

Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

Advent 1

December 1, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQdMrwgOpQqS6vn68WMxhow>

Prelude

“Wachet auf” *Based on hymn 61*

J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn

“Sleepers, awake! A voice astounds us”

Hymnal #61

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Advent Wreath Lighting & Kyrie

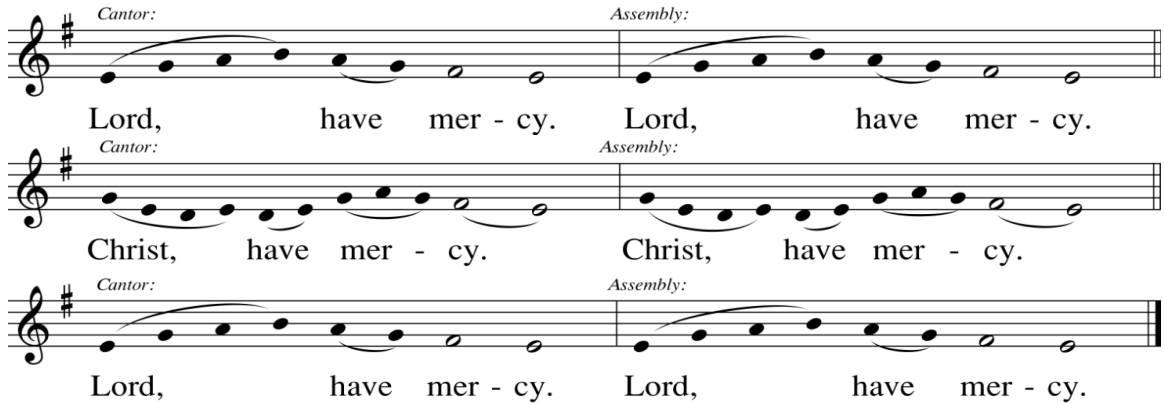
A short reading introduces the candle lighting:

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 24:42-44

During the Kyrie, the Advent candles will be lit.



Cantor: Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.
Cantor: Christ, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Christ, have mer - cy.
Cantor: Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All may be seated

First Lesson

Reader: A reading from the book of Jeremiah (33:14-16)

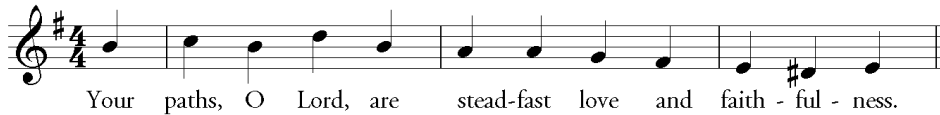
The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.



The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths. ***Antiphon***

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted
all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way. ***Antiphon***

You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. ***Antiphon***

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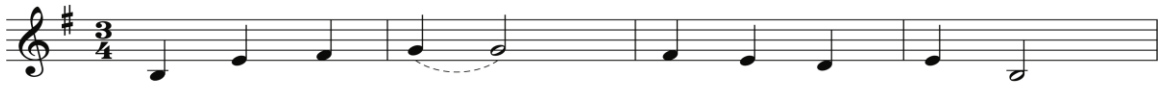
The Second Lesson

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (3:9-13)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**
People **Thanks be to God.**



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
 2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
 3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.
 4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.
 5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
 Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
 Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.
 Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.
 Man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.

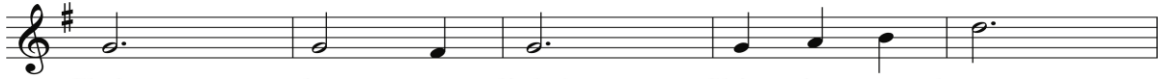


Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
 Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.
 Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,
 Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,
 Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



Light for the world to see.
 Make us your liv - ing voice.
 Shared un - til all are fed.
 Walls made of liv - ing stone.
 Mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your Church gath - ered to - day.

The Gospel

(Luke 21:25-36)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Bob Bagley

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The person appointed says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, praying "Come, O Lord, and save us".

