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LUKE 2:19, ESV

## **ADVENT TWO**

Luther Memorial Church . . . . . December 7, 2025

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Luke 2:51, NIV

**Christmas Practice. . . . 9am**

**Divine Worship. . . 10am**

**Fellowship Hour. . . 11am**

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## ADVENT TWO

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### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

**PSALM: 117** (TLH Pg. 148);

**PRAYERS: 5** (Pg. 118); **6** (Pg. 118).

**HYMNS: 132 116 385:1-5 385:10**

### OPENING PRAYER

**OPENING HYMN: 132** - *“O God of God, O Light of Light”*

**A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT** (Setting 2, WS Pg. 12)

**Pastor:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**Pastor:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C: Amen.**

- C: ♪ Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.
- C: ♪ Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
- ♪ Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.
- ♪ Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
At God's right hand in majesty most high:  
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,  
With all the heav'n-ly host we glorify.

**Pastor:** Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever." **C: Amen.**

## **ADVENT CANDLE**

### **OT LESSON**

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup> And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

<sup>4</sup> "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup> "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."\*

## **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE**

### **MALACHI 4:1-6**

**EPISTLE LESSON:****2 PETER 1:3-11**

<sup>3</sup>His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup>by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. <sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup>and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. <sup>8</sup>For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. <sup>11</sup>For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. \*

**GOSPEL LESSON:****LUKE 17:20-30**

<sup>20</sup>Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, <sup>21</sup>nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

<sup>22</sup>And he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. <sup>23</sup>And they will say to you, 'Look, there!' or 'Look, here!' Do not go out or follow them. <sup>24</sup>For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. <sup>25</sup>But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. <sup>26</sup>Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. <sup>27</sup>They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

<sup>28</sup> Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, <sup>29</sup> but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— <sup>30</sup> so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. \*

### **THE ALLELUIA:**

**Pastor:** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

### **Congregation:**

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

### **THE APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He will come to judge the living and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

**HYMN:** 116 - *“To the Name of Our Salvation”*

### **THE SERMON:**

### **LUKE 2:19**

<sup>19</sup> But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.\*\*

## **THE SILENCE OF MARY**

### **THE OFFERTORY**

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

## **THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS**

We express our thanksgiving for what the Savior Jesus has done for us by supporting His Work with our time, talents and gifts. Should you wish to leave a gift, there are offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary.

### **THE OFFERING HYMN**

**(WS 788)**

♪ Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand  
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then,  
the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all  
our living We may consecrate to You.

♪ We are yours – Your mercy sought us, Found us in death’s  
dreadful way, To the fold in safety brought us, Nevermore from You  
to stray. Your own life was freely given As an off-ring on the cross  
For each sinner, now forgiven From eternal shame and loss.

♪ Blessed by You with gifts and graces, May we heed Your Spirit’s  
call, Gladly in all times and places Give to You who gives us all. You  
have bought us; now no longer Can we claim to be our own; Ever  
free and ever stronger We shall serve You, Lord, a-lone.

### **PRAYER(S) /THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN: 385:1-5** - *“Now I have Found the Firm Foundation”*

### **THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Pastor:** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the Messiah, the very Lamb of God, and calling sinners to repentance, that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory; Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, adored; Heav’n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

## **LAMB OF GOD**

♪ **O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life restored, Impart Your joy, our faith increase. Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.**

## **THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:**



Why doesn't our church pass the Sacrament out in the pews, as some churches do? Well, because we understand Communion very differently than others do. We understand the Lord's Supper to have just as great a potential for harm as it has for good. For that reason, we do not give it out until we have determined that it will work for your good and the good of the church. In fact, we do not even commune our own children until they have been properly instructed. For this reason, we trust that those of other faiths will understand our practice of asking all who wish to commune to prepare with the pastor first. **The Lord's Supper will be received standing or seated in the pews. You are asked to dispose of the empties in one of the disposals near the front of the sanctuary.**

## **O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT**

♪ **O Lord, now let your servant Depart in heav'n-ly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

♪ **All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## **THANKSGIVING**

♪ My heart has now become Your dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Your praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally.  
Lord, may Your body and Your blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

**THE BENEDICTION:** (Pastor) **CONGREGATION:** "Amen."

## **CLOSING HYMN:**

**385:10** - *"Now I Have Found the Firm Foundation"*

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us and hope that you will return again. If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor or with an usher on the way out.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

December 7, 2025

## **THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP:**

Family Fellowship Hour (Host: Kern)

## **THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** LM Council Meeting 6pm

**Wednesday:** Midweek Advent Service #2

**Sunday:** Christmas Practice 9am; Worship 10am

## **GENERAL BUDGET**

*The 2025 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$130,000.00. We have thus far received: \$ 119,382.25 toward that budget.*

## **COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE**

*We have pledged to send \$22,000 to support the work of the LORD in our church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession in 2025-26. Thus far we have received \$ 8,175.00 toward that pledge.*

## **SOUTHEAST WOMEN'S RETREAT**

*The Southeast Women's Retreat will be February 13-15, 2026 at Camp Dogwood on Lake Norman in Sherrills Ford in North Carolina. Theme is Ephesians 4:3 - Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

