

Mid-Week Edu-Worship



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson 6:45PM • December 8, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Hymn: *“Open My Eyes, Lord” 2X* Pianist, *Debbi St. John*

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

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.**

Rebuilding Jerusalem: Nehemiah 2:11-18 *read by Ayden Horsman & Abby Jonas*

¹¹I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days ¹²I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on. ¹³By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire. ¹⁴Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King’s Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through; ¹⁵so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate. ¹⁶The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work. ¹⁷Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.” ¹⁸I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, “Let us start rebuilding.” So they began this good work.

Student Messages: *by Ayden Horsman & Abby Jonas*

What do you value about your identity as a baptized child of God?

Teaching: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Song of the Day: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” #276

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**Vs 1: Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the child is Lord of all. Swiftly winging angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!**

**Vs 2: Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!**

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: *by Lily Duden (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: *"Jesus Name Above All Names"*

Vs. 1: Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Vs. 2: Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God.
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Vs. 3: Jesus, way of salvation King of Kings, Lord of Lords.
The Way, the truth, and the life Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.

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: *"Joy to the World"*

Vs 1: Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Vs 2: Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains. Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

**Vs 3: No more let sin and sorrow grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow. Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**Vs 4: He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.**

Sending: L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!

Thank you to the Dicke family for ushering this evening.

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.

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