

SAINT LUKE CHURCH

December 1, 2019



Welcome

A warm welcome to all who gather in the name of Christ this morning. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Saint Luke.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. We all need what only Christ can give.

For your convenience, there are *large print copies* of the Sunday bulletin and *individual sound enhancement devices*.

The *wheelchair accessible entrance* is located on Greenview Avenue and the *wheelchair accessible lavatory* is off the left side of the church.

A section for parents with very young children is located in the back of the church. *Rocking chairs, floor cushions* and *children's booster seats* may be found in that area.

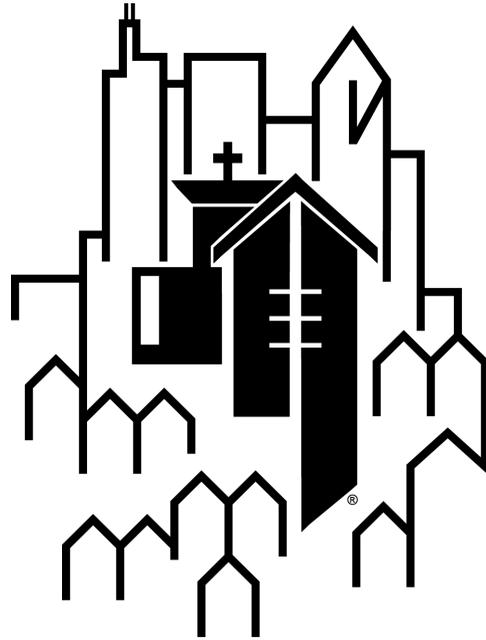
In the front of the church is a row of child-sized chairs for children who want to see the action up close. Parents may sit with them or in the pew behind. *Church Activity Bags* with books and coloring materials for the very young are available from the ushers. A *closed circuit television* carrying the service and a PreSchool play area are available to parents and children in a classroom (upstairs from church lobby).

Free parking is available in parking garage behind the church. The entrance is on Melrose Street, one block north of Belmont, in the middle of the block. You may park in any spot except in handicap spaces.

Please let the ushers know if there is anything else they can do to assist your worship experience.

Today

Advent 1 stands on the cusp of the church year. It is that singular Sunday when we "look ahead" in two different directions. Following the recently concluded church year, we look to the fulfillment of our history when Christ returns as judge. At the same time, beginning a new church year, we look back in history to watch for the birth of the promised Messiah. The tension in this *time between the times* mirrors our existence as the redeemed awaiting redemption, the simultaneous saint and sinner. We are not quite sure where to look, backward or forward, and that is the point of the day, "Be on guard! For you do not know!"



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Sunday, December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ILL

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants

<i>Stella Lackey</i>	<i>Eve Scheffler</i>	<i>Maryann Palermo</i>	<i>Diane Peters</i>	<i>Monroe Quinn</i>
<i>Tarun Bhargava</i>	<i>Patricia Grunde</i>	<i>Marla Powers</i>	<i>Allison Dragash</i>	<i>Linda Planekowsky</i>
<i>Virginia White</i>	<i>Juanita Orsan</i>	<i>Christian Long</i>	<i>Michael Nielsen</i>	<i>Gerald Spice</i>
<i>Phil Mendoza</i>	<i>Sarah Sanchez</i>	<i>Kila Goodwin</i>	<i>Sophie Bork</i>	<i>Dustin George</i>
<i>Dolores Soria</i>	<i>Neva Geweke</i>	<i>David Kropp</i>	<i>Michael Holman</i>	<i>Pat Countryman</i>
<i>Valis Dell</i>	<i>Mark Van Scharrel</i>	<i>Tandy Holman</i>		

the help of your power, that illness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen

BEFORE WORSHIP

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commit to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad:

<i>Nicholas Bakulinski</i>	<i>Jeremy Strobmayer</i>	<i>Dan McCarthy</i>	<i>Preston Larson</i>
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Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

O God, grant us the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world free from violence, where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. Help us to devote our thoughts and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all humanity were created. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM

GATHERING

<i>Sit</i>	Prelude	
<i>Stand</i>	Confession and Forgiveness	p. 94
	Hymn #435	Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending
	Greeting	p. 138
	Prayer of the Day	

WORD

<i>Sit</i>	First Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5
	<i>The reading concludes:</i> The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
	Psalmody: Psalm 25:1-10	<i>Spoken Responsively</i>
	Second Reading	Romans 13: 11-14
	<i>The reading concludes:</i> The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	

<i>Stand</i>	Alleluia Verse	p. 142
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HOLY GOSPEL

<i>Sit</i>	Sermon	Saint Matthew 24:36-44
		“What are you waiting for”
<i>Stand</i>	Hymn #259	Fling Wide the Door
<i>Sit</i>	Gathering of the Gifts	<i>Offering for Children’s Christmas Gift</i>

<i>Stand</i>	Nicene Creed	p. 104
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Kneel Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Lord, Listen to your children cry.

