



**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.

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## **First Sunday after Christmas**

December 28, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*"Once in royal David's city"*

Hymn #102

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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

## Song of Praise



Glo - ry be to God on high,  
Je - sus Christ, we now de - clare  
Prai - ses to the Ho - ly One,



To all peo - ple, peace on earth, An - gels, shep - herds  
Lamb of God and Lord of Love. Grant us mer - cy,  
Prai - ses sing in high - est heav'n; To the Fath - er



draw - ing nigh, Join to ce - le - brate His birth.  
hear our prayer, Give us grace from heav'en a - bove.  
and the Son and the Ho - ly Spi - rit giv'n.



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o! in ex - cel - sis De o!

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Lesson

*(Isaiah 61:10, 62:3)*

*Reader* A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

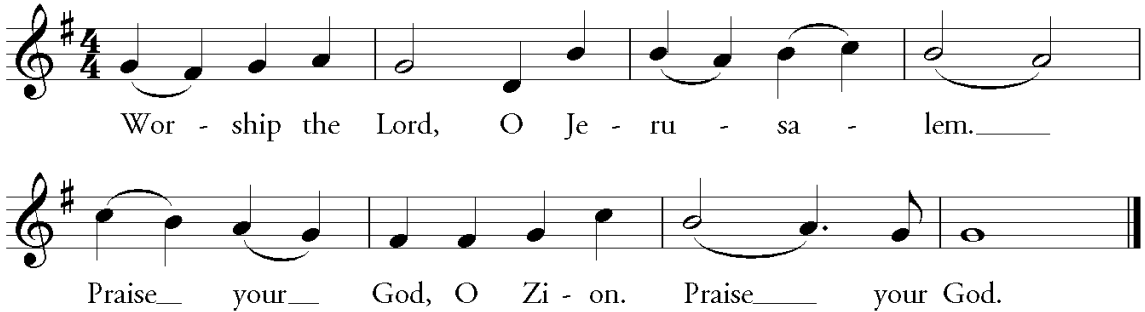
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
    my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
    he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
    and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
    and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
    to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
    and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
    and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
    and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
    that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
    and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:13-21

*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.*

Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;  
praise your God, O Zion,  
who has strengthened the bars of your gates  
and has blessed your children within you.  
God has established peace on your borders  
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.  
God sends out a command to the earth,  
a word that runs very swiftly. ***Antiphon***

God gives snow like wool,  
scattering frost like ashes.  
God scatters hail like bread crumbs.  
Who can stand against God's cold?  
The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;  
the wind blows, and the waters flow.  
God declares the word to Jacob,  
statutes and judgments to Israel.  
The LORD has not done so to any other nation;  
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah! ***Antiphon***

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## The Second Lesson

*(Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7)*

*Reader* A Reading from the Letter of Paul of Galatians

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

*"What child is this, who, laid to rest"*

Hymn #115

## The Gospel

*(John 1:1-18)*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all

who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

### Nicene Creed

**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 – Form IV

*Book of Common Prayer, Page 388*

*Please respond to the bidding, “Lord, in your mercy” with “Hear our prayer.”*

*The Celebrant adds this concluding Collect:.*

The Peace

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

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Offertory Voluntary

*When all gifts are brought to the table:*

*Celebrant*        All things come of Thee, O Lord  
*People*        **And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer D

*Book of Common Prayer, Page 372*

*Please Stand*

The musical notation is arranged in four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff is for the Celebrant, and the second is for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant, and the fourth is for the People. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## Sanctus

The musical notation is arranged in two staves, both in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.





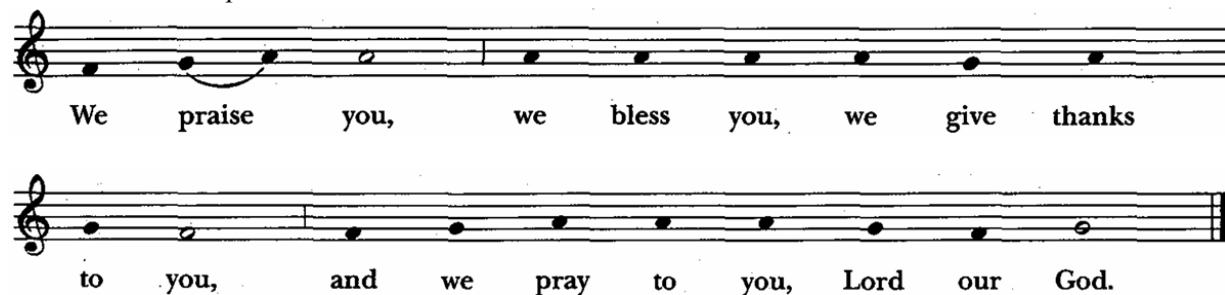
*The people may stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love ...

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*



Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us ...

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



## The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*



King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on



earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man



ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood



he will give to all the faith - ful



his own self for heaven - ly food.

*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.*

Post Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

If you are visiting St. Luke's, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord.

If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke's Church, please speak with an usher

### **TODAY'S MINISTERS**

**ACOLYTE/S:** Chris Schatzman

**ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Ganzel

**FIRST READER:** Tricia Frost

**SECOND READER:** Mabel DuPriest

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Geoff Greeley

**PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY:** Judy Panyk

**USHER/S:** Brian Paulhus

**CANTOR:** Victoria Vollman

**ORGANIST:** James Sodke

**SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER:** Wally Herman

**COFFEE HOUR:** Vestry

**NEXT WEEK'S COFFEE HOUR:** Birthday Sunday

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **For our Parish**

#### **For the Church: In the World**

The Anglican Church of Canada

St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti

Cadnet Ednerson and Charline Irossaint

**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  
Brown Bag Ministry

**Those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound**  
Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Ron, Gerald, Jean, Olivia, Katie, Sally,  
Heather, Leah, George, Gregory, Andrea, DaMary, Elaine, Monte, John  
**Homebound:** Barbara, Jeanne, Bill

**Special Offering**  
Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **St. Luke's discretionary fund**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

**Thanksgiving for Birthday**  
Hazel

**Brown Bag Lunches**  
Our next date for St. Luke's is Saturday, January 17. We need volunteers to bring a food item, make sandwiches, and help with distribution.

Time and Place: 10:30 am, Simpson Hall

Please contact Tricia Frost or church office if you are interested.

Thank you!

## Christmas Flowers/Music

Liz Belconis – In remembrance of husband, William Belconis; and parents, Willis & Helen Lockwood

Zar Telfeyan – In memory of Kathy Williams, Dawn Geilfuss

Darice Griffin – In gratitude for a wonderful family & friends

Judy Panyk – In memory of Emil Panyk

Mabel DuPriest– In Thanksgiving for Evan DuPriest & Madeline DuPriest

Cindy Ganzel – In memory of Bill and Marge Ganzel, Jennifer Menghe,

Sophie Clay – In memory of James Clay

Hazel Dickfoss – In memory of Fred Dickfoss

Grace Ellingham – In memory of Al Ellingham

Becky Turk – In memory of parents Bob & Sandy, and grandparents Earl & Dorothy

JoAnne King and Jill Anderson – In memory of Shirley Horvath

Charles H. Constantine and Kathy Loomis – Christmas wreath on Columbarium was given in loving memory of their parents; Samuel S. and Agnes Rogers, and Charles M. and Dorothy Constantine

Jim Cook

Jane M. Fox

Ed and Kathie McCarthy

Anonymous

Hedy Klinger

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