



WE HAVE COME TO  
**WORSHIP**  
HIM  
MATTHEW 2:2

## **Welcome to St. Luke's Church Sunday, January 2, 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

### "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With the angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Hark the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored  
Christ, the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hark the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King!

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Risen with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth.

Hark the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King!

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: I will make you as a light for the nations,

**All: That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**

## 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.**

## The Summary of the Law

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

## The Kyrie

**Sung: Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy  
Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy  
Wash away my sin and pardon my transgressions  
Make me clean again. Have mercy on me  
Christe eleison, Christ have mercy  
Christe eleison, Christ have mercy**

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## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

## Praise and Worship

### "Joy To The World"

Joy to the World! The Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found  
Far as, far as the curse is found

He rules the world! With truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love

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### "Behold The Lord"

Behold the Lord upon His throne  
His face is shining like the sun  
With eyes blazing fire  
And feet glowing bronze  
His voice like mighty waters roars

Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty  
Holy, Holy we stand in awe of You

The First the Last the living One  
Laid down His life for all the world  
Behold He now lives forevermore  
And holds the keys of death and hell

Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty  
Holy, Holy we bow before Your throne

So let our praises ever ring  
To Jesus Christ our glorious King  
All heaven and earth resound as we cry  
Worthy is the Son of God

Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty  
Holy, Holy we fall down at Your feet

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### **“No Longer Slaves”**

You unravel me with a melody  
You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance from my enemies  
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus: I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God

From my mother's womb  
You have chosen me  
Love has called my name  
I've been born again into Your family  
Your blood flows through my veins

Bridge: You split the sea so I could walk right through it  
My fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and sing  
I am a child of God

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## **Announcements**

### **The Lessons**

Isaiah 60:1-9

Psalm 79

Ephesians 3:1-13

*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: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.**

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Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2:1-12.

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

Celebrant: Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

**“You Pour Out Mercy”**

You have known our souls in adversity  
When we strive against You  
You extend Your hand time and time again  
From the heights of glory  
To the depths of my heart

Pre-Chorus: For You have bound Yourself to man  
Despite his unfaithfulness

Chorus: You pour out mercy, You open Your heart  
You pour out mercy to reveal Your heart

All mans empty promises lie broken at Your feet  
But You have never broken one  
You open up Your heart time and time again  
You give beauty for ashes garments of praise  
You give infinite mercy to those who fear Your name

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



## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*(We invite all baptized Christians to join us at the Lord's table.)*

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

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 Most  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Most High  
All glory power and praise  
And blessing now we raise  
For You alone can save**

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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 Prayer of Humble Access**

**All: We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

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**

#### **"'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus (Trust In Jesus)"**

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to take Him at His word  
Just to rest upon His promise  
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord"

Chorus:     Jesus Jesus how I trust Him  
              How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
              Jesus Jesus precious Jesus  
              O for grace to trust Him more

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee  
Precious Jesus Savior Friend  
And I know that He is with me  
Will be with me to the end (Chorus)

O how sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to trust His cleansing blood  
And in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing cleansing flood (Chorus)

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just from sin and self to cease  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest and joy and peace (Chorus)

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### **“Nothing But The Blood”**

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus:

Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing, this my plea  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Chorus)

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus,  
Now by this I'll reach my home  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Chorus)

Glory! Glory! This I sing, nothing but the blood of Jesus,  
All my praise for this I bring  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Chorus)

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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

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

When I was a 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

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

And lo when they had seen it they all bowed down and prayed  
They traveled on together to where the Babe was laid

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

When I was a sinner I prayed both night and day  
I asked the Lord to help me and He showed me the way

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### **The Dismissal**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **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.

**This Week at St. Luke's Church, January 3<sup>rd</sup> – January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

Worship With the Word, 6:00-8:00 PM (Sanctuary)

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

**Saturday**

**Sunday**

Morning Worship, 9:30 AM (Sanctuary)

**Coming Up:**

Chili Cook-Off and Souper Bowl Party, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>

Annual Meeting, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>

**Readings for January 9: Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 89:1-29,  
Acts 10:34-38, Luke 3:15-22**