



**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 of Advent**

December 3, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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Prelude

*"Savior of the nations, come!"*

J.S. Bach

### Advent Candle Lighting

*Reader*

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

*Reader*

Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

*People*

**Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.**

*Reader*

On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

*(Light a purple candle.)*

Opening Hymn.....“*Savior of the nations, come!*”.....Hymnal #54

### 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 then continues*

There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People*              **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**

*Celebrant*      One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People*              **One God and Father of all.**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### Children’s Time

#### First Lesson

*(Isaiah 64:1-9)*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## **Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

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



Let your face shine up - on \_\_\_\_\_ us, and we shall be saved.

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

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?      ***Refrain***

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>17</sup>Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong for yourself.      ***Refrain***

<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

<sup>19</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.      ***Refrain***

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## **The Second Lesson**

*(1 Corinthians 1:3-9)*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are

not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn.....“*Rejoice! Rejoice, believers*” .....Hymnal #68

The Gospel

(*Mark 13:24-37*)

*Deacon*           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.  
*People*           **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then 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. “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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It 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. Therefore, 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, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

*Deacon*           The Gospel of the Lord.

People

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

I present Kaitlyn Anne Peterman to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

*People*                **We will.**

*The Celebrant then says these words*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant*        Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*                **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant*        Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*                **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant*        Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People*                **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant*        Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People*                **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*        Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People*                **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*        Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People*                **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**  
*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

### Prayers for the Candidates

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for Kaitlyn who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Thanksgiving over the Water

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

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

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



*People*

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

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Baptism

*The Celebrant then pours water upon the candidate, saying*

Kaitlyn, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*When this action has been completed the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over the candidate, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, using Chrism, and saying to her*

Kaitlyn, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.  
**Amen.**

*When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says*  
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

### *Celebrant and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace *All stand.*

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

## Announcements

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory

### *“Melismata Variations”*

Richard Proulx

The Great Thanksgiving *Please Stand*

Book of Common Prayer 367

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*            **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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

“Sanctus from Missa Emmanuel”

## SANCTUS

*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.

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*The people may stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. . . .therefore according to your command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you O Lord of all. . .

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

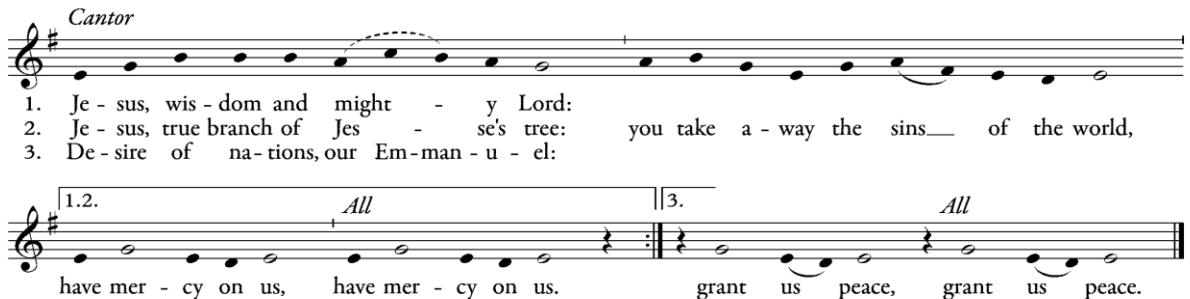
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

*“Agnus Dei from Misa Emmanuel”*

*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*  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

3. *All*  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

*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.....“Once he came in blessing” .....Hymnal #53

Post-communion Prayer

*Celebrant and People*  
**Almighty and ever living 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 *Please stand*

Recessional Hymn.....“Lo! He comes with clouds descending” .....Hymnal #57

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*We welcome you to St. Luke's 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:** Kathy Thompson

**FIRST READER:** Cindy Ganzel

**SECOND READER:** Marshall Cushman

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Becky Turk

**CANTOR:** Jenna Meola

**PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY:** Jessica MacPhail

**USHERS:** Brian Paulhus, David Lang

**TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR:** Baptism Reception

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

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**For our Parish**

**For the Churches of the World**

The Church of North India (United)  
St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti  
Cadnet Edneron 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

**For Recent Immigrants to Racine**

Khalid, Christiana, Ayo, Ako, and those arrived from Afghanistan

### **Those who are Sick and in Need or Homebound**

Debbie, Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Christi, Chris, Ron, Bob, Gerald, Lisa, Jean, Jason, Ed, John, Pam, Jack, Neil, Olivia, Bill, Kathie, Ty, Michael, Julie, Katie, Leah, Sally, Esther, Michelle, **Homebound** Jeanne, Barbara, Shirley

### **Special Offering**

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

### **Thanksgiving for Birthday and Wedding Anniversary:**

Judy  
Kathy and Neil Loomis

Today's **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism of Kaitlyn Anne Peterman, from the people of St. Luke's Church

### **The Haiti Project Bake Sale and Craft Fair is Back!**

**Date: Sunday, December 10**

**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 Project 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!!

### **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!

## **Help Decorate the Hospitality Center Christmas Tree!**

Your gift makes the season brighter AND helps provide:

35,000 Meals

Monthly Laundry Love

Weekly Hair Salon

Bus Passes for the Community

Pastoral Care and Spiritual Support

A Safe and Welcoming Environment for All!

*How it Works:*

- 1) Select an ornament. Every ornament has a suggested gift amount.
- 2) Send a check with your gift using the addressed envelope or QR code.
- 3) Add your new Hospitality Center ornament to your own tree or give it as a gift.
- 4) With every gift, we add another ornament to the Hospitality Center tree!

The Hospitality Center is a shared ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee and the Greater Milwaukee Synod ELCA

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