

S. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

1417 Parkview Drive PO Box 44 Kewaskum, Wisconsin

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 3 & 4, 2022

The Season

Advent is necessary to prepare us for Christmas. It enables us to understand the true significance of Christmas. Advent allows us to see that because of what Christ did when he came the first time so that believers need not fear when he comes again. Instead, we yearn for it. *Come, Lord Jesus!*

The Series

November 26 & 27 Come, Lord Jesus - As King

December 3 & 4 KML Sunday

December 10 & 11 Come, Lord Jesus – As Messiah

December 17 & 18 Come, Lord Jesus – As Immanuel

The Sunday

Today we celebrate our partnership with Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. As we stay connected to the Vine, that is, to Christ, our faith grows stronger. As we grow in our connection to Christ, we grow closer to our fellow believers as well. We grow together in Christ.

Prayer before Worship

“I rejoiced with those said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’” Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith. Amen.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning

Preacher: Pastor Dan Marggraf, Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School

Organist: Coralee Henning

Choir: St. Lucas Lutheran Elementary School Kindergarten through Third Grade (6:00 pm)

Ushers: Chris Peters (6:00 pm), Matthew Stoltz (8:00 am), Steve Wolter (10:30 am)

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

CW 308

Stand for stanza 3



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
2 O — Chris - tians, you bring — good ti - dings; get
3 But the Word of our God is e - ter - nal; the



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of the Lord is strong. He stands in the midst of the



high - way, a high - way for our God!
peo - ple the com - ing of their King.
na - tions, and he shall right the wrong.



The — val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
Like the flow'rs of the field they — per - ish; like
He shall feed his — flock like a shep - herd, the



loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass their works de - cay. The pow'r and — pomp of
lambs shall gent - ly hold, to pas - tures of peace shall



plac - es where the Lord our — God — may go!
na - tions shall — pass like a dream — a - way.
lead them, and — bring them — safe to his fold.

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the word of my mouth. I will open my mouth with a parable;

I will utter hidden things, things from of old – things we have heard and known, things our ancestors told us.

We will not hide them from their descendants.

We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power and the wonders he as done.

He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,

So, the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds, but would keep his commands.

They would not be like their ancestors – a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us –

So that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever. **Amen.**

Shepherd of Tender Youth

CW 756 sts. 1, 4-5



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, guid - ing in love and truth
4 O ev - er be our guide, our shep-herd and our pride,
5 So now and till we die sound we your prais - es high



through de-vi-ous ways, Christ, our tri - um - phant King, we come your
our staff and song. Je - sus, O Christ of God, by your en -
and joy - ful sing: in - fants and all the throng who to your



name to sing and here our chil - dren bring to join your praise.
dur - ing Word lead us where you have trod; make our faith strong.
Church be - long, u - nite to swell the song to Christ, our King!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Dear Savior, through prayer we are able to share our inmost thoughts, concerns, asks, thankfulness and praises. Draw us as Christians together under the banner of your holy truths that are only found in holy Scripture. Allow us to experience your free and full forgiveness and the nourishment that supports our spiritual lives of faithfulness to you. Make us bold and courageous to preach and teach your holy word with our lives, words and actions. We approach you in prayer through your invitation, in our your most holy s name we pray.

Amen.

Be seated

Song

Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel

St. Lucas Lutheran Elementary School Kindergarten through Third Grade (Saturday Service)

First Reading

Proverbs 9:1–10

Wisdom's invitation – true wisdom is found in the Word of God.

¹Wisdom has built her house; she has set up its seven pillars.

²She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servants, and she calls from the highest point of the city,⁴“Let all who are simple come to my house!”

To those who have no sense she says, ⁵“Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. ⁶Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of insight.”

⁷Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults; whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse.

⁸Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you; rebuke the wise and they will love you.

⁹Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

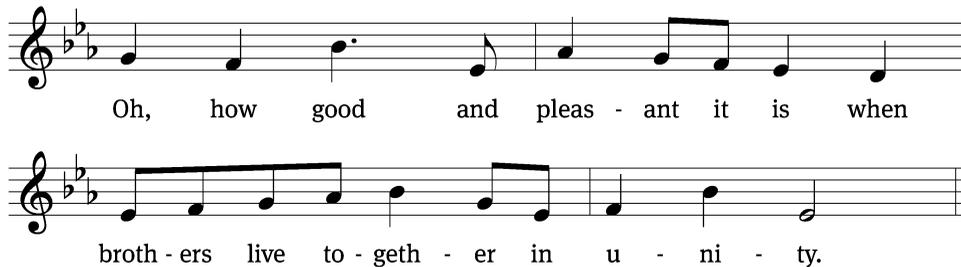
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 133A

