

St. Luke Lutheran Church

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Third Weekend in Advent – Gaudete (Joy) Sunday

December 12/13, 2020

St. Luke RADIANT

(in person and e-worship)



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“I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God...” – Isaiah 61:10

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Prelude

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

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

Together let us honestly and humbly confess
that we have not lived as God desires.

Silence is kept for reflection.

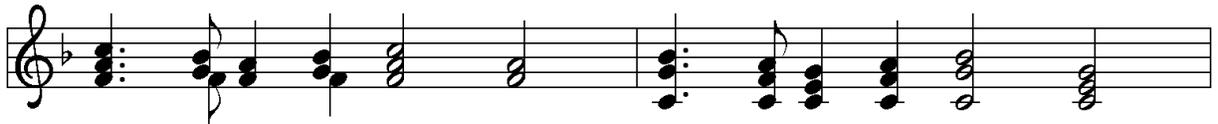
Loving and forgiving God,
we confess that we are held captive by sin.
In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray.
We have not welcomed the stranger;
we have not loved our neighbor;
we have not been Christ to one another.
Restore us, O God.
Wake us up and turn us from our sin.
Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

People of God, hear this glad news:
by God's endless grace
your sins are forgiven, and you are free-
free from all that holds you back
and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.
May you be strengthened in God's love,
† comforted by Christ's peace,
and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

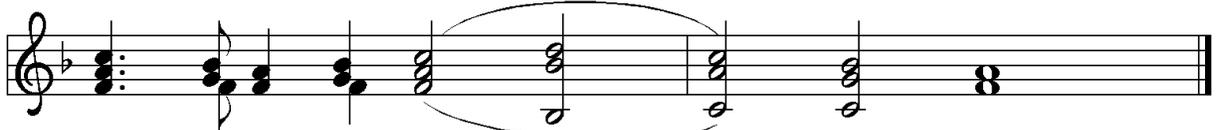
Kyrie ELW 155

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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



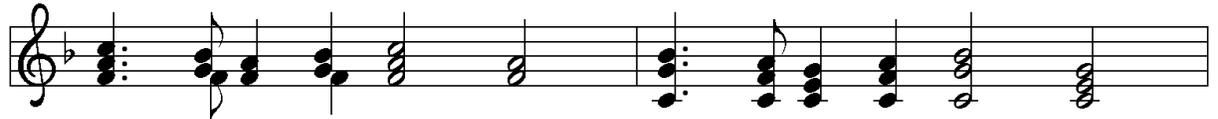
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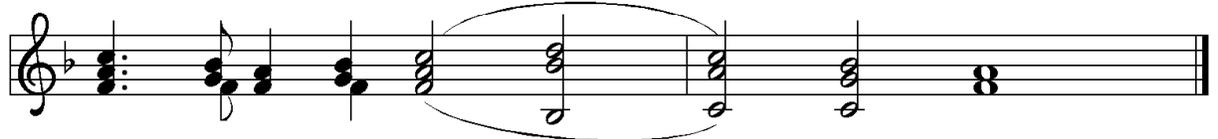
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Lord, . . . have mer - - cy.

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.



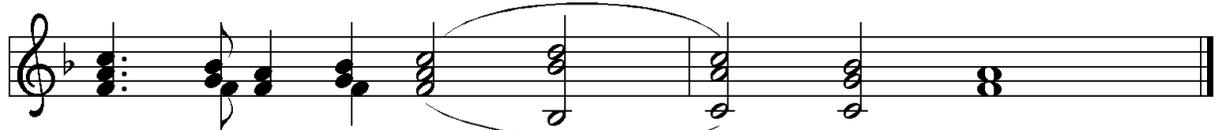
Chris - te e - le - - i - son.
Christ, . . . have mer - - cy.

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 the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; 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

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

¹The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

⁸For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations,

and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

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

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

Come now, O Prince of peace, 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 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil.

²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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

Children's Message



Gospel Acclamation ELW 175

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

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Music: "Alleluia 7," Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994, and the Taizé Community
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Gospel

Luke 1:46-54

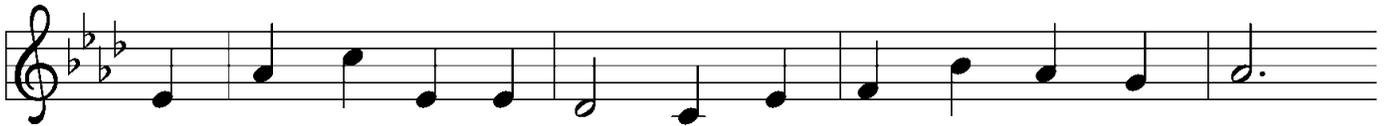
The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

- ⁴⁶ (And) Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

Hymn of the Day ELW 244

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

The Apostle's Creed

Sunday 10:30 am

[Baptismal version - spoken on Saturday as part of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism]

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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, shine your radiance 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

Stewardship Thank You Video – St. Luke 2021 **“Building community beyond our walls”**

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 Verses 1-3



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.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
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.

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.**

AS PART OF THE SATURDAY, 5 PM SERVICE



**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for
Maxwell James Bentz**

born 9/6/2020

Parents: Brian and Elizabeth Bentz

Godparents: Benjamin Krickhahn and Megan Bentz

Three-fold Renunciation of Evil:

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

All: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

All: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

The Apostle's Creed (p. 10 of this bulletin)

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P: Who presents this child for the sacrament of Holy Baptism?

Godparents: We present Maxwell James for the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you, Elizabeth and Brian desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

To bring him to gatherings of the Church community,
To place in his hands the Holy Scriptures,
To teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
To nurture him in faith,
So that your child may grow in love of God and neighbor, using his unique life and talents to care for others and the world God has made. Do you promise to help your child grow in such Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

P: Benjamin and Meghan, as godparents, empowered by God's Spirit, do you promise to nurture Maxwell James in the Christian faith, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the Church?

Godparents: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Maxwell James and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

*All: **WE DO!***

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created all living creatures. You have made water a sign of cleansing, of refreshment, and of new life through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that Maxwell James also will be born anew this day. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

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Maxwell James ✠ you are baptized
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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*All: **Amen.***

[Laying on of hands] P: Sustain Maxwell James with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

*All: **Amen.***

[Anointing with oil] P: Maxwell James, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross ✠ of Christ forever.

*All: **Amen.***



[Presentation of baptismal candle]

Godparents: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome this new little brother in Christ:

All: Maxwell James, we welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

SENDING

Blessing (Benediction)

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



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Hark the Glad Sound

David Cherwien

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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

Organist: John Garlisch

Saturday Vocalists: Augustin Arredondo and Molly Rosenshein

Sunday Vocalists: Jonathan Cain and Pauleta Hendrickson

Saturday Audio-visual: Kaden Helmka

Sunday Audio-visual: Judy Moore

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