

Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2021

10:00 a.m.

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COVID-19 Guidelines:

Masks are **optional** inside St. Luke's while the Covid-19 rate remains below the high level according to Wisconsin DHS

Prelude:

Wachet auf
Based on hymn 61

J.S. Bach

Advent Candle Lighting

Reader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Reader: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

People: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

(Light a purple candle.)

Opening Hymn.....“*Sleepers, awake! A voice astounds us*”.....Hymnal #61

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

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.

Canticle Magnificat anima mea Dominum music from the Taizé community

Canon

Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num.

Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a!

Text: Luke 1:46; Taizé Community
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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This song of praise is the opening phrase of Mary’s song from the first chapter of the gospel of Luke. The Latin phrase is translated as “my soul magnifies the Lord.” Mary’s song emphasizes God’s holiness and power, God’s option for the poor and judgment on the rich, the fulfillment of God’s promises, and the redemption of God’s people.

The Collect

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. *Amen.*

Children's Time

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
 come, let us walk
 in the light of the LORD!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
 "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
2 Now our feet are standing *
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
 that is at unity with itself;
4 To which the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the LORD, *
 the assembly of Israel,
 to praise the Name of the LORD.
5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
 the thrones of the house of David.
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
 "May they prosper who love you.
7 Peace be within your walls *
 and quietness within your towers.
8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
 I pray for your prosperity.
9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
 I will seek to do you good."

The Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in

quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn.....“*O day of God, draw nigh*”.....Hymnal #601

The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Bob Bagley

Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

Please respond to the bidding, "Let us pray to the Lord" with "**Lord, have mercy.**"

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Please kneel or stand.

Minister and People

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

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen

The Peace *All stand.*

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give
light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into
the way of peace. *cf Luke 1:78-79*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory *organ* “*My Lord, what a morning*” Richard Billingham

The Great Thanksgiving Please Stand. Book of Common Prayer 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . . 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:

Sanctus

Hymnal S130

The people may stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. . . therefore according to your command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you O Lord of all. . .

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is 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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction:

“Agnus Dei from Misa Emmanuel”

Cantor



1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:
2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you take a - way the sins of the world,
3. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:

1.2. *All*
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

3. *All*
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord. If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine.

Communion Hymnal:.....“*Watchman, tell us of the night*”Hymnal #640

Post-communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
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
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 for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Please stand.

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing ...

Recessional Hymn.....“*Lo! He comes with clouds descending*”Hymnal #57

Dismissal

Postlude

“Rhapsody on Helmsley”
Based on Hymn 57

W.S. Loyd Webber

If you are visiting St. Luke’s, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke’s Church, please speak with an usher. Always feel free to call or email Fr. Seth at 414-379-2228 or seth@hospitality-center.org

TODAY'S MINISTERS

ACOLYTE: Chris and Sam Schatzman

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Thompson

FIRST READER: Darice Griffin

SECOND READER: Marshall Cushman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Mick Burke

CANTOR: Everett McKinney

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Everett McKinney

USHERS: Amber Beth, Becky Turk

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR: Vestry

NEXT WEEK'S COFFEE HOUR: Birthday Sunday

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

This Week: Marge Ganzel

For the Churches of the World

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti

Cadnet Edneron and Charline Irossaint

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine:

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Milwaukee

Hospitality Center

Racine Vocational Ministry

The DeKoven Center

For Recent Immigrants to Racine

Khalid, Christiana, Ayo, Ako, and those arrived from Afghanistan

Those who are Sick and in Need or Homebound

Doris, Debbie, Bethany, Tony, Christi, Chris, Ron, Bob, Ernie and family, Rosalio, Yemina,
Tania, Jane and John, Neil, Olivia, Jason, Pam and Jack, Luann and bill, Sam

Homebound Jeanne, Barbara

Want us to pray for a loved one or parish member?

Please call the church office and ask Martha to put the name on our prayer list. If you are requesting prayer for another member of the parish, please get their permission first to be listed publicly. Be sure to indicate if the need is short term, long term, or for a particularly reason (e.g. pregnancy or death).

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the **St. Luke's Discretionary Fund**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

Thanksgiving for Birthday

Jessica

Today's **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kathy Williams
by Zar Telfeyan

Help Decorate the Hospitality Center Christmas Tree!

Your gift makes the season brighter AND helps provide:

35,000 Meals

600 Laundry Vouchers

Twice monthly Hair Salon

Bus Passes for HALO Shelter Guests

Pastoral Care and Spiritual Support

A Safe and Welcoming Environment for All!

How it Works:

- 1) Select an ornament. Every ornament has a suggested gift amount.
- 2) Send a check with your gift using the addressed envelope or QR code.
- 3) Add your new Hospitality Center ornament to your own tree or give it as a gift.
- 4) With every gift, we add another ornament to the Hospitality Center tree!

The Hospitality Center is a shared ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee and the Greater Milwaukee Synod ELCA

Salvation Army Angel Tags

The people of St. Luke's have participated in the Salvation Army Angel Tree program for close to 40 years. Local families are referred to the Salvation Army for help providing Christmas gifts. Angel tags are printed for each child in a family and include age, gender, and desired Christmas gift.

- You can help by taking an Angel tag, purchasing a gift, and returning it to St. Luke's by Sunday, December 11, 2022.
- Suggested amount to spend is \$25. Please return all gifts unwrapped!
- If you would like to participate but are unable to shop, please contact Cindy Ganzel and she will gladly shop on your behalf

The gifts will be taken to the Salvation Army in Racine by the deadline for pickup by the Angel families.

Thank you for helping to brighten the life of a Racine child this Christmas!

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