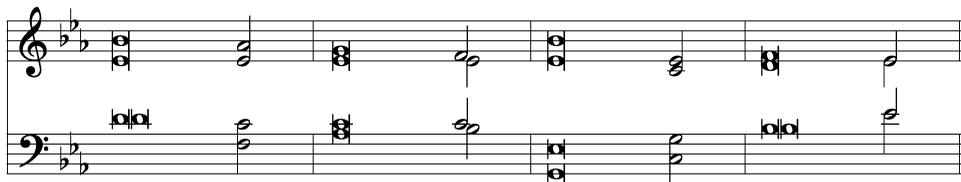
Sung responsively with the Presiding Minister

Refrain



Oh, how good and pleas - ant it is when
broth - ers live to - geth - er in u - ni - ty.

Tone



It is like precious oil poured on the / head,
running down on the / beard,
running down on Aaron's / beard,
down on the collar of his / robe. Refrain

It is as if the dew of / Hermon
were falling on Mount / Zion.
For there the LORD bestows his / blessing,
even life forever- / more.

It is as if the dew of / Hermon
were falling on Mount / Zion.
For there the LORD bestows his / blessing,
even life forever- / more.

Glory be to the Father and to the / Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. A- / men. Refrain

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Second Reading

2 Peter 3:14–18

Be on guard to retain the wisdom God has shared.

¹⁴So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. ¹⁵Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. ¹⁶He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

¹⁷Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. ¹⁸But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

We light two Advent candles remembering Jesus, who came in history. He came into a world of sin and death.

We remember Jesus, who came as the promised Messiah. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord.

We hear his call to repent.

We light two Advent candles as a sign of our repentance and desire for renewal.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

Two Advent candles are lit

Stand

Gospel

John 15:5–11

Growing together in Christ

⁵"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will

be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

CW 316



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin and fur - nished
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and lift us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; come, then, and lis - ten,
for a Guest with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
up to fall no more; O make your face on
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings good news a - bout the King of kings.
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
us to shine, and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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Sermon

John 15:5-11
Let Us Grow Together

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray to the God of all wisdom who calls and gathers the church together to be united under the flag of the Gospel.

O Lord, you have called the Holy Spirit to ignite our faith as a small ember into a brightly burning flame that confesses Christ as Lord of the church and our hearts.

Holy Spirit hear our prayer that we might put self aside and rejoice in the truth that builds us up and your church that encompasses us.

Spirit of Truth, cause the passion of reading your word, learning your word and digesting your word to consume our lives while here on earth.

Help us to express your Word so that it resonates into the deepest part of the hearts of those listening.

Allow the unfathomable truths of love and your perfect justice to be interpreted by faith for the eternal benefit of the recipient.

Use the tools of the Spirit to equip, and educate the students at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, St. Lucas Lutheran Elementary School, and St. Lucas Lutheran Sunday School, for life and for eternity.

Educate us all in using the power of Holy Scripture to reach out far and wide to share your message of love and salvation. Embolden us to trust in your guidance and that you have thoroughly equipped us for every good work.

Amen.

Be Seated

Prepare the Royal Highway

CW 302



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a -



near! Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a
King! Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread
King! Your King, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its
bove. His rule is peace and free - dom and



lev - el road ap - pear! Then greet the King of
gar - ments! Shout and sing! God's prom - ise will not
trib - ute too should bring. All lands, bow down be -
jus - tice, truth, and love. So let your praise be



glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
fore him! All na - tions, now a - dore him!
sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Refrain
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's Word!

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Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever!

Amen.

God's Own Son Most Holy

CW 321



1 God's own Son most ho - ly came a ser - vant
2 Still he comes in preach - ing, truth e - ter - nal
3 Still he comes pro - vid - ing proof of love a -
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re -



low - ly, came to live a - mong us,
teach - ing: "Turn a - way from e - vil;
bid - ing: he whose death has freed us
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing



came to suf - fer for us; bore the cross to
turn to me, my peo - ple. I pro-nounce you
gives him - self to feed us, thus to us ex -
that, your grace re - ceiv - ing, we may here con -



save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
sin - less; trust in my for - give - ness."
tend - ing peace and joy un - end - ing.
fess you till in heav'n we bless you.

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Announcements

Midweek Advent Vespers Wednesdays, November 30, December 7, December 14 6:30 pm. *Be Born in Us Today* Christ is born in us spiritually today and every day. He enters into us daily to strengthen and support us, save us and renew us.