## **ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT**

*Faith Lutheran will be hosting Advent by Candlelight for all women in the congregation, family, and friends, on Sunday, December 7th starting at 3pm at Faith Lutheran in Markesan. Please join us for this wonderful afternoon of Word, music, and fellowship. Please RSVP at the link below. Any questions, please reach out to Jessica Krueger at [cottej88@gmail.com](mailto:cottej88@gmail.com) or 920-369-8113.*

<https://markesanlutheran.com/events/candlelight/>

## **SPECIAL SERVICES UPCOMING**

*The Holiday Season is in full swing. Our Midweek Advent Services have begun and our annual Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services and New Year's Eve Worship are upcoming.*

- † **Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>** – Midweek Advent Worship #2, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>** – Midweek Advent Worship #3, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 24<sup>th</sup>** -Christmas Eve Children's Service, 6pm
- † **Thursday December 25<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Day Worship 10am
- † **Wednesday December 31<sup>st</sup>** – New Year's Eve Worship, 6pm

## **CHRISTMAS CAROLING/BOWLING OUTING**

*Our Annual Christmas Caroling is scheduled for Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup> and our Bowling Outing is scheduled for Friday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Ledgeview Lanes here in Fond du Lac.*

## **CLC CALL NEWS**

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA has called Pastor David Naumann, who currently serves St. John's Lutheran Church in Clarkston, WA and Peace Lutheran Church in Orofino, ID. • Pastor Johnathan Schnose has returned the call of Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton. • Messiah Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor Ben Libby to serve as their 3<sup>rd</sup> Full-time pastor. • Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Red Wing, MN has called Pastor Terrell Kesterson of Ascension Lutheran in Batavia (Chicago) IL to serve part-time. • Pastor Emeritus Michael Eichstadt has been called as the vacancy pastor of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church in Phoenix AZ. • Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church in Phoenix AZ has called Pastor Ben Libby who currently serves Redeemer Ev. Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY.

### **Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2025-26**

The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Luther Memorial to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

<b>Amount Pledged 2025</b>	<b>Received as of 11/30/25</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>	<b>Approximate per Sunday (32)</b>
\$22,000	\$8,175.00	\$13,825.00	\$432.00

### **The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 11/26 and 11/30/25**

Attendance: 11/26 – 38; 11/30 -38

<b>General Fund</b> (Budgetary)	<b>General Missions</b> (CBP)	<b>MDF</b> (Missions)	<b>LM Building</b> (Non-Budgetary)	<b>M &amp; I</b> (Non-Budgetary)
\$1,715.00	\$35.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$1000.00
<b>Poinsettias</b> (Non-Budgetary)				
\$39.00				

**Total Offerings: \$2,819.00**

### **Luther Memorial General Budget 2025**

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the general budget at the Annual Meeting on January 19, 2024. All Budgetary offerings are applied to this budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

<b>General Budget</b>	<b>Received as of 11/30/25</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>	<b>Approximate Amount</b> (4 Sundays)
\$130,000.00	\$119,382.25	\$10,617.75	\$2,654.00

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## HOME DEVOTIONS FOR DECEMBER 8-13, 2025

**Monday – Luke 21:25-36** Jesus points to the fear and fainting of the unbelieving world when He comes in power and glory. But for His own it is a time of blessing (v28) to look forward to and to stay ready for!

**Tuesday – Romans 15:4-13** The purpose of prophecy was to give us hope, that in that hope we may accept one another as Christ also accepted us. The God of hope gives joy and peace to both Jew and Gentile believers.

**Wednesday – Micah 4:1-7** The prophet Micah looks forward to the time when the whole world looks to the mountain of the House of the Lord, whose word goes forth from Zion with peace and healing for all mankind.

**Thursday – Psalm 91** The Almighty promises protection to all who live in His presence. They will fear no terror by night or day, for He pledges to rescue those who find shelter in Him. Yes, LORD, You are my refuge (v2,9)!

**Friday – Psalm 42:1-5** As a hunted deer pants for cool relief, so the believer longs for God. People may say, “Where is your God?” But the beleaguered believer finds his hope in God and salvation in His presence.

**Saturday – Psalm 42:6-11** When the evils of this world seem to have caught up to and overcome the believer, he remembers the LORD’s mercy by day and at night. He knows that he will again praise Him for his salvation.



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# HYMN SHEET

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

## PSALM 117

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! <sup>2</sup>For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! \*

## PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

### **PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT**

Lord God, you do not desire the death of the sinner, but would have him turn from his evil way and live. I come to you confessing that I have sinned and deserve only Your anger and punishment. But I cling to Your mercy in Christ Jesus, my Lord, who gave himself for my redemption. Lord, grant that I may always believe this and never doubt. Grant that in this faith I may go to Your altar and receive the body and blood which Your Son has given for my salvation, and praise, laud and honor Your love and mercy all the days of my life. Hear me for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Redeemer and Savior. Amen.