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

MEAL

<i>Stand</i>	Sharing of the Peace	
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<i>Sit</i>	Gathering of the Gifts	<i>Offering for the Congregation</i>
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<i>Stand</i>	Offertory: Hymn #247	Come, Now, O Prince of Peace
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GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 144

Our Father in Heaven p. 145

<i>Sit</i>	Communion	
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	Hymn #484	You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
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SENDING

<i>Stand</i>	Table Blessing
	Prayer and Blessing
	Dismissal
	Postlude

Stephen Bouman, *Presiding Minister*
Timothy Colón-Geistlinger, *Assisting Minister*

Don Mead, *Organist*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 AM

GATHERING

Sit Prelude: Sleepers Awake J.S. Bach
Welcome

Stand Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Kneel *Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Stand Entrance Hymn #435 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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

And also with you.

Let us pray...

The congregation responds: Amen

WORD

Sit First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

The reading concludes: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody Psalm 122 *Chanted Responsively*

I was glad when they¹ said to me,

"Let us go to the house¹ of the Lord."

Now our¹ feet are standing

within your gates,¹ O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built¹ as a city

that is at unity¹ with itself;

to which the tribes go up, the tribes¹ of the Lord,

the assembly of Israel, to praise the name¹ of the Lord.

For there are the¹ thrones of judgment,

the thrones of the¹ house of David.

Pray for the peace¹ of Jerusalem:

"May they pros-¹per who love you.

Peace be with-¹ in your walls

and quietness with-¹ in your towers.

For the sake of my kindred¹ and companions,

I pray for¹ your prosperity.

Because of the house of the^l Lord our God,
I will seek to^l do you good."
Peace be with-^l in your walls
and quietness with-^l in your towers.

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

The reading concludes: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Stand HOLY GOSPEL

Please turn to face the procession as it moves to the center of the church.

The congregation sings "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" before and after the Gospel

**Light one candle to watch for Messiah, let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel. God fulfills the promise.**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

✠ Saint Matthew 24:36-44 ✠

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sit Sermon

"What are you waiting for"

Stand Hymn of the Day #259

Fling Wide the Door

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;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who 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**

Sit Gathering of the Gifts

Offering for Children's Christmas Gift

Kneel Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Lord, Listen to your children cry.

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Stand Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

MEAL _____

Sit Gathering of the Gifts

Offering for the Congregation

Anthem "Rise up"

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Rise up, rise up! The watchmen cry to all with eager voices
Wake up from sleep; the Lord is nigh in whom your heart rejoices
Fling wide the door; your hope let soar;
your Savior greet. With great joy sing praises sweet.

Stand Presentation of the Gifts: Hymn #247

Come, Now, O Prince of Peace

Let us pray. Blessed are you,
O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. . .

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The presiding minister continues to thank and praise God, remembering especially the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and his promise and command to celebrate this meal.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

Sit Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. At the invitation of an usher, please proceed to communion at the front of the church by the center aisle and return via the side aisles.

Hymn #484

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

SENDING _____

Stand Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Recessional Hymn #262

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "O how shall I receive Thee"

Wait for the Lord

J.S. Bach

Stephen Bouman, *Presiding Minister*
Dennis Grabowski, *Assisting Minister*
Don Mead, *Organist & Choir Director*

THIS WEEK *at* Saint Luke Church

SUNDAY, December 1, 2019

Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.

Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Vision Team Small Group Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Class 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

Vision Team Small Group Meeting 11:30 a.m.

Church
Memorial Hall
PreSchool 3 room
Founders Hall
Church Office
Church
Founders Hall

MONDAY- FRIDAY, December 2-6, 2019

Morning Care 7:00-8:00 a.m.

School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

After Care 3:30-6:00 p.m.

PreSchool 3 room

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TUESDAY, December 3, 2019

Book Bugs 10:30 a.m.

Saint Luke Academy Open House 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Jazz Nativity Rehearsal 5:00 p.m.

Memorial Hall

Church

WEDNESDAY, December 4, 2019

Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.

Administrative Staff Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Seasonings 12:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

Memorial Hall

Church Office

Founders Hall

Choir Room

THURSDAY, December 5, 2019

Open Door, Open House 9:00 a.m.

Dragonflies 10:30 a.m.

Gym

FRIDAY, December 6, 2019

Society of the Holy Trinity 9:00 a.m.

Founders Hall

SATURDAY, December 7, 2019

Jazz Nativity 4:00 p.m.

Church

SUNDAY, December 8, 2019

Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.

Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Vision Team Small Group Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Class 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

Vision Team Small Group Meeting 11:30 a.m.

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Bending Towards the Light:

Top Jazz Artists, Vocalists and Dancers

Jazz settings of Christmas carols
tell the Christmas Story
with angels, shepherds and kings

JAZZ NATIVITY

FOR ALL
AGES

Saturday, December 7 at 4PM



A benefit for Chicago Canine Rescue

Saint Luke Church
1500 W. Belmont, Chicago

Free Admission Free Parking

Wheelchair Access

Pets Welcome

A freewill offering benefits
Chicago Canine Rescue

Meet Adoptable Pets
before and after the show.

Pet Blessing at 3:30

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