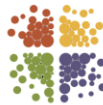




First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

9:15 am Worship Service



St. Luke
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Portland, OR 97219

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Gathering in Worship

Prepare the Way

Bethany Wohrle, Chris Cleveland, Dante Bowe,
Ethan Hulse, and Justin Amundrud

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Light One Candle

Red Hymnal No. 240 vs.1

Message

Scripture Reading Luke 21:25-36

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

Sermon

Community Prayers – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Thomas Helmore

Our prayers for individuals and the world are framed by “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Offering

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Traditional, Arr. By Roger House

Holy Communion

Words of Remembrance

The Meal

Simplicity

Rend Collective

Blessing

Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)

Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash,
Martin Cash and Scott Cash

Thank you for joining us in worship!

If you are new or visiting today, welcome! We invite you to fill out our visitor card located in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate. We are glad you are here.

Hearing assistance is available – please see an usher.

Advent I

Presider: Pastor Patti Welch **Preacher:** Pastor Beth Brashear

Music: Modern Worship Team, Rejoice Choir

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting: Tami Zeidlhack, Fady Aroonsuck

Readers: Lisa Knudsen, Walt Brickwedel, Joan Bridgman

Greeters: Sue Enquist, Carol Cryder

Ushers: Mark Jockers, Earl Cahoe, Mike Curran, Deb Curran

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Worship

In Holy Communion, Christ enters our lives anew: all who hunger to grow in

connection with God are welcome to partake. **Communion is via intinction only:**

Ushers will invite you forward via the center aisle to receive Communion wafer. Wine (red) and grape juice (clear) are in the chalices (cups) held by the Communion Assistants. **Please bring your wafer to the chalices and dip it into the wine or grape juice before consuming your wafer.**

- Gluten-free wafers are available: simply ask a pastor.
- If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

St. Luke's Nursery: The nursery is offers care to children ages birth – 5 years every Sunday during the second service (10:15-11:45am).

Education Hour - Youth/Parents: CLASS LOCATIONS: Children's Church 9:15, Library; Children's Hour 10:30, Room 109 Fellowship Hall; MSM 10:30, Lower Shalom; SLY 10:30, Vermont House; Parents Group 10:30, Upper Shalom.

CLASS SCHEDULE: Classes resume today! Last Class Dec. 15. No Classes Dec. 22 and 29. Classes resume Jan. 5.

Prayers for the Departed: **Cynthia Uffens** (Joan Peters' sister); **Ruth Swigart** (Scott Swigart's mother); **Sue Linke** (Andrew Watson's mother); **Clyde Brown** (Frazer family friend); **Lorna Beckley**; **Kathy Baker** (Ron Hudson's sister, sister-in-law of Marilyn Hudson).

Prayer List: **Brad Werth** (brother-in-law Kendall and Keith Cunningham-Parmeter); **Michael Curran** (rotator cuff surgery); **David Medford** (bruised ribs from fall); **Jim Steele** (shoulder replacement surgery); **Stephanie Rehm** (grandmother of Pepper Rehm); **Meri Alrick**; **Steve Blake** (Diane Allen's son, car accident, multiple injuries); **Mei** (Yuen Chan's mother, broken back and hip); **Fai** (Yuen Chan's brother, post heart attack, undergoing procedures to have stents being put in); **Jane Gott** (pancreatic cancer); **Lawrence Carasco** (healing after heart surgery); **Miles McCarry** (Sheri McCarry's grandson); **Tammy Mercier**; **Jordan Benson** (brother of Dale Benson); **Susan G. Knodell Humphrey**; **Fraser Rasmussen** (ongoing cancer); **Gloria Miniszewski**; **Georgann Dustan** (gallbladder surgery); **Sybil Tremper** (lymphoma); **Barb Dahlgren** (surgery); **Carter West** (neurological disease); **Tim Spofford** (strokes/Cathy Spofford's brother-in-law); **Elaine Woodward** (stroke); **Dee Mills**; **Jeremy Eckhardt** and those incarcerated.

