

St. Luke Lutheran Church

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Second Weekend in Advent

December 5/6, 2020

St. Luke RADIANT

(in person and e-worship)



“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God,

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for her sins.” Isaiah 40: 1-2

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HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to St. Luke Radiant on this beautiful Advent weekend. During this season of longing, anticipation and hope, we ask God to prepare our hearts for the birth of God among us at Christmas, and also to persevere in faith and love in anticipation of Christ's return in glory.

Today we will celebrate in-person communion (for those persons gathering in the sanctuary at below 25% capacity, as per governor's guidelines) AND "Lutheran Household Communion" for those participating from home. Although many are showing care and love for ourselves and our neighbors by not yet gathering physically, we nevertheless are able to receive the sacrament physically and fully, whether at church or gathered as God's people in our own households. As Martin Luther wrote in his Small Catechism:

**These words, ("given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin")
when accompanied by the physical eating and drinking,
are the essential thing in the sacrament,
and whoever believes these very words has what they declare and state, namely,
"forgiveness of sin."**

By hearing these words of our Lord Jesus Christ spoken during our worship service, and by physically receiving ordinary bread and ordinary wine (or grape juice) both in-person in the church sanctuary and in the sanctuary of our own households, we believe the Holy Spirit unites those whom physical distance and health concerns must separate, and Jesus Christ again humbles himself to become fully present to each of us, and all of us together.

Before this worship starts, each household is encouraged to:

1. Light a candle (be your own acolyte!) or light a lamp.
2. Open your Bible (a Bible app on your phone is fine) and find today's readings.
3. Prepare a place at a table (coffee table or desk is fine) Do you have an Advent wreath? Or simply four candles of any size or shape? (Please send us a snapshot of you and your "sanctuary space" and we would love to place it on Facebook, or show photos as part of our Advent preludes, and/or in the next Horizon Newsletter!)
4. **For the Sacrament of Holy Communion:**
Prepare a plate with one slice, piece, or loaf of bread to be broken and shared, and enough cups of wine (red, rose or white are all fine) or grape juice for each participant. Cover everything with a clean cloth or napkin.

FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING AT THE ST. LUKE SANCTUARY, WE WILL COMMUNE WITH PREPACKAGED WAFER & GRAPE JUICE. Instructions will be given in person at the service.

Prelude

Wexford Carol
arr. David Willcocks
The Scholars of
St Luke and St Timothy Lutheran Churches

Welcome and Announcement

A Litany of Comfort – (based on Isaiah 40: 1-11)

Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
whose forgiveness is sure
and whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

We stand in need of deliverance from grief and troubles.
We desire a way to move beyond our shame and disgrace.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

O Lord, our God, make your presence known to us.
We put our trust and faith in you, now be with us in our time of need.

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

I have shouted and cried, prayed and kept silent.
As our lives change moment by moment, God is constant in providing grace.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

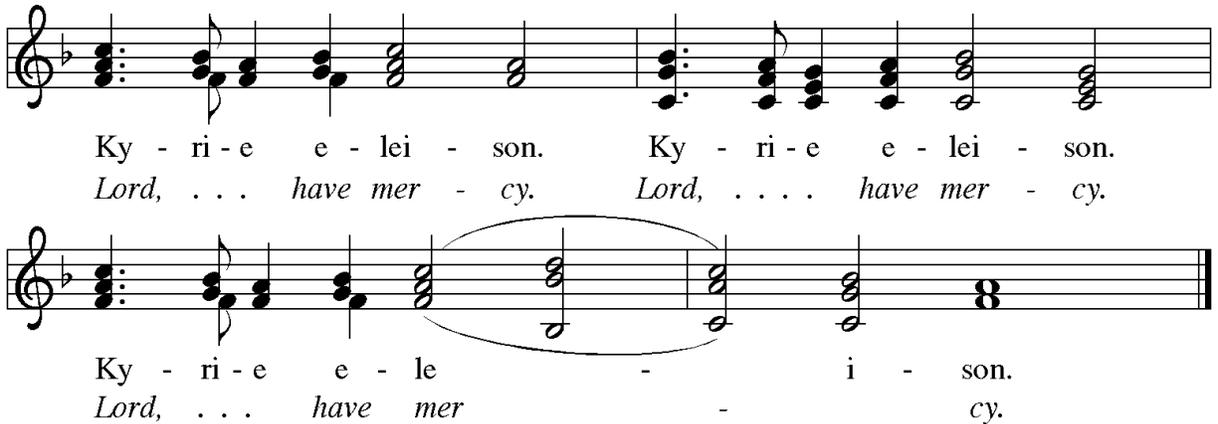
**I am searching for comfort in the darkness of the night and loneliness of the day.
May we hear the Good News, which invites us into new life.**

