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SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 4th, 2022

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Holy Communion

10:30 a.m.

Prelude—Sacramento Youth Band

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Congregational responses are in **Bold**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it. -Psalm 118:24

Gathering

Call To Worship

Sing twice

Refrain

Come, come, Em - man - u - ell Son of God, ap - pear.

Heav - en and earth, re-joice! Sal - va - tion is draw - ing

near. Sal - va - tion is draw - ing near.

Invocation

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

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Gail and Andrew Weber

You are invited to stand as able.

Gathering Hymn

(Printed on the next page)

Prepare the Royal Highway, #264 all verses

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

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be 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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Music: Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.

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BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

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Please be seated.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

First Reading

The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 11:1-10

(Pew Bible page 732)

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

1 Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;

**2 that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**

3 that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

**4 Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

**6 Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon
shall be no more.

**18 Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;
you alone do wondrous deeds!**

19 And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen.

Second Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Romans 15:4-13

(Pew Bible page 1207)

Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

Mary Did You Know

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

You are invited to stand as able.

(Pew Bible pages 1027)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children's Sermon

Our children will be leaving the worship service after the Children's Sermon for "Sunday School" Peggy Moser is happy to have children of all ages in this class feel free to join her, COVID compliant.

Telling the Story

Thank You Pastor Brian

You are invited to stand as able.

Hymn of the Day

(Printed on the next page)



On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry, #249 all verses

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

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of 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.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Let us confess our faith using A Creed for Christmas.
O God, our Heavenly Father, we are your children, fashioned because of your great love, born to life in this world according to your plan and purpose, and called to serve you by serving one another. For our very life, we give you our thanks.

We believe, Heavenly Father, that you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ. We believe he came to us, born of human flesh and blood, a child in the arms of his mother. We believe he is the Prince of Peace and our Savior. For his coming and bringing us salvation, we give you our thanks.

We believe, Heavenly Father, in the Holy Spirit who binds us together in the body of Christ. We believe we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to realize and receive your forgiving love and to share that love with others. We believe Your love raises us to new life now and for all eternity. For the work of the Holy Spirit among us, we give you our thanks.

Thanks and praise to you O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Each prayer ends:

L: Lord in your mercy, C: **Hear our prayer.**

Together the prayers conclude: **All: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

Meal

Special Music

Sacramento Youth Band
Winter Wonderland

This is a great time to remember your offering and place it in your reach so that you may add it to the collection plate after the service. Thank you for supporting St Luke's Ministry.

You are invited to stand as able.

Offertory *(Tune—"What Child Is This")*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;

Come, peasant, king, to own him.

The King of kings salvation brings;

Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high,

The virgin sings her lullaby;

Joy, Joy, for Christ is born,

The babe, the son of Mary!

Offering Prayer Let us pray. Eternal God,
**you make the desert bloom and send springs of water
to thirsty ground.**

**Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.**

We ask this through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people
with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world
in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Tune — “As With Gladness Men of Old”)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

God of hosts, by all adored:

Heaven and earth cannot contain

All the glory of your Name!

With the heav’nly host we sing

Highest praises to our King.

Hail! Hosanna! Endless fame

Be with him who, in God’s name,

Now draws nigh with us to dwell,

Jesus, our Emmanuel”

Hail! Hosanna! Praises be

To the Lord eternally!

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

(Tune — "Away in A Manger")

**Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!
Oh bring forth your kingdom, and over us reign.
Both mortals and angels, we bow to your will.
Lord choose us and use us, your plan to fulfill.**

**The bread that we yearn for provide us each day.
As we forgive others, our sins take away.
In times of temptation, to lead us be near.
From evil deliver your children most dear.**

**For yours is the kingdom; o'er all things you reign.
And yours is the power; all things you maintain.
To you all the glory, resounding again
From all of creation Forever! Amen.**

Communion

Please be seated.

Remain seated and wait for the ushers to direct you forward.

Believing that Jesus Christ is present in Communion and to receive him is to receive the forgiveness of sin, all are invited to the Lord's Supper. If you don't yet partake of the bread and wine, you are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you choose not to come forward and would like to use one of the individual Communion packets, please open your Communion packet and receive Communion.

Post-Communion Blessing

Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace. Amen.

You are invited to stand as able.

Post-Communion Canticle “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

**Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven’s door,
And we are blessed forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

Post-Communion Prayer

Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.
Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.



Sending

Benediction *Tune— “O Little Town of Bethlehem”*
**Now may the good Lord bless and keep,
his love in us increase;
lift up his face with shining grace,
and grant eternal peace.**

**To Father, Son, and Spirit +
Eternal one-in-three,
Be thanks and praise through all our days
And to eternity!**

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Closing Hymn Blessed Be the God of Israel, 250 all vs.

1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
 2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
 3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
 the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
 that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

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 Music: English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958
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FOREST GREEN
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sacramento Youth Band
O Tannenbaum

Worship Assistants

Altar Care: Gail Weber

Usher: Kathy Arndt

Pre & Postludes: Sacramento Youth Band

Greeter: Laura Tice

Communion Assistants: Faith Thomas

Song Leader: Karen Linfor

Reader: Gail Weber

Prayer Leader: Sarah Madison

This Week at St. Luke's

December 4th - 10th, 2022

Today	Holy Communion	10:30am
Monday	Soul Sisters RM 5	Noon-2pm
Tuesday	Bible Study see Marlene	10am Zoom
Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Saturday	W-ELCA Luncheon	11:30am
Saturday	Tree Decorating	1:00pm
Sunday	Holy Communion	10:30am

Thank you!

I so appreciated the letters and gifts I received as we ate and talked together after my final Sunday as worship and sermon leader. I greatly appreciate each and every one of you. It's been wonderful to be able to give you communion and to share conversations after church. It continues to be a joy to be a part of the St. Luke's worship family.

Pastor Ron Zoesch



W-ELCA Annual Christmas Luncheon

W-ELCA will be having their Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, **December 10th at 11:30AM** this year in the Schultz Hall. The luncheon will be provided by the W-ELCA Board so please sign up on the W-ELCA Christmas Luncheon Sign Up Sheet on the Opportunity Table. Our luncheon will include a short W-ELCA meeting, singing Christmas songs and a small gift exchange for those who would like to participate. If you would like to participate please bring a wrapped gift under \$10.00 so you can join the fun.

Christmas Tree setup in the sanctuary following the luncheon.

Sanctuary & Tree Decorating

We will be decking the halls and setting up the congregational Christmas tree on **Saturday, December 10th** following the W-ELCA Luncheon.

All are welcome to join in the fun and partake in Christmas cheer.

Poinsettias

We are once again taking orders for Poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. The cost is \$15 each.

Please place your order on the form provided.



Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck

December 11, 2022 following Worship Service

Please join us in Schultz Hall for our annual congregational meeting and potluck. We will be adopting the budget for 2023 and voting on candidates for the following Council positions: President, Vice President and Youth leader.

For your review, copies of the proposed budget for 2023 will be available in the Sanctuary starting today.

Advent

God Bless Us Everyone! Advent and Christmas home devotionals Heaven and Nature Sing are now available. They are available in the narthex.

Congregational Christmas Card Exchange

If you would like to exchange Christmas cards with other members and friends of St. Luke's please put them in the Christmas card box located in the church narthex.

Cantata

The choir's annual Christmas cantata under the direction of Jane Fanucci will be presented Sunday, December 18th at the 10:30 service. Invite your friends and family for this inspirational and up-beat musical presentation.