

**Reading: Matthew 25:31-46** *read by Max Gravemann (you may be seated)*

<sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. <sup>34</sup>“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup>I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ <sup>37</sup>“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ <sup>40</sup>“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ <sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ <sup>44</sup>“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ <sup>45</sup>“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ <sup>46</sup>“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

**Student Message - The 2nd and 3rd Petition of the Lord’s Prayer:** *by Max Gravemann*

*Student Questions: What does the Kingdom of God look like to you? Who is there? Who is not in the Kingdom of God? What do people do in heaven? What problems no longer exist in heaven?*

**Teaching:** *Pastor Eric Hanson*

**Song of the Day and Offering:**

*Offerings will be collected during the song of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you’d like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>.*

**“Christ Be Our Light” #715**

**Vs 1: Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

**Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Vs 2: Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow’r to save us. Make us your living voice. [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. [Refrain]**

**Vs 4: Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. [Refrain]**

**Vs 5: Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. [Refrain]**

**Offertory Response: “Give Thanks”**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong”.  
Let the poor say, “I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us”. Give thanks.**

**Offertory Prayer:**

L: Let us pray together,

**C: Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for gifts that sustain our lives every day. We offer back what you have first given us. Use our time, talents, and treasures to serve your mission in our world. Amen.**

**Apostles’ Creed:** *(please stand as you are able)*

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven & earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. 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. Amen.**

**The Prayers:** *by Kate Wieme (call and response)*

L: Let us Pray....

L: Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**Sharing the Peace:**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

P: The Lord be with you      **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts.      **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.      **C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

**The Words of Institution**

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Meal & Hymns:** *(you may be seated)*

*All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.*

*Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.*

**“Angels We Have Heard on High” #289**

**Vs. 1: Angels we have heard on high; Sweetly singing o’er the plains.  
And the mountains in reply; Echoing their joyous strains.**

**Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Vs. 2: Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be; Which inspire your heavenly song? (Refrain)**

**Vs. 3: Come to Bethlehem and see; Him whose birth the angels sing,  
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)**

**Post Communion Prayer:** *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Let us pray,

**C: Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life and for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us and for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy and for sending us to serve the world in your name. Amen.**

**Blessing:**

P: May God, our Lord of endings and beginnings, may God, our Lord of the darkness and the light, may God, our hope for all our journeys, bless and keep you now and forever. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Sending Song:** "Soon & Very Soon" #439

Vs 1: Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King. 3X Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Vs 2: No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King. 3X Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Vs 3: No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King. 3X Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Vs 4: Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King. 3X Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

**Sending:**

P: The world waits for Christ. You are the body of Christ. Go be His hands and feet.

C: Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

*Thank you to the Weime family for ushering this evening.*

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**Car Conversations:** On the way home, consider asking each other, "What's one new thing I learned tonight?"  
"What's one thing that was challenging?"

**Faith Five this week:** Once this week consider doing this night-time devotion together: **SHARE** your highs and lows for the week. **READ** the piece of scripture from our Wednesday night service. **TALK** about what you learned this week in Edu-Worship around that scripture. **PRAY** for each other incorporating your highs and lows. **BLESS** each other with the sign of the cross on your foreheads.

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## Mid-Week Advent Edu-Worship

**St. Luke Lutheran Church**  
**Pastor Eric Hanson**  
**6:45PM • December 4, 2024**

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Greeting:** *(stand as you are able)*

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God of mercy,

C: **we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority over your power and authority. When we grow fearful, we cling to false comforts.**

P: God of might,

C: **we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.**

P: God in our midst,

C: **we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

P: Christ the Lord, our Savior, is incarnate among us. In Christ we have forgiveness of sin, mercy, and new life.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Jesus Christ, and be empowered to live new each day.

C: **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs 1&2 #257

Vs 1: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Vs 2: O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh; in strength & beauty come & stay; teach us your will & guide our way. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

**Advent Prayer:** *read by Kate Wieme*

Let us pray. God of hope, as we enter into advent we remember the coming of Christ brings hope into our world. Because of Jesus, sinners receive forgiveness, death is transformed into new life, and God draws near to us. Fill our lives with hope this Advent season. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles & Hymn:** *lit by Kate Wieme "Light one candle to watch for Messiah" vs 1 #240*

Vs 1: Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

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