

ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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First Sunday in Advent

December 2rd & 3rd, 2023

The Season

The Church Year begins with the season of Advent, which means "coming." We see that the King shall come. We see why the King came on the first time and why he shall come again on Judgment Day. We also cherish the way our King comes to us today in Word and sacrament, establishing his reign in our hearts.

The Sunday

Rulers plan and administrate and govern. Jesus is different. He is willing to fight for us. He is willing to die for us. For King Jesus came into our world for one reason—to save us.

Prayer before Worship

"I rejoiced with those who 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.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Laura Schulz Ushers: Mike Beyer (6 pm Saturday) Henry Schacht (8 am Sunday) Doug Strack (10:30 am Sunday) Hymn CW 302 Stand for 4th stanza 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high way; the King of kings is 2 God's peo - ple, see him com ing: vour own e ter - nal the gates wide 3 Then fling 0 pen to greet your prom-ised 4 earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a -His is no near! Let ev -'ry hill and val lev а King! Palm branch fore him! es strew be -Spread King! Your King, vet ev 'ry na tion its His bove. rule dom and is peace and free d 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 0 0 ø glo ry, fore - told in sa cred sto ry: fail you! No more shall doubt as sail you! him! him! fore All na tions, now а dore sound ing for kind ness so а bound ing: Refrain the Lord, for he ful - fills God's Word! Ho-san - na to Text: tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, alt.; Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847 Tune: Swedish, 17th cent.

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In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession

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.**

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

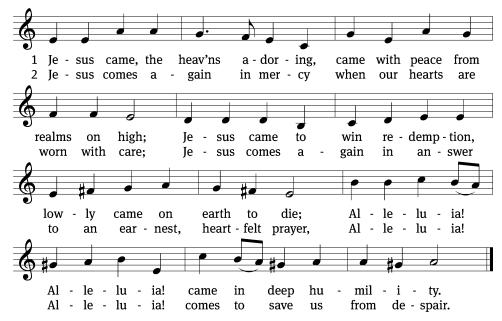
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring



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The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Jesus Our Good Friend

8 am only – K-3rd grade sings

Be seated

First Reading

¹Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! ²As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil. come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! ³For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. ⁴Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. ⁵You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? ⁶All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. 7No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. ⁸Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 64:1–9 All of us have become unclean, tainted by sin. So we needed our King to come to save us.

Lift Up Your Heads

Psalm 24C Sung responsively between Pastor & congregation



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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Our faithful God promises to enrich us with every spiritual gift so that we can stand firm as we wait for our King to come again on judgment day.

³Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lighting of the Advent Candles

 A flickering candle sheds its light In hope of dawn's victorious might, And backward scurries cowardly Night reminded of the morning.

Watch, watch, for Christ is near, The promised son of God most dear. Hope, hope, his light will clear The shades of death and sin.

 From God's own house will come the dream, God's pledge of peace shine like a beam; From all the nations crowds shall stream And war will be no more

Watch, watch, for Christ is near, The promised son of God most dear. Hope, hope, his light will clear The shades of death and sin. Sung to the Tune of What Child Is This

3. Come down, O Lord, do not delay; In sin's dark night we long for day. Your presence is the warming ray That kindles all creation.

Watch, watch, for Christ is near, The promised son of God most dear. Hope, hope, his light will clear The shades of death and sin.



Gospel

Mark 11:1–10

On Palm Sunday Jesus rides into Jerusalem as a king. The crowd shouts, "Hosanna!" which means, "Save us!"

