face is all I seek  
And when Your eyes are on this child  
Your grace abounds to me.

Chorus: I want to take your word and shine it all around.  
But first help me to just, live it Lord.  
And when I'm doing well  
Help me to never seek a crown.  
For my reward is giving glory to you.

O Lord, please light the fire,  
That once burned bright and clear,  
Replace the lamp of my first love,  
That burns with holy fear.

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### **"How Great Thou Art"**

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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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**

#### **"Shout To The Lord"**

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You  
All of my days, I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship You

Chorus: Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

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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 5<sup>th</sup> - December 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **Monday**

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)

Stage 4 Meeting, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (Common Room)

Peter Maurin Food Prep, 4:00-6:00 PM (The Harbor)

### **Sunday**

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Homeless Ministry, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM (Peter Maurin Shelter)

Angel Tree Party, 2:00-4:00 PM (The Harbor)

*Bethel Akron Worship, 5:00-7:00 PM (Sanctuary & Upper Level)*

Youth Group, 6:30-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

### **Upcoming:**

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 PM

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – NO SERVICE

**Readings for December 11: Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146,  
James 5:7-12, Matthew 11:2-19**