



LESSONS AND CAROLS
Time For Joy
December 17, 2023
9:00 AM

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, in response to Christ's love,
Reach out in service to each other, the community, and the world.*



*Welcome to Worship! All words will be displayed on the screen.
Kids, don't forget your Praise Packs! Children's Bulletins are available in the Praise Packs!*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We gather today.

C: It is time to worship!

P: We listen for God

C: It is time to hear!

P: We receive God's grace.

C: It is time to be loved!

P: We leave in peace.

C: It is time to serve others!

P: As we wait for Jesus' arrival, Emmanuel, God-with-us, is already here in this time and place.

PRELUDE

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"
Violin Duet; Lindsay Banman and Jackie Wajerski

J.S. Bach

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: With God, there is always time for forgiveness. We trust God as we confess our sins together (Brief pause)

P: Holy One,

C: We have not stayed awake. We have missed you when you appeared in our neighbors, in strangers half a world away, in the suffering planet. We have wasted the time and the skills that you gave us and assumed we were powerless to mend the breaches in our world. Sometimes, we even gave up on your mercy, justice, and love. God is it too late for us? Speak tenderly to our anxious hearts. Tear open the heavens and heal what we have done.

P: People of God, God's judgment is certain and God's forgiveness is lightning fast. Hear this good news: in the name of Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven. Forgiveness gives us the courage we need. Wherever we wait for God's time to come, we will witness wonders.

C: Amen.

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. ²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.” ³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. ⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb. ⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. ⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Candle Liturgy**Lighting of the Third Candle**

Hymn *“He Came Down”*

He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah for ever more.

OPENING HYMN *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* #283, verses 1 & 3

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9: 2-6

² 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. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For 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.

REFLECTION Pastor Monte

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Listen to the Wind”* Larry Theiss

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11: 1-3

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

DISMISSAL

P: *Go in peace. Keep awake.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

J.S. Bach

+ THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSISTED DURING WORSHIP TODAY! +

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by **Jan Szczepanski**
in honor of her nephew, Tristan Brodie's birthday.

ETERNAL FLAME for the month of December is given by **Pat Erdmann**
in loving memory of her husband, Roger Erdmann.

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Thank you for all the ways you contribute to the life and ministry of the church!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, December 18	9:00 am Quilters
Tuesday, December 19	6:30 – 8:00 pm Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 20	1:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 21	6:30 pm Pajama Vespers
Friday, December 22	Church Office Closed
Sunday, December 24	9:00 am 4 th Sunday of Advent Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 4:00 pm Interactive Family Worship 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY:

- **ANXIETY CLASS** Continues in Upper Fellowship Hall. Join us even if you haven't come before.

NURSERY

The nursery is now open for children ages 0-3! Adeline (**Addie**) Klockenkemper is eager to care for your little ones as you worship. Rest assured; babies are still welcome in the sanctuary; this just provides another option.

Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 24 th	9:00 am	4 th Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 24 th	4:00 pm	Interactive Family Worship
Sunday, December 24 th	10:00 pm	Traditional Christmas Eve
Monday, December 25 th	10:00 am	Christmas Day



Voices of St. Luke's:

Basses: Todd Beutin, Todd Sneed, Dan Hutchison, James Carlsen, Lukas Stelzle, Mark Peterson

Tenors: Carol VanRyzin, Rob Kegel, Tim Brunner, Dennis Miller, Matt Peterson

Altos: Janet Wunrow, Jan Miller, Karen Kegel, Julie Ohlert, Heather May, Jan Szczepanski

Sopranos: Becky Brunner, Liz Wiken, Beth Koehler, Suzanne Miller, Jeanne Riopell, Sandra Schindler – Hutchison, Jackie Wajerski

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Accompanist: Andrea Clark

Violin Duet: Lindsay Banman, Jackie Wajerski

Narrators: Duane Freitag, Mark Ohlert, Greg Wajerski, Judi Hensley, Derek Dordel

Flute: Chloe Hyatt