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may

agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Matthew our own Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present, and to the staff, volunteers and guests of the Hospitality Center and Racine Vocational Ministries; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph the President of the United States, Tony the Governor of Wisconsin, Cory the Mayor of Racine, and all those who have been elected to office, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [_____ and] all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

We give thanks to thee for all the blessings of our lives, [especially: _____]. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially _____], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, blessed James DeKoven, all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Minister then says one the following sentence, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture

Worthy art thou, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and by thy will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

Offertory “Creator of the Stars of Night: Star Canon”

Roberta Rowland-Raybold

Based on hymn 60

The Great Thanksgiving

The Great Thanksgiving is set to a simple melody in G major (one sharp) with a common time signature. It consists of four staves of music, each with lyrics underneath. The first staff is for the Celebrant, and the second is for the People. The third and fourth staves are again for the Celebrant and People respectively. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord. Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do.'

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus

from "Missa Emmanuel"

Cantor, then all:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

Cantor:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

All:

Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Cantor:

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the

All:

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Missa Emmanuel*, Richard Proulx, © 1991, GIA Publications, Inc.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image . . .

...By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

Cantor, then all:

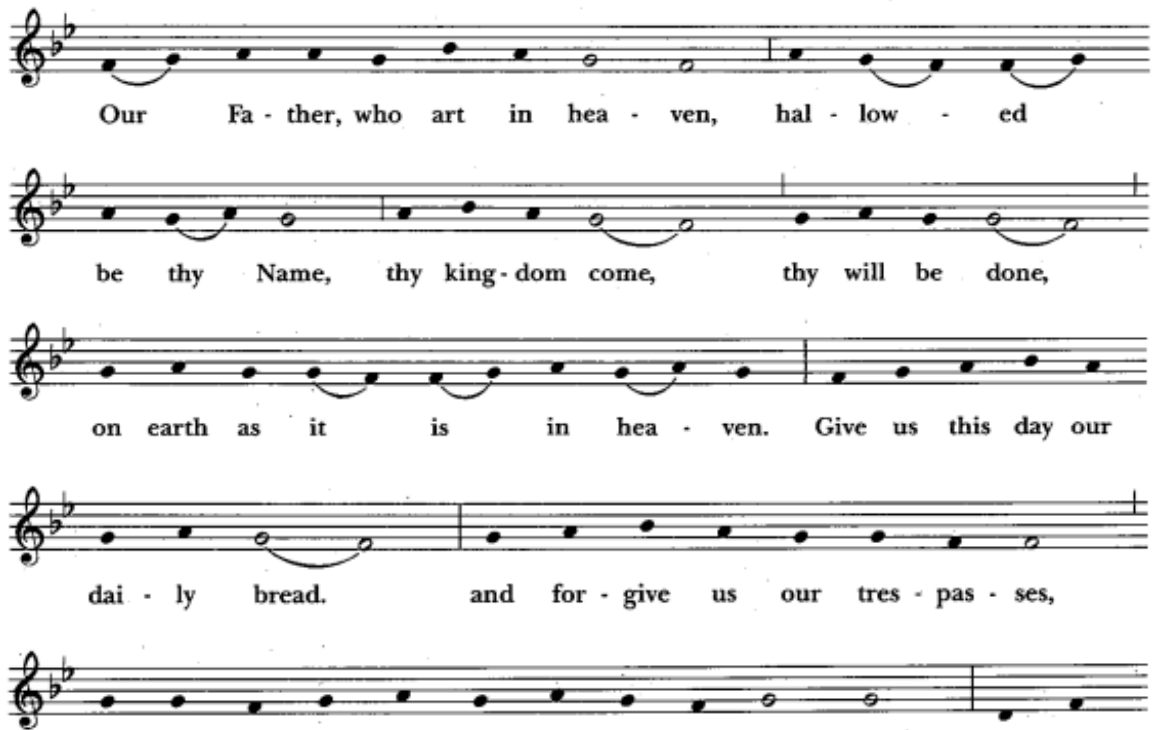


A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead

us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Fraction Agnus Dei from “*Missa Emmanuel*”

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept

Cantor

1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:
 2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you take a - way the sins of the world,
 3. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:

1.2. *All* 3. *All*
 have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord.
If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine.*

Communion Hymn.