Giving Tree Each year members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church donate Christmas gifts for our brothers and sisters in Christ. The Giving Tree will be in the entryway of church on the weekends and just outside of the school office during the week. Several ornaments for families within our congregation who would appreciate gifts from their brothers and sisters in Christ will be placed on the tree. Please take an ornament, purchase a suitable gift, gift certificate/card, or Scrip gift card, and bring the gift to the school office with the tag from the tree attached by Tuesday, December 20. Those who receive the gifts truly appreciate your expressions of Christian love.

Christmas Worship Services Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24
2:00 pm St. Lucas Lutheran Elementary School Service — *Do Not Be Afraid*
4:00 pm St. Lucas Lutheran Sunday School Service — *Do Not Be Afraid*
10:00 pm Candlelight Vespers — *Be Born in Us Today, Bringing Blessing*

Christmas Day Worship Sunday, December 25, 9 am — *A Savior is Born to Dwell Among Us*

New Year's Worship

Saturday, December 31, 6:00 pm and Sunday, January 1, 8:00 and 10:30 am — *Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love*

Lutheran Memorial Park Fall Cleanup All summer and fall decorations need to be removed from the cemetery by December 1st. After that caretakers will remove them and place salvageable items next to the shed for a short period of time. Any decorations found outside the designated planting area are removed, placed next to the shed for a short period of time and then discarded. Glass and any breakable objects are not allowed. The "Responsibilities of Family and Friends of the Deceased" as it relates to Lutheran Memorial Park is located in a stand at the back of church, posted on a stand as you enter the cemetery, and on the utility shed. Thank you to the Board, and to our caretakers Kurt Schmidt and Joe Theisen, for keeping our Cemetery looking it's best. Memorials and donations for upkeep of Lutheran Memorial Park and St. Lucas Cemetery are very much appreciated. Thank you to everyone for your help and cooperation.

Celebrating God's Blessings

Birthdays:

Tessa Homuth 7
BJ Prost 8
Dylan Sarauer 8

Anniversaries:

Calendar

December 3-9

Suggested Readings for the week

- Saturday: *Isaiah 9:8-10:11 1 Peter 5:1-14* Usher: Peters
Worship 6:30 pm
- Sunday: *Isaiah 10:12-27a, 333,34 2 Peter 1:1-21* Ushers: Stoltz 8 am
Worship 8 & 10:30 am Wolter 10:30 am
Sunday School and Family Bible Hour 9:15 am
Kewaskum Cooking Hunt 1:00 pm Christmas Parade 5:00 pm
- Monday: *Isaiah 11:1-12:6 2 Peter 2:1-22*
- Tuesday: *Isaiah 14:1-23 2 Peter 3:1-18*
Bible Study 6:30 pm
- Wednesday: *Isaiah 24:1-13 1 John 1:1-2:14*
Public School Catechism 3:30-5:00 pm
Midweek Advent Service 6:30
- Thursday: *Isaiah 24:14-25:12 Obadiah 1-21 1 John 2:15-29*
Bible Study 10:00 am
Ladies' Guild Christmas Party
Church Facility Planning Task Force 7:00 pm
- Friday: *Isaiah 26:1-19 1 John 3:1-24*
School Chapel Service 7:45 am
- Saturday: *Isaiah 26:20-27:13 1 John 4:1-21* Usher: Beyer
Worship 6:30 pm w/Communion
- Sunday: *Isaiah 28:14-29 1 John 5:1-21 2 John 1-13 3 John 1-15* Ushers: Schact 8 am
Worship 8 & 10:30 am Strack 10:30 am
Sunday School & Family Bible Hour 9:15 am

*St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is
always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping.*

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Empowered by God's Word, Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School educates, encourages, and equips God's people for life and for eternity.

KML is governed and operated by the Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Federation, Inc., a federation of congregations which are affiliated with either the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

The primary concern of the KML Federation is to provide a Christ-centered secondary education which prepares young adults for service to their Savior. God's Word clearly states that parent(s) are to ***"train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."*** (*Proverbs 22:6, NIV*) Through the Apostle Paul, God tells us to bring up our children ***"in the training and instruction of the Lord."*** (*Ephesians 6:4, NIV*)

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School is a tool by which parents can carry out God's will. Education at KML rests wholly and solely upon the Word of God in the Bible. Such education prepares a student not only for his life here on earth, but it also prepares him for his life in eternity. All courses of instruction and school discipline are permeated with a Christian spirit. The curriculum of KML is designed to prepare our youth to become dedicated Christian adults. An academic program is available to those students who wish to continue their education in any secular school or college, as well as those who wish to prepare for full-time work in the church as pastors or teachers. KML also offers a general high school program for those students who do not intend to continue formal education after their high school years.