

# *St. Luke Lutheran Church*

**"Energized by God's Love"**

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Setting IV**  
**November 30, 2025**

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**Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!**  
God has greatly blessed us with your presence today.  
Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty in the church office.



**Sunnyvale Community Services**  
Preventing Homelessness and Hunger in Our Local Community

## SERVING US THIS MORNING

**Ministers: All of the Members of this Congregation!**

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**Children's Message:** Pastor Dan Tisdell

**Eucharist Assistant(s):** Sue Hutchins & Danae Moreno

**Altar Guild:** Wendy Callahan, Debbie Ryan, Wenchan Ma, Shirley Loo, Denise Tsang & Tim Tsang

**Greeters:** Doug & Doriann Shreve (Front Door), TBD (Side Door)

**Worship Team:** Andy Wadsworth, Beth Stauter, Wil & Deb Mandac

**Background Worship:** William Polzin

**Organist:** William Polzin

**Choir Director:** Chris Frye

**Bell Choir Director:** Wil Mandac

**Tech Team:** Andy Wadsworth, Alan Martinez, Scarlett Marquez, Ethan ElAmir, Jordan Mandac, Justine Skov, Madeleine Gan, Olivia Mitchell, Tim and Denise Tsang

**Prayer Chain Coordinator:** Marlene Custer

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**William Polzin**

**INTROIT**

**“O COME, O COME EMMANUEL”**

**Pastor Dan Tisdell**  
(a capella)

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Dan Tisdell**

**PRELUDE**

**“MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING”**  
(By Richard Billingham)

**William Polzin**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**“THE KING SHALL COME”**

**ELW #260**

**INVOCATION**

*(music found on page 147)*

[P] 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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: “MAGNIFICAT”**

vs. 1:

My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you.  
You have looked with love on your servant here,  
And blessed me all my life through.  
Great and mighty are you, O Holy One,  
Strong is your kindness evermore.  
How you favor the weak and lowly one,  
Humbling the proud of heart!

Vs. 2:

You have cast the mighty down from their thrones, and uplifted the humble of heart.  
You have filled the hungry with wondrous things, and left the wealthy no part.  
Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One,  
strong is your justice, strong your love,  
As you promised to Sarah and Abraham, kindness forevermore.

Vs. 3:

My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you.  
You have looked with love on your servant here,  
And blessed me all my life through.

Credit: Marty Haugen, from Holden Evening Prayer

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[A] Let us pray...

**[C] 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.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH PASTOR DAN TISDEL

# GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isaiah 2:1-5

*The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

### Psalm 122

**OT => Old Testament windows (right) side of sanctuary**

**NT => New Testament windows (left) side of sanctuary**

[NT] *I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."*

[OT] Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

[NT] *Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;*

[OT] to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

[NT] *For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.*

[OT] Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

[NT] *Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.*

[OT] For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.

[C] **Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**"AN ADVENT ACCLAMATION"**  
(By Stacey Nordmeyer/Roger Thornhill)

**St. Luke Choir**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Romans 13:11-14**

*Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.*

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*(music found on page 142)*

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

[P] This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew ...

**[C] Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

### **Gospel – Matthew 24:35-44**

**Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell**

*Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.*

[Jesus said to the disciples,] "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**[C] Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

**"KEEP AWAKE"**

**Pastor Dan Tisdell**

**HYMN OF THE DAY "WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING"**

**ELW #436**

**GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Prayer requests collected in the offering plates will be brought forward for the Prayers of the People.

## **OFFERING MUSIC**

**Willilam Polzin**

## **PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that God is real and present in all places and through all time. We share a vision of God: a God whose Spirit is love, accessible to all yet beyond our understanding. We search for the meaning of God and human experience revealed in the sacred stories which have been passed down to us. We tell our stories.**

**We believe in God the Creator, the Almighty, who made everything that is and saw that it was good.**

**We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who lived among us, healed, taught, suffered, and died. He forgave those who crucified him. In the mystery of the resurrection, he continues to live more profoundly through the ages as the Incarnation of Love, the Christ, who shows us the Way which leads to the reconciliation of the earth and all people.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Breath and Wind of God, the giver of life, the Holy Wisdom who inspires and moves the people of God to love God with our whole being; to love our neighbors as ourselves; to strive for justice and peace; to act in respect for every person and the whole of creation; to forgive as we have been forgiven; to love as we have been loved; to build communities of hope.**

**We believe that life overcomes death and nothing can separate us from God's love. Amen**

(by Deacon Sarah Bjornebo)

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

[P & A] God of grace,

[C] **Hear our prayer.**

## **PEACE OF CHRIST**

## TRANSITIONAL PRAYER

[A] Let us pray...

[C] Oh God, Each time I worship and take communion, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your powerful Spirit and help me grow closer to you and to my neighbor. Amen.

## MEAL

Sung by Pastor Dan Tisdell

### 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 our thanks and praise.

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

[C] 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.

### "LAMB OF GOD"

*(music found on page 154)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups or by intinction with bread and your choice of wine or grape juice. If you are not communing, please come up to receive a blessing of the day.

### COMMUNION MUSIC

### "EVEN SO COME"

(By Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jess Cates)

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread

of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

**[C] Amen.**


## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING HYMN**

***"MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING"***

***ELW #438***

## **BENEDICTION**

[P] The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you  and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

**[C] Amen.**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve The Lord.

**[C] THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**POSTLUDE:**

***"ONCE MORE, MY SOUL"***  
(Arr. By George Shearing)

**William Polzin**