



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

S. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

1417 Parkview Drive Kewaskum, Wisconsin
262-626-2680 www.stlucaswels.org

Second Sunday of Advent December 4 and 5, 2021

Welcome

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our gracious God to offer him our worship and praise. We assemble to hear God's holy and powerful Word and celebrate his life-giving Sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him in heaven.

For Your Convenience and Safety

For your ease and convenience, the entire order of service is printed out in the following pages. Many of the elements of this service have ancient roots in the Christian church. Some are very recent. Lutheran worship is specifically designed to include the participation of the assembly. Parts marked **M** are spoken or sung by the minister, and parts marked **C** are spoken or sung by the congregation. Congregational parts are also printed in bold.

If you are in need of restrooms, they are located in lower level of the church. Parents who need to attend to upset infants or toddlers may use the parent's room located just beyond the ushers' room on the left as you leave the church. A large print version of this service folder and a printed copy of today's sermon for those who have difficulty seeing or hearing are available from an usher.

For the convenience of others please silence all electronic devices.

Offerings may be given in the collection plate in the church entryway. Please keep your service folder or recycle it in the green bin in the entryway. Communion will be offered by continuous distribution.

About Today's Service

WHEN THE LORD COMES NEAR, HE HUMBLER HIS PEOPLE

People tend to feel a lot of pressure this time of year. We want our houses to look good for out-of-town guests. We want to impress people with the thoughtfulness of our gifts. What a welcome relief, therefore, to hear what is required to meet the Lord: only repentance. You see, Jesus is not someone we need to impress with our good works. Indeed, repentance is the opposite of work. Repentance is the humble admission of our sin combined with the joyful trust that everything needed to bring us close to God has already been done by him.

Serving in Worship

- Presiding Minister Pastor Dennis Lemke
- Organist..... Laura Schulz
- Ushers Mike Beyer (6 pm)
- Henry Schacht (8 am)
- Doug Strack (10:30 am)

Opening Hymn

"There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying"

Christian Worship Hymnal #13

Please stand for the final stanza.



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! The
peo - ple The com - ing of their King. Like the
na - tions, And he shall right the wrong. He shall



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



hills brought low; Make straight all the crook - ed
works de - cay. The pow'r and pomp of
gent - ly hold, To pas - tures of peace shall



pla - ces 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.

Text: James L. Milligan, 1876–1961, alt.

Tune: ASCENSION (Irregular) Henry H. Bancroft, b. 1904–1988.

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Confession of Sins

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Oh, Taste and See

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Oh, Taste and See". It consists of six staves of music in a single system. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score ends with a double bar line on the sixth staff.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

Song: (10:30) Sixer Singers "Bethlehem Procession"

First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-7b

Through God's Word and the messengers who proclaim it, the Lord humbles his people, purifying our hearts so that we might stand on the Last Day.

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty.

² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

⁵ "So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me," says the Lord Almighty.

⁶ "I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. ⁷ Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66

The congregation sings the refrains and the portion of the verses in bold type.

Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!*

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

Praise our God, O peoples,*

let the sound of his praise be heard.

He has preserved our lives*

and kept our feet from slipping. Refrain

Come and listen, all you who fear God;*

let me tell you what he has done for me.

If I had cherished sin in my heart,*

the Lord would not have listened;

but God has surely listened*

and heard my voice in prayer.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen. Refrain

Refrain Tune: Steven Warner. © 1983 GIA Publications, Inc., Chicago, IL, www.giamusic.com. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Second Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11

Producing love and humility within us is God's work. He began his good work at our baptism and will carry that work to completion.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STAND

Lighting of the Advent Candles

(Sing to the tune of "What Child Is This")

A flick'ring candle sheds its light In hope of dawn's victorious might,
And backward scurries cow'rdly 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 Jesse's barren stump will spring A noble branch, a righteous King;
To earth's despairing lands he'll bring Both justice and salvation.
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.

Text: Mark W. Oldenburg, © 2008, 2014, Birnamwood Publications. Printed under Onelicense.net # 3115594.

Two Advent candles are lit.