### **PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT**

I give you thanks and praise, Almighty, everlasting god, heavenly Father, for this your divine love that has again enabled me to receive the body and blood of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord. I humbly ask that you would fill me with the power of the Holy Spirit that through this Sacrament which I have received with both mouth and by faith that I may always retain and possess the treasures of Your grace, even the forgiveness of sins and unity with Christ and eternal life. Let this enable me to walk in the footsteps of my Lord Jesus, doubting nothing and trusting that you will give to me and all who trust in Him the crown of everlasting life. Hear me, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior. Amen.

## HYMN

## O GOD OF GOD, LIGHT OF LIGHT

1. O God of God, O Light of Light, Thou Prince of Peace, Thou King of kings! To Thee where angels know no night The song of praise forever rings. To Him who sits upon the throne, The Lamb once slain for sinful men, Be honor, might, all by Him won, Glory and praise! Amen, Amen.

2. Deep in the prophets' sacred page, Grand in the poets' winged word, Slowly in type, from age to age, Nations beheld their coming Lord, Till through the deep Judean night Rang out the song "Good will to men!" Hymned by the first-born sons of light, Reeched now, "Good will!" Amen.

3. That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death of pain, mid hate and scorn, These all are past, and now above He reigns our King, once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, ye heavenly gates; So sang His hosts, unheard by men; Lift up your heads, for you He waits. We lift them up. Amen, Amen.

4. Nations afar, in ignorance deep, Isles of the sea, where darkness lay, These hear His voice, they wake from sleep, And throng with joy the upward way. They cry with us, "Send forth Thy light, O Lamb, once slain for sinful men; Burst Satan's bonds, O God of might; Set all men free!" Amen, Amen.

5. Sing to the Lord a glorious song, Sing to His name, His love forthtell; Sing on, heaven's host, His praise prolong; Sing, ye who now on earth do dwell: Worthy the Lamb for sinners slain; From angels praise and thanks from men; Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign, Glory and power! Amen, Amen.

## HYMN

## TO THE NAME OF OUR SALVATION

1. To the name of our salvation Laud and honor let us pay, Which for many a generation Hid in God's foreknowledge lay; But with holy exultation We may sing aloud today.

2. Jesus is the name we treasure, Name beyond what words can tell; Name of gladness, name of pleasure, Ear and heart delighting well; Name of sweetness, passing measure, Saving us from sin and hell.

3. 'Tis the name for adoration; 'Tis the name of victory; 'Tis the name for meditation In this vale of misery; 'Tis the name for veneration By the citizens on high.

4. 'Tis the name that whoso preacheth Speaks like music to the ear; Who in prayer this name beseecheth Sweetest comfort findeth near: Who its perfect wisdom reacheth Heavenly joy possesseth here.

5. Jesus is the name prevailing Over every name by right; At this name, in terror quailing, Powers of hell are put to flight; God, in mercy never failing, Saves us by this name of might.

6. Therefore we in love adoring This most blessed name revere,  
Holy Jesus, Thee imploring So to write it in us here That hereafter,  
heavenward soaring, We may sing with angels there.

### THE OFFERING HYMN

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♪ Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and  
hand Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant  
us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our  
life and all our living We may consecrate to You.

♪ We are yours – Your mercy sought us, Found us in death's  
dreadful way, To the fold in safety brought us, Nevermore from  
You to stray. Your own life was freely given As an off-ring on the  
cross For each sinner, now forgiven From eternal shame and loss.

♪ Blessed by You with gifts and graces, May we heed Your Spirit's  
call, Gladly in all times and places Give to You who gives us all.  
You have bought us; now no longer Can we claim to be our own;  
Ever free and ever stronger We shall serve You, Lord, a-lone.

### HYMN      NOW I HAVE FOUND THE FIRM FOUNDATION

1. Now I have found the firm foundation Which holds mine anchor  
ever sure; 'Twas laid before the world's creation In Christ my  
Savior's wounds secure; Foundation which unmoved shall stay  
When heaven and earth will pass away.

2. It is that mercy never ending, Which human wisdom far  
transcends, Of Him who, loving arms extending, To wretched  
sinners condescends; Whose heart with pity still doth break  
Whether we seek Him or forsake.

3. Our ruin God hath not intended, For our salvation He hath  
yearned; For this His Son to earth descended And then to heaven  
again returned; For this so patient evermore He knocketh at our  
heart's closed door.

4. O depth of love, to me revealing The sea where my sins  
disappear! In Christ my wounds find perfect healing, There is no  
condemnation here; For Jesus' blood through earth and skies  
Forever "Mercy! Mercy!" cries.

5. I never will forget this crying; In faith I'll trust it all my days, And  
when o'er all my sins I'm sighing, Into the Father's heart I'll gaze;  
For there is always to be found Free mercy without end and  
bound.

**HYMN      NOW I HAVE FOUND THE FIRM FOUNDATION**

**10. I'll stand upon this firm foundation As long as I on earth remain; This shall engage my meditation While I the breath of life retain; And then, when face to face with Thee, I'll sing of mercy, great and free. Amen.**