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

**In my weakness, I look for the strength of One who will hold me.
God, Almighty, protect me from the storm and hold me close in comfort.**

Kyrie ELW 155

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

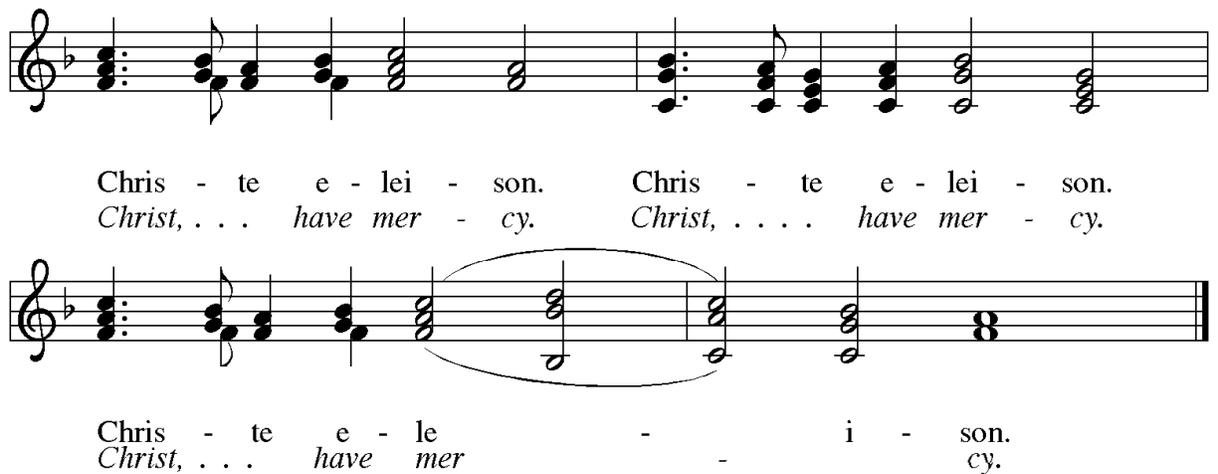


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of church of God, and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

For your people here, who have come to give you praise and for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

WORD

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Baptismal Family Video - Shore Family

2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.

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 Music: OSOSO, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947
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Psalm

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

¹You have been gracious to your land, O LORD;
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

²**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.**

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Lesson

2 Peter 3:8-15a

⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ^{15a}and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Children's Message

Pastor Wayne

Gospel Acclamation ELW 175

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

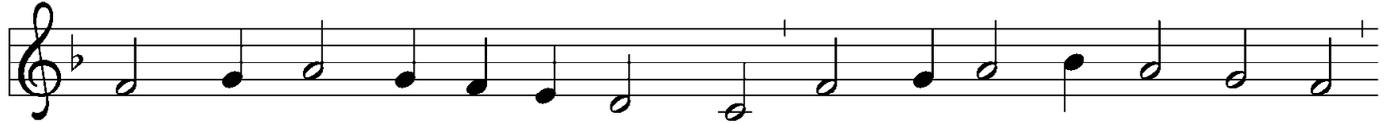
Sermon

**“Comfort My People
Speak Tenderly”**

Pastor Wayne



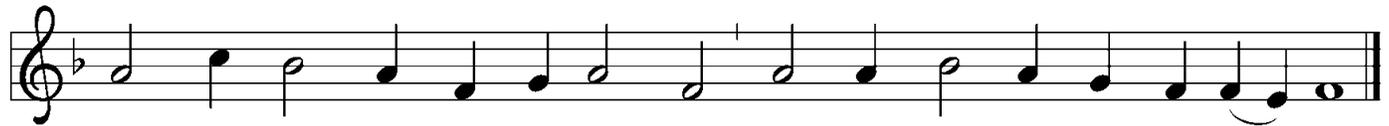
1 “Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!” So says our God.
2 For the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row’s load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.



To God’s peo - ple now pro-claim that God’s par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseauxes de David*, Geneva, 1551

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

God of power and might, comfort your people and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

- response after each petition: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- response after the final petition: **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Within a household, we greet one another with a sign of God's peace and remember our siblings scattered across Albuquerque and throughout the world.

Offering

We are invited to joyfully give our tithes and offerings to join in God's unceasing mission through the Church. We may place our offerings in the basket in the aisle. We may also send gifts directly to St. Luke via mail or contribute via our online giving resources on our church website <http://stlukeabq.org/>.

