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First Sunday in Advent
December 1, 2024

WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S!

It is a blessing to have you with us this morning as we gather as God's children around His Living Word! We are so happy that you are here as we begin a new church year with the season of Advent! As we do so, may God richly bless and keep you and may the message that a Savior promised of old is coming! Please sign our guest register in the hallway if you are visiting and please join us again! God's richest blessings to all!

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT December 1, 2024

TODAY'S SERVICE: On the secular calendar, New Year's Day is January first. On the Church year calendar, however, "New Year's Day" is the first Sunday in Advent which is today. As such, we begin our new year waiting for the promised Messiah foretold in the Old Testament whose arrival takes place in Bethlehem at Christmas. The season of Advent, therefore, calls us to make joyful preparations for the Savior of the world to arrive! May God bless your "joyful preparations" this year as you make your way through Advent!

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: TLH pg. 15 (Blue Hymnal)

THE HYMNS: #62, #535, #305, #73 (3rd tune)

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 The days are coming when
a righteous branch shall arise.

The Epistle: 1 Thes. 3:9-13 Paul rejoices in his fellow Christians.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 19:28-40 The crowds cry "Hosanna" at
the coming of the King!

SERMON TITLE: "Eager to See You" 1 Thes. 3:9-13

TODAY'S PRAYERS: We remember Mark Rundquist who has been diagnosed with cancer; Dorothy Grigsby who is at Golden Pond; Sara Fowler who is experiencing effects associated with her brain injury 2 years ago; Hugh Baker, who is in rehab; Becky Rundquist, who is receiving medical care for her leg; Art Arendall (former member) who will be undergoing triple bypass surgery; Richard Bell, brother-in-law of Carolyn Voss, who is dealing with eye issues; Gerry and Sheryl Griesinger, friends of Cheryl Medford, who are ill; Debbie Youland, mother of a close friend, who is undergoing cancer treatment and Rudolph Walter, brother of Betty Skaflen, battling cancer. Please remember these requests in your prayers this week. Thank you!

THOSE SERVING:

Elder: Kreg Renzelman

Organist: Becky Rundquist

Altar Guild: Peggy Jacobs, Sunshine Frahm, Lori Schwindt,
Becky Rundquist

Altar Flowers: Sunshine Frahm

ST. LUKE'S NEWS

A BIG THANK YOU! We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season yesterday! Your help was greatly appreciated as we together prepared our sanctuary for the celebration of the coming of Jesus! May God bless you all for your loving care for the church!

MITE BOX SUNDAY is today. A container has been placed in the fellowship area to collect your mission offerings. Your mites help with many of the Mission Grants which include: "Expanding Gospel Outreach to Hispanics in U.S.—Lutheran Hour Ministries" and "Feeding Haitian Children through Gospel and Meals—Trinity Hope."

ADVENT BEGINS: We invite everyone to join us for our Advent Service this Wednesday, December 4th at 10:00 AM. Our Advent Services will be held every Wednesday at 10:00 AM through December 18th.

AN ELDER'S MEETING will be held on Thursday, December 5th after the Bible Study.

THE DECEMBER CALENDER is available on the entry-way table.

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS sign-up sheet is on the entry-way table. The price is \$20.65 for the whole year beginning with the March 2025 edition. Please sign up for your subscription by the end of the year. Your check can be made out to St. Luke's Lutheran Church with the memo line "Lutheran Witness" and placed in the offering plate any time before the end of the year.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2025 are now available. Please sign up for them on the sheet on the back table. The box of envelopes will be placed in your mailbox before the first Sunday in January.

OUR CHARITY DONATIONS for December go to the Christian Action Guild of Golden. The 4th Sunday of the month has been designated as the collection day. The following items are needed and will be accepted for their pantry: canned soups (other than Tomato), tomato sauce, canned beans, canned tomatoes, crackers, canned tuna, cereal, and peanut butter and jelly.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Large print Bulletins with insert are available each Sunday. If you are having difficulty in reading the Bulletin and insert, please check with an usher for the large print version.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Pastor's Family Day	
Wednesday	Advent Service	10:00 AM
	Pastor's Conference	Noon—3PM
Thursday	Bible Class	10:00 AM
	Elder's Meeting	11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF THE
HOLY COMMUNION
TLH (BLUE BOOK)**

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Last Sunday's Offering: \$2,197.00 Attendance: 38
Bible Study: 11
Thursday Bible Study postponed due to Thanksgiving.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Rachael Zeliff.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in our worship service this morning. Because the Bible calls us to have the same understanding of the Christian faith (1 Cor. 10:1-22), to believe that Jesus' body and blood are truly present (Mt. 26:26-28, 1 Cor. 10:16, 11:27), and to properly prepare (1 Cor. 11:27-32), we invite forward at this time those who are confirmed members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. If you are not yet a member and would like to receive communion, we invite you to speak with the pastor about instruction and membership. We openly and joyfully would like to have you as a member and extend this invitation to you!

IN THE WORD

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY: We invite you to join us for Bible Study this morning! On tap will be a resounding round of "Bible Jeopardy" as we wrap up a look at the Catechism. Why not grab a cup of coffee and a chair and be a part of the fun! Fellowship Hall, 10:30 AM.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: As Advent rolls in, what better way to prepare the way of the Lord than to be in the study of His Living Word! Please join us as we open the Bible again and allow God to strengthen our faith 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall!

THE VERSE OF THE DAY: "In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David, and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land." Jer. 33:15

TODAY'S THEOLOGY QUESTION: The Advent wreath is a tradition in the church started many years ago. With this tradition, each candle has been assigned a title with a meaning. With that, what is the first Advent candle called?

- A. The cradle candle reminding us of the place Jesus was laid.
- B. The prophecy candle reminding us of the predictions of Christ's coming in the OT.
- C. The star candle reminding us of the light the wise men followed..
- D. The Lutheran candle reminding that we are saved by grace.
- E. The donkey candle reminding us of the animal Mary rode who needs some love.