

St. Luke Lutheran Church

Albuquerque, New Mexico

4th Weekend in Advent

December 19/20, 2020

St. Luke RADIANT

(in person and e-worship)



“In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent to Nazareth...

The angel went in and said to Mary, ‘Greetings, most favored one! The Lord is with you! But she was deeply troubled by what he said and wondered what this greeting could mean.’ Luke 1: 26,28-29

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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.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

*The Angel Gabriel
Basque Carol, arr. Richard Shepherd
tr. Sabine Baring-Gould
The Scholars of
St Luke and St Timothy Lutheran Churches*

Welcome and Announcement

Invocation

Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit! **Amen.**

Greetings favored ones! The Lord is with you and plans to do great things through you!

How can this be?!

An Advent Litany – Christ is coming to make all things new!

Among the poor, among the proud, among the persecuted, among the privileged,
Christ is coming to make all things new!

In the private house, in the public place, in the wedding feast, in the judgment hall,
Christ is coming to make all things new!

With a gentle touch, with an angry word, with a clear conscience, with burning love,
Christ is coming to make all things new!

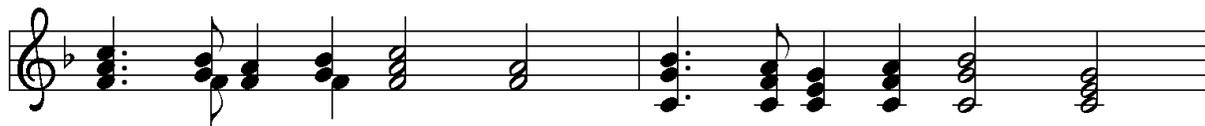
That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe, that the powerful might stumble,
that the hidden might be seen.
Christ is coming to make all things new!

Within us, without us, behind us, before us, in this place, in every place, for this time, for all
time.
Christ is coming to make all things new!

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.



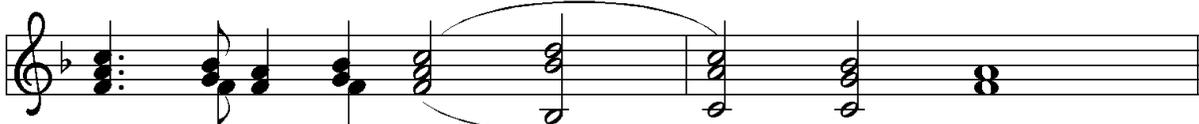
Chris - te e - le - - i - son.
Christ, . . . have mer - - cy.

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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

WORD

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



Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

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Psalm

Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-21

¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;**

you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

³"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴**I will establish your line forever,**

and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

¹⁹You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people:

"I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

²⁰I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him.

²¹My hand will hold him fast
and my arm will make him strong.

Hymn United Methodist Hymnal 215

To a Maid Engaged to Joseph verses 1-4



1. To a maid en-gaged to Jo - seph, the an - gel Gab-riel came.
2. "For you are high - ly fa - vored by God the Lord of all,
3. But Ma - ry was most trou - bled to hear the an - gel's word.
4. "Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.



"Fear not," the an - gel told her, "I come to bring good news,
who ev - en now is with you. You are on earth most blest,
What was the an - gel say - ing? It trou-bled her to hear,
His name shall be called Je - sus, God's off-spring from on high.



good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news.
you are most blest, most bless - ed, God chose you, you are blest!"
to hear the an - gel's mess - age, it trou - bled her to hear.
And he shall reign for - ev - er, for - ev - er reign on high."

United Methodist Hymnal 215

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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

Luke 1:26-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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



Homily

“How shall this be?”

Pastor Wayne

Hymn of the Day UMH 215

To a Maid Engaged to Joseph
verses 4-6

4. “Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.
His name shall be called Je - sus, God’s off-spring from on high.
And he shall reign for - ev - er, for - ev - er reign on high.”

5. “How shall this be?” said Mary,
“I am not yet a wife.”
The angel answered quickly,
“The power of the Most High
will come upon you shortly,
your child will be God’s child.”

6. As Mary heard the angel,
she wondered at his words.
“Behold, I am your handmaid,”
she said unto her God.
“So be it; I am ready
according to your word.”

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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;" thanks to your generosity, we have already **exceeded our goal of \$500** (thank you!!) - all extra offerings received will enable Camino de Vida increase their outreach of grace with food boxes for Christmas and gifts for children of their community who have been affected especially hard by the coronavirus pandemic. It's a joy to be Christ's Church Together!*

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.

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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.

Refrain/Estribillo

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Today again, in this holy season of Advent hope and expectation, 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.**



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



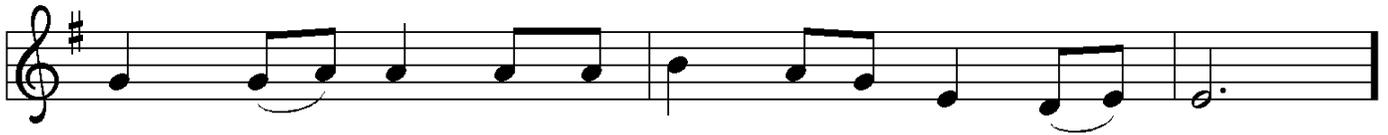
won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



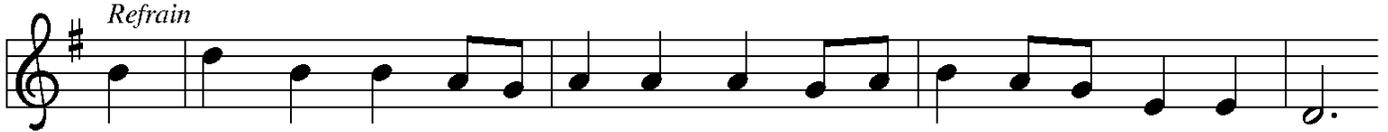
You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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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 GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

Sunday 10:30 am
Song of Hope (Hebrew Melody)
Richard Warner

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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: Jonathan Cain and Molly Rosenshein

Sunday Vocalists: Augustin Arredondo and Pauleta Hendrickson

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