” O day of God, draw nigh ”

Hymnal #601

Post-communion Prayer

Please kneel or stand

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace that we may continue in that holy fellowship and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ’s presence.**

Celebrant May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn

”Lo! he comes, with clouds descending ”

Hymnal #57

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Wachet auf” *Based on hymn 61*

Johann Gottfried Walther

We welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. Please join us for fellowship in Simpson Hall immediately following the service – coffee, juice, and snacks are available.

TODAY’S MINISTERS

ACOLYTE: Roger Mertins

ALTAR GUILD: Debbie Bruno

FIRST READER: David Lang

SECOND READER: Hazel Dickfoss

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Becky Turk

CANTOR: Jenna Meola

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Judy Panyk

USHERS: Darice Griffin, David Groth

TODAY’S COFFEE HOUR HOST: Birthday Sunday

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR HOST: St. Monica’s Guild

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Chris, Ron, Gerald, Lisa, Jean, Neil, Olivia, Bill,
Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah, George, Esther, Elias, Carlos, Michele
Homebound Barbara, Jeanne

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine
Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Milwaukee
Hospitality Center
Racine Vocational Ministry
The DeKoven Center

For the Church: In the World
Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti
Cadnet Ednerson and Charline Irossaint

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **Hospitality Center**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

Today's **Altar flowers** are given by Darcie Griffin to the glory of God and for the love, joy, peace and hope in our congregation. Thanks be to God!

We look forward to your presence at St. Luke's, Racine

December 8 – Acolytes training following the service

December 8 – Holidays with Hospitality Event at 5pm located at:
Resurrection Lutheran Church 322 Ohio St. Racine, WI

December 15 – Haiti Partnership Bake and Craft Fair

December 24 - Christmas Eve service will be at 4pm

Salvation Army Angel Tags

The people of St. Luke's have participated in the Salvation Army Angel Tree program for close to 40 years. Local families are referred to the Salvation Army for help providing Christmas gifts. Angel tags are printed for each child and include age, gender, and desired Christmas gift.

· You can help by taking an Angel tag, purchasing a gift, and returning it to St. Luke's by Sunday, December 15, 2024.

· Suggested amount to spend is \$25. Please return all gifts unwrapped and place in the sacristy.

· If you would like to participate but are unable to shop, please contact Cindy Ganzel and she will gladly shop on your behalf

The gifts will be taken to the Salvation Army in Racine by the deadline for pickup by the Angel families.

Thank you for helping to brighten the life of a Racine child this Christmas!

The Haiti Partnership Bake Sale and Craft Fair is Back!

Date: Sunday, December 15

Time: Following the 10 am Worship Service

Place: Simpson Hall

The following will be available for sale:

- Baked goods
- Haiti Singing Rooster coffee
- Haitian metal art- including ornaments and Christmas items

All proceeds will go to the Haiti Partnership to support St. Marc's School in Jeanette, Haiti, which includes the school lunch program, health clinic, and clean water initiatives. You can help by providing baked goods to sell, purchasing baked goods, Haitian art or coffee, or donating to the cause as you are able. Thank you!!

Updating Directory

We are starting to update our Parish directory. Please call or e-mail Martha at the church office with any changes to your contact information. Thank you!

Christmas Flowers and Music

The gorgeous poinsettias on the altar at Christmas are only possible through the generosity of parishioners and parish groups. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or in thanksgiving for loved ones, please make out a check to St. Luke's and put "Christmas Flowers" on memo line. Envelopes are available, or you can mail your donation to the parish office. Please be sure to include the names of person(s) and/or the reason (thanksgiving or memorial) the flowers are being given. Donations towards the music program and Christmas singers are also welcome. Please indicate if the donation is for Christmas flowers, Christmas music, or to split between both. Thank you!

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