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

The Gospel will serve as the sermon text.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

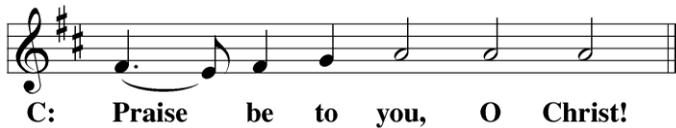
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

⁵Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

⁶And all people will see God’s salvation.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.



BE SEATED

Hymn of the Day

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Christian Worship Hymnal #16



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



es that the Lord is nigh; Come, then, and lis - ten,
nished for a guest with - in, And let us all our
uge and our great re - ward. With - out your grace we
us up to fall no more. Oh, make your face on
vent 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.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, st. 1-3, alt.; composite, st. 4-5.

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (LM) Latin melody, 15th century, adapt.

Sermon

Text: Luke 3:1-6

Theme: "Christmas Preparations!"

Following the sermon, please stand for the Creed on the following page.

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.**

Prayer of the Church

M Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.

M: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

M: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.

M: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

M: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

BE SEATED

Hymn

“The King of Glory Comes”

Christian Worship Hymnal #363

Refrain



The King of glo - ry comes; the na - tion re - joic - es.



O - pen the gates be - fore him; lift up your voic - es.



1 Who is the King of glo - ry? How shall we call him?
2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3 He gave his life for us, the lamb of sal - va - tion;
4 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

Refrain



He is Im - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
He goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
He took up - on him - self the sin of the na - tions.
And he will share with us his heav - en - ly king - dom.

Text: Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930, alt. © 1966, 1985 Willard F. Jabusch (admin. OCP Publications).
All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Tune: PROMISED ONE (12 12 with Refrain) Israeli melody, 20th century.

STAND

M: 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.



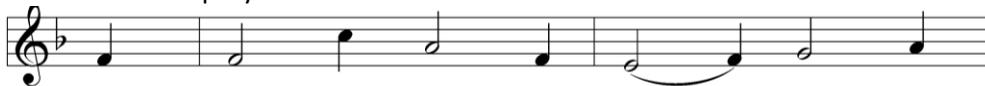
M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



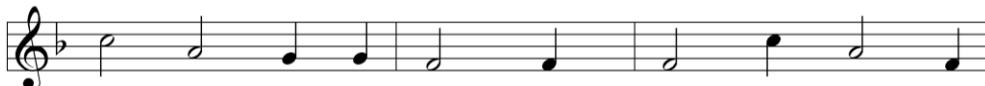
Closing Hymn

“Arise, O Christian People”

Christian Worship Hymnal #14



1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre -
2 Pre - pare the way be - fore him; Pre -
3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God
4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn



pare your - selves to - day. Pre - pare to greet the
pare for him the best. Cast out what would of -
rais - es up on high; Be - neath his feet in -
not from me a - side, And help me to re -



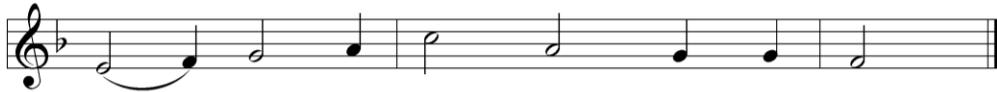
Sav - ior, Who takes your sins a - way. To
fend him, This great, this heav'n - ly guest. Make
ter - ror The haugh - ty soul shall lie. The
ceive you This bless - ed Ad - vent - tide. From



us by grace a - lone The truth and
straight, make plain the way: The low - ly
heart sin - cere and right, That heeds God's
stall and man - ger low Come now to



light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from
val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -
in - vi - ta - tion; And makes true prep - a -
dwell with - in me; I'll sing your prais - es



heav - en To all the world is shown.
bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.
ra - tion— It is the Lord's de - light.
glad - ly And forth your glo - ry show.

Text: Valentin Thilo, 1607–62, alt.; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, st. 1-3, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 4, alt.

