

Drive-In Contemporary Family Worship

87.9FM

St. Luke Lutheran Church - Pastor Eric Hanson
The 1st Sunday in Advent - Sunday, November 29, 2020 - 9:45AM

Welcome

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

Announcements

Advent Reflection read by The Schafer Family

The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the coming of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

Advents Prayer read by The Schafer Family

Hope - Dear God, As we begin our Advent pilgrimage, grant us the courage to hope.
Hope for your presence, Hope for your peace, Hope for your promise. Amen.

Opening Song: "*Light of the World*" Lauren Daigle

The world waits for a miracle
The heart longs for a little bit of hope
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel
A child prays for peace on Earth
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel
And can you hear the angels singing
Glory to the light of the world
Glory, the light of the world is here
The drought breaks with the tears of a mother
A baby's cry is the sound of love
Come down, come down, Emmanuel
He is the song for the suffering
He is Messiah, the Prince of Peace has come
He has come, Emmanuel

Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
For all who wait. For all who hunger
For all who've prayed. For all who wonder
Behold your King, Behold Messiah
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Glo-glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
The world waits for the miracle
The heart longs for a little bit of hope
Oh come, oh come Emmanuel

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: Mark 13:24-37

²⁴“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Outreach Sunday School by Michelle Matthees

Sermon by Pastor Eric Hanson

Song of the Day *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” ELW #490*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and
with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descending,
comes full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his
own self for heav'nly food.

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, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need. *A brief silence.*

We pray for the ministry we share in Christ's name. Open our hearts to your call for justice, peace, and healing. Attune us to the needs of the world as you draw near. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this planet in need of restoration: for devastated habitats, polluted waters, thawing ice, blazing fires, swelling floods, and long-lasting droughts. Renew the face of the earth and our relationship to it. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all people who care for others in our community and around the world. Fill them with compassion and the power to respond with justice for those who are oppressed, with welcome for those who are excluded, and with relief for those who suffer. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for people who are in crisis as the seasons change: for those without homes facing severe weather, for those who are unemployed or underemployed, and for those in poverty or facing food insecurity. Relieve their burdens, sustain their bodies, and ease their minds. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the people in our families and congregation who live with depression, anxiety, chronic pain, addiction, and other invisible illnesses. Ease their suffering and support them when they struggle. Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing especially for; the family of Vera Austad, David Roschen, John Diercks, Ava Dicke, Jim Howard, Brad Roschen, Naomi Berland, Nathlye Benrud, Donald Hadler, Nancy & Donald Nord, Dean Kirkland, Marlene & Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Lauren Brown, Hunter Burow, JoAnn Buck, Amber Bien, Cassidy Post, Brent Hokanson & Karl Thomforde. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for the lives and witness of those who died while waiting for justice, peace, or healing, those whose names we know and those whose names are known only to you. Sustain all who still yearn for the completion of your redeeming work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Draw near to us, O God, & 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: *"Soon and Very Soon!"* ELW#439

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King.
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King.
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King! Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Commission

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

Thanks be to God!

St. Luke Lutheran Church

308 First Ave. PO Box 276 Goodhue, MN 55027

Pastor Eric Hanson

Cell: 612-834-2149 · E: anspachh2002@gmail.com

www.stlukegoodhue.org · P: 651-923-4695 · E: office@stlukegoodhue.org · FB: [@stlukegoodhue](https://www.facebook.com/stlukegoodhue)

Organist: Debbi St. John · Treasurer: Sara Nolte · Secretary: Tara Marklevits

Faith Formation Facilitator: Michelle Matthees · Custodian: Erin Gravemann

Christian Care Team: careteam@stlukegoodhue.org