

# Hope



HE WILL RULE OVER THE  
GENTILES. THEY WILL PLACE  
THEIR HOPE ON HIM.

ROM. 15:12



## **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

### “Unto the House of the Lord”

Chorus: I rejoiced when they said to me,  
"Let us go unto the house of the Lord,"  
Standing there, O Jerusalem, in your gates  
Unto the house of the Lord.

Look upon Jerusalem, the city now restored.  
Here the tribes of Yahweh come as one unto the Lord.

As He ordered Israel, they come to praise His name  
Here where courts of justice, the courts of David, reign.

Pray for peace, Jerusalem, prosperity at home,  
Peace inside your city walls that comes from God alone.

Since we are God's people, I say, "Peace be to you!"  
Your happiness renew.

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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: Today is the first Sunday of Advent. The Sunday in which we recall the Hope we have in Christ. The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a savior would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

On Christmas day the Christ of our Hope was born, On Good Friday the Christ of our hope died. On Easter day the Christ of our hope rose from the dead. He then ascended into heaven. On the last day, the Christ of our hope will come again to establish his kingdom over all things on earth.

As the followers of Christ, we await his return. We light this candle to remember that he came to us humbly in the manger at Bethlehem and gave light to the world, so he is coming again in power to deliver his people. We light this candle to remind us to be alert and to watch for his return.

### **Lighting of the First Candle: The Candle of Hope**

**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: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

### **Praise and Worship**

**“Even So”**

All of creation, all of the earth  
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint  
Let every nation shout of Your fame  
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus: Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a church ready for You  
Every heart longing for our King  
We sing, even so come Lord Jesus, come  
Even so come Lord Jesus, come

There will be justice, all will be new  
Your name forever, faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon

Bridge: So we wait, we wait for You  
God, we wait, Your coming soon

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### **“Reckless Love”**

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me  
You have been so so good to me  
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus: O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found  
Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve  
Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me  
You have been so so good to me  
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me  
You have been so so kind to me

Bridge:    There's no shadow You won't light up  
              Mountain You won't climb up coming after me  
              There's no wall You won't kick down  
              Lie You won't tear down coming after me

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### **“Our Great God”**

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown.  
Your boundless love unfailing in grace and mercy shown.  
Bright seraphim in endless flight  
Around Your glorious throne.  
They raise their voices day and night  
In praise to You alone.

Chorus:    Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
              Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.  
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee  
Before our Sovereign God. (Chorus)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;  
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
Sing praises to the Living God,  
Who rules them by His word. (Chorus)

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### **The Lessons**

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:8-14

*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 24:29-44.

**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)



## “When Hope Came Down”

So this is how it was a silent night like any other  
When Heaven sent the one, the one we will call our savior  
and redemption began in a stable in Bethlehem

Chorus: All of the angels lifted up their voices  
And filled the night with Hallelujah's  
God is with us now  
Everyone come and join the heavenly chorus  
Our savior King is here before us  
All to hear the sound, the song creation sang  
When Hope Came Down

So this was truly God, wrapped in a tattered blanket  
Love was finally here, sleeping while the world awakened  
And redemption began with a baby in Bethlehem

Bridge: So let us sing Redemption Song  
Let us worship Christ the Holy one  
We were lost, but we were found  
When Hope Came Down

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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**

### **“I'm Putting On the Love of the Lord”**

Chorus: I'm putting on the love of the Lord.  
I'm putting on the love of the Lord.  
And I will be no stranger

Tag: For He loves me, alleluia  
Undivided, alleluia

Because my love is Him that is the Son  
I shall become a child of God  
I love Him, because He first loved me  
And where His rest is, I know that I shall be

Bridge: Immortal God of Earth and Heaven  
Be our Wisdom, and guide us in our ways  
Lord, awaken us in love, mighty Counselor  
And unite us to serve You in this day

Ending: For Your glory, alleluia  
Undivided, alleluia  
I'm putting on the love of the Lord.  
I'm putting on the love of the Lord.

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### **"Precious Jesus"**

You, O Lamb, were slain for us. Precious Jesus.  
Suffering Servant, O Man of Pain, You loved us so much.

Lord, we thank You, thank You, thank You.  
O Lord, we praise You, we praise You, Precious Jesus.

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### **"You Are My Righteousness"**

You are my righteousness, You are my joy.  
You are my righteousness, You are my joy.

I will bow down to You, Jesus, my Lord.  
I will bow down to You, Jesus, my Lord.

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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**

### **“O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful”**

O thou joyful, O thou wonderful  
Grace revealing Christmastide!  
Jesus came to win us from all sin within us;  
Glorify the holy Child!

O thou joyful, O thou wonderful  
Love revealing Christmastide!  
Loud hosannas singing and all praises bringing:  
May Thy love with us abide!

O thou joyful, O thou wonderful  
Peace revealing Christmastide!  
Darkness disappeareth,  
God's own light now neareth:  
Peace and joy to all betide!

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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, November 28<sup>th</sup> – December 4<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**

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

**Saturday**

Men's Group, 9:00-10:30 AM (Café)

**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:**

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – Angel Tree Party, 2:00 PM

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

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – NO SERVICE

**Readings for December 4: Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-19,  
Romans 15:1-13, Matthew 3:1-12**