Connect

Staff Out of the Office: Raingard - December 12-18; Kim - December 13-20.

Capital Campaign: A congregation forum will be held today after the 10:30am worship service in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be served. **Childcare will be provided.**

Table Talk with Rev. Mark Brocker, Theologian in Residence: Tuesday, Dec. 3rd from 7-8pm, via Zoom or Saturday, Dec. 7th from 11am to noon in the Conference Room. To read more about "*In the Aftermath of the Presidential Election: Responding as People of Faith*" scan the QR code or pick up an info. sheet in the narthex.

Wednesday Church Night & Holden Evening Prayer: Dec. 4th. Children Song Practice (5:15-5:45pm on the Fellowship Hall stage) with Steven just before soup dinner! 5:45pm soup dinner, 6:30pm Holden Evening Prayers in Sanctuary.

Advent Festival! Our upcoming Advent Festival is for ALL ages! Let's all celebrate the season together! Advent Festival: **Sat, Dec 7th, 2-4 pm, Fellowship Hall**, Intergenerational offerings include: Crafts for adults and children, coffee and hot chocolate bar. Optional: bring a plate of cookies to share.

Monthly Memory Café: Join us in the St. Luke Fellowship Hall for the next monthly social time, with sing-along music and snacks, for persons with memory loss and their family/friend care partners on Thursday, December 12th from 2:30 - 4pm.

Winter Festival of Choirs! Sunday, Dec.15th at 3pm. Free Admission. Donations benefit the St. Luke Music Department.

FAB (Fifty & Beyond) Coffee Hour and Presentation: On Wednesday, December 18th ALL AGES are welcome to join the FAB group in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30am for a coffee hour and special presentation on walking the Camino de Santiago by St. Luke members Ron and Marilyn Hudson. Ron has hiked the Camino 15 times, and Marilyn joined him once to learn about this wonderful experience. Join us to hear personal "walking" stories from the Hudsons!

Serve

Giving Tree: Please see the tree with gift ornaments in the narthex. All gifts need to be wrapped and returned by Sunday, Dec. 15th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Emily at emily@stlukechurch.com

Joyful Generosity: Thank you to those who have returned their Intent Cards! We will continue to receive cards through the end of the year. Please contact Debbie Smith at debbie@stlukechurch.com if you need assistance with making changes to your electronic giving.

West Women's Shelter: We are collecting robes, pajamas, and slippers for the West Women's Shelter. Scan the QR code to sign up for the specific items needed. Items need to be brought to church unwrapped in a paper bag noting the room number the item goes to. Items need to be at church by Dec. 10th.



Christmas Eve Services: 3pm (Children's Service), 5pm (Band led with traditional carols), & 10:30pm (organ, handbells, choir). *No service on December 25th.*



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Prelude

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Red Hymnal no. 715

Confession and Forgiveness

Red Hymnal pg. 94

Have mercy, O God, **against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

...Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love. **Blessed be God forever.**

Gathering Hymn

Blessed Be the God of Israel

Red Hymnal no. 250

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

Purple Hymnal pg. 31

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Red Hymnal pg. 142

Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Sermon Response *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* Red Hymnal no. 436

Apostle's Creed

Purple Hymnal pg. 17

Prayers of the People
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Anthem *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Timothy Kile

Passing of the Peace

Meal

Offertory *Organ Solo*

Offering Prayer

God of goodness and growth, **all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue	Purple Hymnal pg. 36
Preface	
Holy, Holy, Holy	Purple Hymnal pg. 36
Words of Institution	
Lord's Prayer	Purple Hymnal pg. 39
Communion Hymns	
<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	Red Hymnal no. 254
<i>On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry</i>	Red Hymnal no. 249

Post-Communion Prayer

We thank you, **O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen**

Sending

Blessing

Sending Hymn	<i>People, Look East</i>	Red Hymnal no. 248
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude