

# *Drive-In Contemporary Worship*

87.9FM

St. Luke Lutheran Church - Pastor Eric Hanson

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent - Sunday, December 20, 2020 - 9:45AM

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## Welcome

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

## Announcements

### Advent Reflection *read by Makenna & Rylan Mollenbauer*

We have lit three candles—for hope, for peace, and for joy. Today we light the fourth candle—the candle of love. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times, but that we recognize in a special way in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We love, because God loves us.

### Advents Prayer *read by Makenna & Rylan Mollenbauer*

*Love* - Dear God, As our Advent pilgrimage draws to completion, grant us the courage to share your love. Love for the unexpected challenge, Love for the vulnerable one. Love for the presence of God. Amen.

### Opening Song: "*Here I Am Lord*" ELW #574

I, the Lord of sea & sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

#### Refrain

Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

I, the Lord of wind & flame,  
I will tend the poor & lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save, Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

# Confession and Forgiveness

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we remember and pray,

**O God, you search us and know us for we are your beloved children. As we await the coming of our Lord this Advent season we ask for your grace and mercy. When we long for your coming to change the world, and yet are unwilling to change our own hearts we ask for forgiveness. When we do not make straight paths for justice or welcome the stranger we ask for forgiveness. When we reduce preparation for your coming to simple materialism or reckless expense we ask for forgiveness. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. May the Christ Child we wait for be present in all we think, do, and say. In Jesus Name. Amen.**

Hallelujah! We praise the One who sets us free from sin and death.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." <sup>34</sup>"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup>For no word from God will ever fail." <sup>38</sup>"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

## Outreach Sunday School by Michelle Matthees

### Sermon by Pastor Eric Hanson

Song of the Day *"Little Baby Jesus" written by Debbi St. John*

*sung by Oleana O'Reilly & Lyla Bonner*

**Little baby Jesus, lying in a manger,  
Do you know what peace you bring to all the world this night?  
Do you know what peace you bring to all the world this night?**

**Little baby Jesus, given by our Father,  
Do you know what love you bring to all the world this night?  
Do you know what love you bring to all the world this night?**

**Little baby Jesus, born to us a Saviour,  
Do you know what joy you bring to all the world this night?  
Do you know what joy you bring to all the world this night?**

**Little baby Jesus, precious baby Jesus,  
You bring peace and love and joy to all the world this night!  
You bring peace and love and joy to all the world this night!**

## 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 & 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.

## Prayers

God of power and might, fulfill your promise and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need. *A brief silence.* Gracious God, all generations call you blessed. In this holy season we pray for our neighbors of other denominations and faiths. Inspire the faith of their people. Cultivate understanding among us and strengthen us in love and service to our community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, you scatter the proud. Everything we have belongs first to you. Bless and protect the seas, mountains, plains, forests, skies, and soils that surround us. Give us humility as we tend them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Righteous God, you humble the powerful and lift up the lowly. We pray for the leaders of all nations, that they amplify the voices of people in need. Guide all people entrusted with leadership, to create societies in which everyone can flourish. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate God, you fill the hungry with good things and send the rich away empty. Nourish those who lack access to adequate food and nutrition. Bless the work of advocates, community organizers, and food pantries. Encourage others to provide for their neighbors in need. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Healing God, you pour out mercy to all who cry out to you. Surround everyone in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit with your tender presence, especially; Ruth Holm, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, David Roschen, Jim Howard, Brad Roschen, Naomi Berland, Nathlye Benrud, Donald Hadler, Nancy & Donald Nord, Dean Kirkland, Marlene & Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Hunter Burow, Cassidy Post, Brent Hokanson & Karl Thomforde. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, you are faithful to the promises you made to our forebears. We give thanks for the ministry of Katharina von Bora Luther and other ancestors who organized, planned, dreamed, encouraged, and reached out as they served you. We give thanks for the bold leadership of female leaders in our own time. Inspire others with their steadfast witness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Sharing of Peace

### The Meal

We remember...

### The 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; & 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.**

# Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

## Sending Song: *"What Feast Of Love" ELW 487*

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven? What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given? This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?

What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?

This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.

Oh, see and hear and sing! The word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?

What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?

This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.

Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

## Commission

God is with you. Be the hands and feet of the coming Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

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## Christmas Worship Services

**Christmas Eve, December 24th we will have three services.**

1. A candle light service at St. Luke Church at 4:00pm.
2. Drive-in worship at the Lion's Parking Lot at 5:30pm on 87.9FM. (battery operated candles will be provided, please return them after the service.)
3. An outdoor bonfire worship service at Zion Church at 7:30pm. Dress warm for the Zion service & bring a flashlight or headlamp.

**Christmas Day, December 25th we will have one service.**

1. A lessons and carols worship service at St. Luke Church at 8:30AM.

## Worship After Christmas

**Sunday, December 27th:** A lessons and carols worship service at St. Luke Church at 8:30AM. No drive-in worship that day.

**Sunday, January 3rd:** Worship at 8:30AM at St. Luke Church and 9:45AM Lion's parking lot drive-in service on 87.9FM. We'll have a guest leading worship for both services, so there will not be communion on this day.

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