Tune: AUS MEINES HERZENS GRUNDE (76 76 67 76) *New Catechismus Gesangbüchlein*, Hamburg, 1598, alt.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

December 4 & 5 -- *When the Lord Comes Near He Humbles His People*

Wednesday, December 8 -- *Wait Upon the Lord with Hope*

December 11 & 12 -- *When the Lord Comes Near He Humbles His Enemies*

Wednesday, December 15 -- *Wait Upon the Lord with Rejoicing*

December 18 & 19 - *A God Lived Life Opens Our Hearts to Others*

December 24 - *Who Is He?*

2 PM & 4 PM Lutheran Elementary School

6 PM Sunday School

10 PM Candlelight Service -- *What Child Is This?*

December 25 - 9 AM -- *What Child Is This? God in the Flesh*

December 26 -- *What Child Is This? Our Substitute and Sacrifice*

December 31 -- *New Year's Eve*

January 1 & 2 -- *What Child Is This? Who Turns Slaves into Sons*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call Letter Received:

Dear St. Lucas Family,

On November 15th, I received a divine call from St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church and School in Bangor, WI to serve as principal and teach grades 7&8.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers myself and my family, as well as the congregation of St. Lucas and the congregation of St. Paul's, as I deliberate between my two calls. May the Lord grant me wisdom, insight, and guidance to a decision that glorifies him and benefits his kingdom.

Though we may not know what the future holds, we can be certain that everything is in God's hands. As he says in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." May his will be done.

Yours in Christ,

Mr. Mark A. Hesse

New Hymnal Update: You can pre-order your own copies of *Christian Worship: Hymnal* and *Christian Worship: Psalter* at nph.net.

Scholarship Information: The Schaefer Higher Education Scholarship Application for the 2021/2022 school year is open for high school students. The deadline for applying is December 15, 2021. You may apply using the Google Form found at:

<https://forms.gle/7SQB8kKrByBPupJN9>

The Walvoord Music Scholarship for the 2021/2022 school year is also open for application. The deadline is also December 15, 2021. For both scholarships, notifications and disbursements will be made in January of 2022. The application for the Walvoord Music Scholarship can be found here: <https://forms.gle/ct1Lh6qaVzucT3HbA>

CALENDAR

December 4-December 12, 2021

Suggested readings for each day of the week are listed in parenthesis.

Saturday	<i>(Hebrews 12:22-29)</i>	
6:00pm	Worship	Ushers: Beyer
Sunday	<i>(Luke 3:1-6, Malachi 3:1-4 1 Philippians 1:3-11, Psalm 24)</i>	
8:00am	Worship	Ushers: Schacht
9:15am	Family Bible Class and Sunday School	
10:30am	Worship	Ushers: Strack
Monday	<i>(Luke 12:35-40)</i>	
Tuesday	<i>(2 Thessalonians 3:1-5)</i>	
6:30pm	Bible Hour	
Wednesday	<i>(Revelation 2:1-5, 7)</i>	
3:30pm	Public School Confirmation	
6:30pm	Midweek Advent Service	Usher: Butzke
Thursday	<i>(Mark 13:5-13)</i>	
10:00am	Bible Hour	
5:30pm	Ladies Guild Christmas Party	
Friday	<i>(Luke 17:20-25)</i>	
Saturday	<i>(Revelation 3:14-22)</i>	
9:00am	Sunday School Christmas Eve Rehearsal	
6:00pm	Worship w/Communion	Ushers: Butzke
Sunday	<i>(Luke 3:7-18, Zephaniah 3:14-17, Philippians 4:4-7, Psalm 130)</i>	
8:00am	Worship w/Communion	Ushers: Kempf
9:15am	Family Bible Class and Sunday School	
10:30am	Worship w/Communion	Ushers: Koch

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



ST. LUCAS

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

1417 Parkview Drive

Kewaskum, Wisconsin

262-626-2680

www.stlucaswels.org

Pastor Timothy Henning

262-707-6984 thenning@stlucaswels.org

Principal Mark Hesse

920-915-1130 mhesse@stlucaswels.org

***Compelled by the love of Christ, we strive to make disciples for Jesus
Christ through faithful use of the means of grace***