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

¹⁰"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

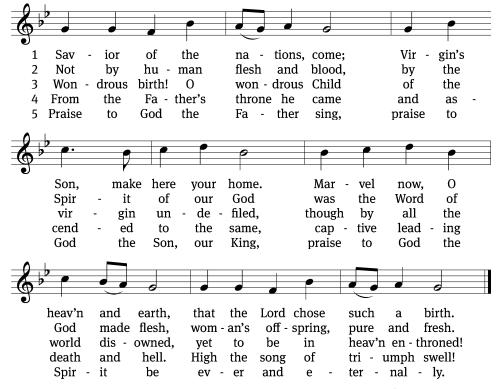
Be seated

Children's Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew

Savior of the Nations, Come

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Sermon

Mark 11:1-10 Praise Your Savior Who Is Coming Soon

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

Gracious Lord, you sent your Son into our world to destroy the power of Satan and restore the human race as your children and heirs. Work in us during this Advent season so that we may rejoice in the coming of our Savior and long for his coming again.

Make us eager to receive the King who comes to save us.

Use the preaching of your holy law to rid us of all delusions that we can gain your love with our own efforts. Move us to realize how hopeless we are because of sin and to feel sorrow for what we have done wrong.

Lead us to be honest about our sinful status in your sight.

Lift up our hearts to see the King who comes to save. Reveal to us his willingness to take on our human form and stand in our place. Show us the power he extends in his Word and sacraments to make us your children and keep us in faith. Thrill us with his promise to come and take us to our eternal home to live with you forever.

Open our eyes to see and believe the wonders of the Savior's love.

As we live with Christ and trust in him, move us to turn away from sin day after day with the strength your Holy Spirit provides. When we fall, forgive us and renew us to love and serve you and all people.

Empower us and guide us to walk with Christ by faith.

Protect us from the distractions that come at this time of the year. Even in gift-giving and celebrating, keep our hearts focused on Christ and his forgiving love. **Give us joy at his coming at Christmas, his coming in the gospel, and his coming again**.

Move us to share with others the most important gift of this season, the truth about Jesus. Even in busy times lead us to pray for those whose joy is diminished because of sickness, pain, or loss. [Especially bless... *here name the person and the cause of the petition*.] Give us opportunities to provide help to those in need.

May others see the love of Christ in our words and actions.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

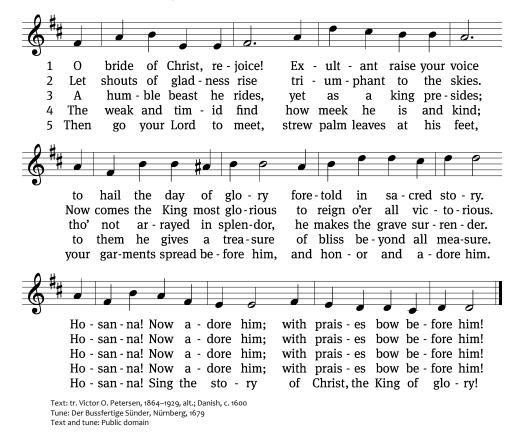
Silent prayer

Loving Lord, work in us during this Advent season so that our joy may be genuine and may rest in the promises of the King who comes to save. **Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

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O Bride of Christ, Rejoice



Stand

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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.

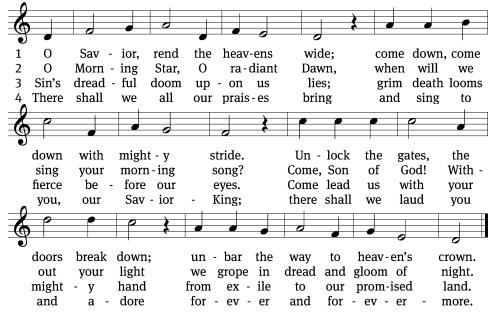


Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**



O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide



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Announcements

Church Decorating: Its that time of year again when brightly colored decorations and twinkling lights appear turning our worlds into a Christmas wonderland. They beautify our homes and churches and remind us of the celebration to come when we rejoice that unto us was born a Savior. We will be decorating the church on <u>Friday December 15th, at 5:00 pm</u>, with a meal to follow. If you are interested in helping to beautify our church for this joyous season, please let Pastor Henning know.

