



**Welcome to St. Luke's Church  
Sunday, January 8, 2023**

**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

### "We Three Kings"

We three kings of Orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown him again,  
King for ever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign. (Refrain)

Frankincense to offer have I:  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, gladly raising,  
Worship him, God Most High. (Refrain)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb. (Refrain)

Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
Heaven sings alleluia:  
Alleluia the earth replies. (Refrain)

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## 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

### "Arise Shine"

Arise, shine, for your light is come.  
And the glory of the Lord is risen,  
The glory of the Lord is come,  
The glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

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### "The Lion and the Lamb"

Chorus:

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Bridge:     Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
              Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)

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## “Sing To The Lord (Banner)”

Sing to the Lord a new song  
Sing to the Lord all the earth  
In the beauty of His holiness  
The beauty of His holiness

Sing to the Lord a new song  
Sing to the Lord O my soul  
In the wonders of His mighty hand  
The wonders of His mighty hand

Chorus: Great is the Lord we cry  
(And) Greatly to be praised  
Let every nation rise and say  
Our God reigns our God reigns

Sing to the Lord a new song  
Worship the Lord evermore  
In the glory of His majesty  
The glory of His majesty

Bridge: Your banner Your banner over us is love  
Unfailing love

Tag: Let all within me bless Your holy name.  
Let all within me bless Your holy name.  
Let all within me bless Your holy name.  
Let all within me bless Your holy name.  
Sing, sing, sing to the Lord.  
Sing, sing, all that's with in me.  
Sing, sing, sing to the Lord.  
Sing, sing, all that's with in me.  
Let all within me bless Your holy name.  
Let all within me bless Your holy name.  
Awake my soul within me, give Him praise  
Let all within me bless Your holy name.

## The Lessons

Isaiah 60:1-9

Psalm 72

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: 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 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 Prayers of the People**

Celebrant: That this Season of Epiphany 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)

### "The First Noel"

The first Noel the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

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

They looked up and saw a star,  
Shining in the east beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far  
To seek for a king was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went

This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay,  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those wise men three  
Full rev'rently upon the knee  
And offered there in His presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense

Then let us all with one accord,  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;  
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought.

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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.

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, 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

### “As With Gladness”

As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading on-ward, beaming bright  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped  
To that lowly manger-bed;  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom heav’n and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek the mercy seat.

As they offer’d gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin’s alloy  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ! to thee, our heav’nly King.

Holy Jesus! every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav’nly country bright,  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
Thou its sun which goes not down:  
There for ever may we sing  
Alleluias to our King.

## "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Jesus, Name above all names.  
Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us.  
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

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## "Emmanuel"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called, Emmanuel.  
God with us. Revealed in us. His name is called, Emmanuel.

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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

### "Angels From the Realms Of Glory / Emmanuel"

Angels, from the realms of glory  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth  
Ye, who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds in the field abiding  
Watching o'er your flocks by night  
God with man is now residing  
Yonder shines the infant Light (Refrain)

Chorus:

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Sages, leave your contemplations  
Brighter visions beam afar  
Seek the great Desire of nations  
Ye have seen his natal star (Refrain)

Saints before the altar bending  
Watching long in hope and fear  
Suddenly the Lord, descending  
In his temple shall appear (Refrain)

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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, January 9<sup>th</sup> – January 15<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**

*Bethel Akron Freedom Weekend, 5:00-10:00 PM (Sanctuary & Upper Level)*

### **Saturday**

*Bethel Akron Freedom Weekend, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Sanctuary & Upper Level)*

Men's Group, 9:00-10:30 AM (Common Room)

### **Sunday**

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

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

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

### **Upcoming:**

Jan. 2023 – Life Groups Beginning

Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> – Red Cross Blood Drive

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – Souper Bowl & Chili Cook-Off, 4:00 PM

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 PM

Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – Annual Meeting, 12:30 PM

**Readings for January 15: Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 89:20-29,  
Acts 10:34-38, Matthew 3:13-17**