

# St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson 6:45PM • December 1, 2021

## Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Hymn: "What Child Is This" Pianist, Debbi St. John

- Vs 1: What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!
- Vs 2: Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!
- Vs 3: So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king to own Him. The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him. Raise, raise a song on high The virgin sings her lullaby Joy, joy for Christ is born The Babe, the son of Mary

# **Confession and Forgiveness:**

- P: In Advent we prepare for the coming of Christ. Let us open our hearts to God's mercy. Almighty God,
- C: We confess that we have sinned against you, and against our brothers and sisters. Our words and deeds have not proclaimed your reign of justice and truth. We have failed to watch and pray for the signs of your advent among us. Forgive our sin, and come quickly to save us.
- P: Children of God, the advent of Christ brings the promise of grace. Through Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. Live reconciled to each other. **Amen.**

# Reading on rebuilding the temple: Ezra 6:1-6 read by Hailey Dankers and Avery Tipton

<sup>1</sup> King Darius then issued an order, and they searched in the archives stored in the treasury at Babylon. <sup>2</sup>A scroll was found in the citadel of Ecbatana in the province of Media, and this was written on it: Memorandum: <sup>3</sup>In the first year of King Cyrus, the king issued a decree concerning the temple of God in Jerusalem: Let the temple be rebuilt as a place to present sacrifices, and let its foundations be laid. It is to be sixty cubits high and sixty cubits wide, <sup>4</sup> with three courses of large stones and one of timbers. The costs are to be paid by the royal treasury. <sup>5</sup> Also, the gold and silver articles of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, are to be returned to their places in the temple in Jerusalem; they are to be deposited in the house of God. <sup>6</sup> Now then, Tattenai, governor of Trans-Euphrates, and Shethar-Bozenai and you other officials of that province, stay away from there.

# Student Messages: by Hailey Dankers and Avery Tipton

God brought his people back from exile in Babylon to their homeland, Israel. What do you think was both hopeful and scary about the return home?

Teaching: Pastor Eric Hanson

### Song of the Day:

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#### "Away In The Manger" #277

- Verse 1: Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
- Verse 2: The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus; Look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- Verse 3: Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay. Close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in your tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.
- Apostles' 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, & 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, & he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Prayers:** read by Oliver Bonner and Mari O'Connor (call and response)

L: Let us Pray.... L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Sharing the Peace: L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Ushers bring offering forward.

#### **Offertory Prayer:**

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### The Words of Institution

#### Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Meal & Hymn: "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## **Communion Prayer:**

P: O God,

C: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### Blessing: (Please stand as you are able.)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Sending: "Soon & Very Soon" #439

Vs 1: Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King. 3X Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
Vs 2: No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King. 3X Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
Vs 3: No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King. 3X Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
Vs 4: Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King. 3X Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
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Sending: L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

**Car Conversations:** On the way home, consider asking each other, "What's one new thing I learned tonight?" "What's one thing I'd like to learn more about?"

Faith Five this week: Once this week consider doing this night-time devotion together. SHARE your highs and lows for the week. READ a piece of scripture together (you can re-read the scripture from our Wednesday night service). TALK about what you learned this week in Edu-Worship around that scripture. PRAY for each other incorporating your highs and lows. BLESS each other with the sign of the cross on your foreheads.

Thank you to the Bonner family for ushering this evening.

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