New Bible Study Topic in the New Year: Starting Sunday, January 7, we will discuss the topic "Burden Bearing." Paul wrote, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). The Burden Bearing Bible study provides encouragement, instruction, and practical examples to help Christians bear one another's burdens. On December 3 we will conclude the study of the Letter of James. December 10 & 17 we will discuss different aspects of the Advent season.

Christmas at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary: The Seminary Chorus, a 70-voice men's choir composed of students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, will present its annual Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 10, at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the campus auditorium. Featured will be traditional and contemporary anthems for choir and hymns and carols for the audience. There are no advanced ticket sales; a free will offering is appreciated. The seminary is located 11831 N. Seminary Dr. in Mequon. Find more information on Facebook and at <u>wisluthsem.org</u>.

Winter Band Concert: Please join us in person at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School or online (<u>kmlhs.org/stream</u>) as band students from KML and its federation elementary schools glorify God through music on Sunday, December 3, at 2:30 PM. We hope you can join us!

Join KML in Helping Families in Need: Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School is partnering with Coffeeville Company to raise money for KML's 12 Days of Christmas fundraiser to support families in need. This year we are raising money for the Gerlach, Hovorka, Lindenberg, and Praefke families. Learn more about the families, order coffee, or make a donation at <u>kmlhs.org/12days</u>. Deadline to Order Coffee: December 12, 2023. Deadline to Make a Monetary Donation: December 31, 2023.

KML *Shrek the Musical* **Auditions:** Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School's theatre department is holding auditions for the role of "Young Fiona" in the winter production of *Shrek the Musical*. Auditions are open to girls in grades 5-8 in the KML Federation and will be submitted by video. The deadline for submissions is **December 17, 2023**. For full audition information, please visit kmlhs.org/theatre.

Marriage Retreat: Christ Alone Lutheran Church invites you and your spouse to an overnight Marriage Retreat February 9-10, 2024 held at the Inn on Woodlake in Kohler, Wisconsin! Please click on this link <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4CA9AD2AAoFE3-45598937-</u> <u>marriage#/</u> for more information and to participate! Registration deadline is Monday, December 18. All married couples - newlyweds to seasoned couples - are invited! Call the Christ Alone church office with questions at 262-242-4710.

KML Job Openings: Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School has the following job openings:

-<u>Study Hall/Commons Supervisor</u>: Duties include monitoring students, maintaining an atmosphere conducive to study, issuing student passes as needed, collecting and entering lunch deposits, and depositing money with the fiscal office. Additionally, the person in this position will compile and disseminate school-wide morning announcements. This is a part-time seasonal position of approximately 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM, Monday – Friday, yearly from August through May (during the school year). Proposed start date for this job opening: January 8, 2024. Hourly pay is based on experience. This position does not include benefits. Visit <u>kmlhs.org/jobs</u> for more info. Please submit questions and resumes on or before November 27, 2023, to Mrs. Melanie Schoeneck (262.677.4051 x4018; <u>melanie.schoeneck@kmlhs.org</u>).

-*Full-Time Maintenance 2nd Shift:* KML is looking for a responsible, motivated person to handle basic maintenance in the school. Duties include basic electrical, plumbing, and carpentry skills. Shift starts at 1:00 PM (flexible), full-time, 40 hours/week. Benefits include: 403 (b) retirement plan, health and dental insurance, paid vacation, sick days, and paid holidays. If interested or for

additional information, please contact Mr. Jody Hansen, Director of Operations (262.677.4051 x4004; jody.hansen@kmlhs.org).

-<u>Concessions</u>: Work in KML's concession stand during home games and tournaments. This entails simple food preparation, customer service, and clean up. The schedule involves nights and weekends. If interested or for additional information, please contact Mr. Jody Hansen, Director of Operations (262.677.4051 x4004; jody.hansen@kmlhs.org).



Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Tessa Homuth – 12/7 BJ Prost – 12/8 Dylan Sarauer 12/8 Hailey Gildersleeve – 12/9

CALENDAR

Readings for December 3rd - December 10th

