

# ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH 10:30 a.m.

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*We are affiliated with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC).*

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*Pastor*

## *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent*

Ruth Wiechmann, organist

December 6, 2020

### **ADVENT WELCOME!**

*“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”*

*-- II Corinthians 8:9*

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

How often should one go to the Lord's Supper? The Bible does not say. However, there are two related matters. **1)** Beware not to despise God's precious gift of the Lord's Supper, to scoff at the Savior's personal assurance of forgiveness. Do not carelessly calculate that one's absence from Holy Communion is no big deal--no harm done. Christ Himself said, “**Do** this in remembrance of Me.” !! Receive His redeeming body and blood, present miraculously with the bread and the wine. Receive it to strengthen your bond to Him. **2)** But isn't it possible to receive the sacrament too often? In humble faith, one cannot go to the sacrament too often.

### **ORDER OF SERVICE:**

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**Hymn 56** Jesus Came; the Heavens Adoring!

**EPISTLE: Romans 15:4-7** SUMMARIZED. Paul encourages that we carry-on patiently in this life, maintaining oneness with others in Christ. Christ Himself came for Jew and Gentile alike—outwardly two very different groups! Both Jew and Gentile are included in God's kingdom of salvation. Likewise let us patiently receive one another, being of one mind with one another—no matter how different we may be outwardly. Let us maintain oneness in the Kingdom of God, as rooted in His Word of Truth.

**GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36** SUMMARIZED. In preparing our hearts for Christmas, we rightly prepare for Christ's return at the End. Fear of events in this unraveling world need not alarm us. Dread of standing before the holy Lord, need not paralyze us. The dear Savior comes! All is well! Our focus is not on earthly things, but on our Lord and Savior. Put away the distractions of the flesh and of the world. On Christmas Day, and on the Last Day, we hold our heads high in joy! Christ, our Redeemer has come! Rejoice!

Hymn 69 vv. 1-4 Arise, Sons of the Kingdom, the King Is Drawing Nigh!

SERMON: Genesis 3:8-20

**WORDS OF ADVENT HOPE FOR HEAVY HEARTS**

*And they [Adam & Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.*

*Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."*

*And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

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*"So the Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field. On your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life."*

*"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed. He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."*

*To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."*

*Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it: Cursed is the ground for your sake. In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For dust you are, and to dust you shall return."*

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*And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.*

Prayer

Hymn 99 Now Are the Days Fulfilled!

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*VISITORS , please kindly note that our congregation does not practice “open” communion. Communion is an expression of oneness—certainly oneness with the Lord, but also oneness in faith and teaching with one another. Differences of Bible teaching do separate. In keeping with the unity expressed in the Lord’s Supper, we follow a “close-knit” communion practice. We ask that only members of St. Luke’s and sister CLC congregations come forward. Be assured, we are not judging your heart or your faith in Jesus. God alone knows the heart. For further questions, please visit with the pastor.*

IN PLACE OF “O CHRIST, THOU LAMB OF GOD,” please join in singing these modestly altered words of Hymn 314--

1) Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray,  
That we receive from Thee today,  
Together with this bread and wine,  
Thy body and Thy blood divine.

2) Impart to us the greatest good,  
Bought by Thy body and Thy blood;  
Impart the peace of sins forgiven,  
By which we stand as heirs of heaven.

3) One bread, one cup, one body, we,  
United in our life with Thee,  
Proclaim Thy love till Thou shalt come  
And take Thy scattered loved ones home.

4) Lord Jesus Christ, to Thee we pray--  
O keep us strong to that Great Day  
So each may be Thy welcomed guest  
When Thou shalt spread Thy heavenly feast. Amen

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION: Please note, we ask that only four come forward at a time for the Lord’s Supper, unless immediate family.

**Distribution Hymn 58** (melody 1): O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee?

Benediction

**Hymn 89** To Thee My Heart I Offer, O Christ Child Sweet and Dear!

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**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES:** As an aid for preparing hearts for Christmas, midweek Advent services are being held this Wednesday and next Wednesday at 7:00 pm., 12/9 and 12/16. Worship is upstairs this year.

**CHILDREN’S REHEARSALS:** Today after service the children will have time to eat a sack lunch and then the rehearsal for Christmas Eve. Rehearsal will last 45 minutes + or -. Rehearsals will also be held on 12/13 and 12/20.

**THE ADVENT WREATH:** The Advent wreath is a Christian custom used in preparation for Christmas. It's origins appear to be from Lutheran circles in Germany during the 1800's. Originally a candle was lit each day in Advent to point children ahead to the great day of Christmas. Modifications have been made. We now have one candle for each week and one candle for Christmas.

Various meanings and points of devotion exist regarding each of the candles.

**THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ADVENT CANDLE (VIOLET—the color of repentance):** The “Prophecy Candle” begins the period of waiting. It reminds us of the Old Testament promises/prophecies of the coming of the Savior from sin. With humble hearts of repentance awaiting the Savior from sin, we think back to the many believers before us who waited patiently and longingly for the promise of the coming Savior to be fulfilled.

**THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ADVENT CANDLE (VIOLET—the color of repentance):** The “Bethlehem Candle” reminds us that the eternal Son of God humbly came to this earth to be born of a woman at Bethlehem—true God and true man, our Savior!

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP:** Thursday, December 24, 4:00 pm.

**CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP:** Friday, December 25, 10:00 am.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** We thank! those serving the congregation with church cleaning in December! L.Bubbers K.Christman R.Wiechmann J.Olsen

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

12/09 Wed. 7:00 Midweek Advent Worship (upstairs)

12/13 Sun 10:30 Worship 9:30 B.Class & S.Sch.

12/16 Wed 7:00 Midweek Advent Worship (upstairs)

12/20 Sun 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 B.Class & S.Sch.

**TO THE NEXT LIFE:** This past Sunday afternoon, the Lord graciously delivered Doris Hallauer, wife of retired pastor Elton Hallauer, from this vale of tears. Her victory service was Friday, 12/4. May our risen Savior comfort the family!

#### CALL NEWS:

**Teacher Matt Thurow**, Inver Grove Heights, MN. has returned the call to teach grades 4-8 and serve as principal at Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC.

**Teacher Paul Tiefel III**, Eau Claire, WI. has been called to serve as principal and upper grade teacher at Messiah, Hales Corners.

**Pastor Michael Gurath**, Phoenix, AZ has returned the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.

**SHOES—LHS-NHS—ANGEL BINS:** The National Honor Society of Lemmon High School is sponsoring a “shoe drive.” Used shoes that are still in good condition may be deposited in the box in the entry. NHS will sell the shoes to Angel Bins, an organization which re-sells them at bargain prices to needy or ships them overseas. Please see the restrictions on the box. Thank you!

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