*Our St. Luke "bucket of change" offerings for **December** will go to
Camino de Vida NM - Iglesia Christiana*

our partner church and a shared Hispanic/Latino ministry of the Rocky Mountain Synod of ELCA and the Presbyterian Church USA. Please designate your offering to "Camino Christmas;" we hope to have all gifts received by Advent 3, Dec. 13, "Joy Sunday." This will help Camino de Vida prepare 40 boxes of food for Christmas and presents for 50 children of their community who have been affected especially hard by the coronavirus pandemic.

Offering Hymn ELW 689

Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.

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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Generous God, you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

CHRISTIAN HOUSEHOLD COMMUNION



HOLY COMMUNION

*Each household uncovers the wine and bread prepared earlier.
All participants join in the parts printed in **bold**.*

The 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.

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

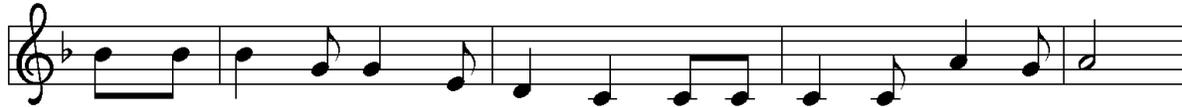
Gathered in Christ's name in our church and in our households, we pray our many tables would become your One Holy Table, O LORD. With the beloved family of Christ throughout this city, with Christian households throughout the world, together *also* with angels, archangels and all the company of heaven, we praise your name, and join in one unending hymn:

Sanctus ELW W&P 61

Refrain/Estribillo



San - to, san - to es nues - tro Dios,
Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God,



Se - ñor de to - da la tie - rra. San - to, san - to es nues - tro Dios.
God, the Lord of earth and heav - en. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.



San - to, san - to es nues - tro Dios,
Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God,



Se - ñor de to - da la his - to - ria. San - to, san - to es nues - tro Dios.
God, the Lord of all of his - t'ry. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.



Que a - com - pa - ña a nues - tro pue - blo, que vi - ve en nues - tras lu - chas,
Who ac - com - pa - nies our peo - ple, who lives with - in our strug - gles,



del u - ni - ver - so en - te - ro el ú - ni - co Se - ñor.
of all the earth and heav - en the one and on - ly Lord.



Ben - di - tos los que en su nom - bre el e - van - ge - lio a - nun - cian,
Blest are they who in the Lord's name an - nounce the ho - ly gos - pel,



la bue - na y gran no - ti - cia de la li - be - ra - ción.
pro - claim - ing the good news that our lib - er - a - tion comes.

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955; tr. Linda McCrae

Music: CUÉLLAR, Guillermo Cuéllar

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Today again, in this Kairos moment, we remember with thanksgiving how, “In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

‘Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.’

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.’”

This is the supper of our Lord Jesus Christ. This same bread and cup, shared in churches and households throughout the world, are here also given for us. Remembering Christ’s love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus’ table. **Amen.**

The Distribution of Communion

- *In person – Please open the communion packets you received with your bulletin and partake of communion. Empty packets may be put into the paper cup received with the packet.*
- *At home -- Please distribute the bread and the wine, saying to each person (or aloud for yourself):*

**The body of Christ, given for you;
The blood of Christ, shed for you.**



Agnus Dei ELW 198

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

SENDING

Blessing (Benediction)

- response after the prayer: **Amen.**



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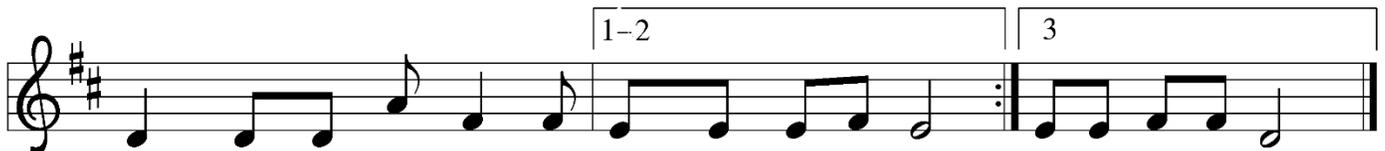
- 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Saturday 5 pm and e-worship
Variations on 'Freu dich sehr'

Sunday 10:30 am
Sonne der Gerechtigkeit
Ernst Pepping

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Following worship please go directly outside without staying behind in the Nave or Narthex to converse. You may converse with the pastors and others outside the building entrance while maintaining 6-foot distancing and wearing face coverings. Thank you very much for helping St. Luke to remain safe and healthy.

Participating in Today's Worship

Pastor Christa von Zychlin and Pastor Wayne Nieminen
Saturday Organist: John Garlisch
Sunday Organist: James Rasmussen
Saturday Vocalists: Augustin Arredondo and Molly Rosenshein
Sunday Vocalists: Jonathan Cain and Molly Rosenshein
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