

Sunday, December 8, 2024—Second Sunday of Advent

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# University Lutheran Church Lutheran Campus Ministry

10:30 AM Worship Service



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# PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Interim Pastor Arhiana Shek Dill

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

**P** Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again. You fasten righteousness around your waist and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire. Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames, and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare. We ask that peace abound, until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.

**C** Amen

*Light the second candle.*

## LIGHT A CANDLE FOR PEACE

Elizabeth Tomboulian

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. Above the first staff are the chords F, Bb, F, Gm, Gm/Bb, Gm/C, F, and Am/E. Above the second staff are Dm, Gm, Gm/Bb, and Gm/C. Above the third staff are F, Bb, F, Gm, Gm/Bb, and Gm/C. Above the fourth staff are F, Am/E, Dm, Gm, Gm/Bb, Gm/C, F, Bb, and F. The lyrics are: "1. Light a candle for Peace. Bring it in-to this world. Through the pow - er of Christ All things are poss - i - ble here. Light a can-dle for Peace. Let it shine in our hearts. spread-ing in-to this world Peacethroughthe pow-er of Christ —"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand.*

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins.*

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 alone. 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 A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through ✝ Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

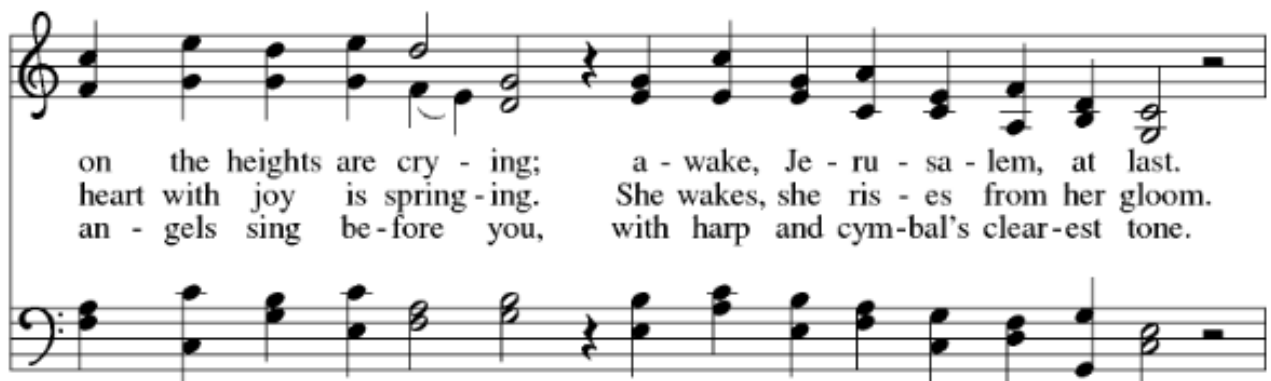
C **Amen.**

# OPENING HYMN

# WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.  
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.

The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might

Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!

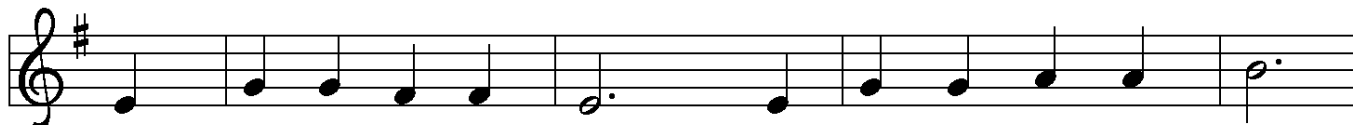
go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

## GREETING

**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.

## KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## SONG OF PRAISE



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"  
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING

**Malachi 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

# PSALM

Luke 1:68-79

*The Psalm will be sung responsively.*



- <sup>68</sup> **Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,  
you have come to your people and | set them free.**
- <sup>69</sup> You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,  
born of the house of your | servant David.
- <sup>70</sup> **Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from  
our enemies,**
- <sup>71</sup> from the hands of | all who hate us,
- <sup>72</sup> **to show mercy | to our forebears,  
and to remember your | holy covenant.**
- <sup>73</sup> This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:
- <sup>74</sup> **to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,  
free to worship you | without fear,**
- <sup>75</sup> holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life.
- <sup>76</sup> **And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,**
- <sup>77</sup> to give God's people knowledge | of salvation  
by the forgiveness | of their sins.
- <sup>78</sup> **In the tender compassion | of our God  
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,**
- <sup>79</sup> to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of  
death,  
and to guide our feet into the | way of peace.



## SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup> constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup> because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 3:1-6**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the third chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

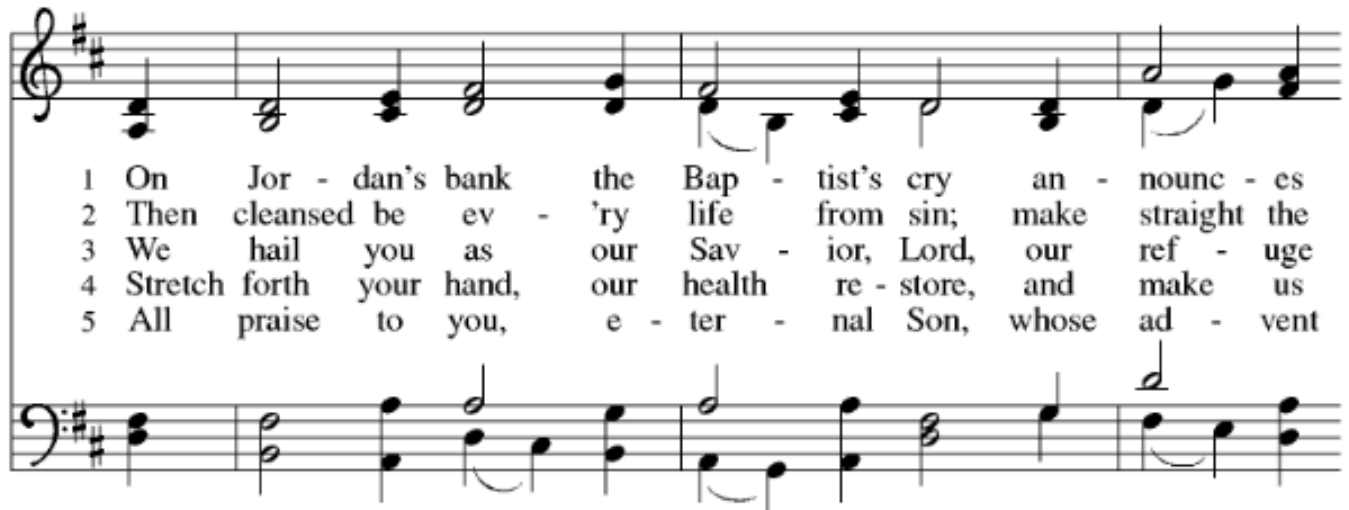
## **SERMON**

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*Silence for reflection follows the sermon. Please stand when the Hymn of the Day begins.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

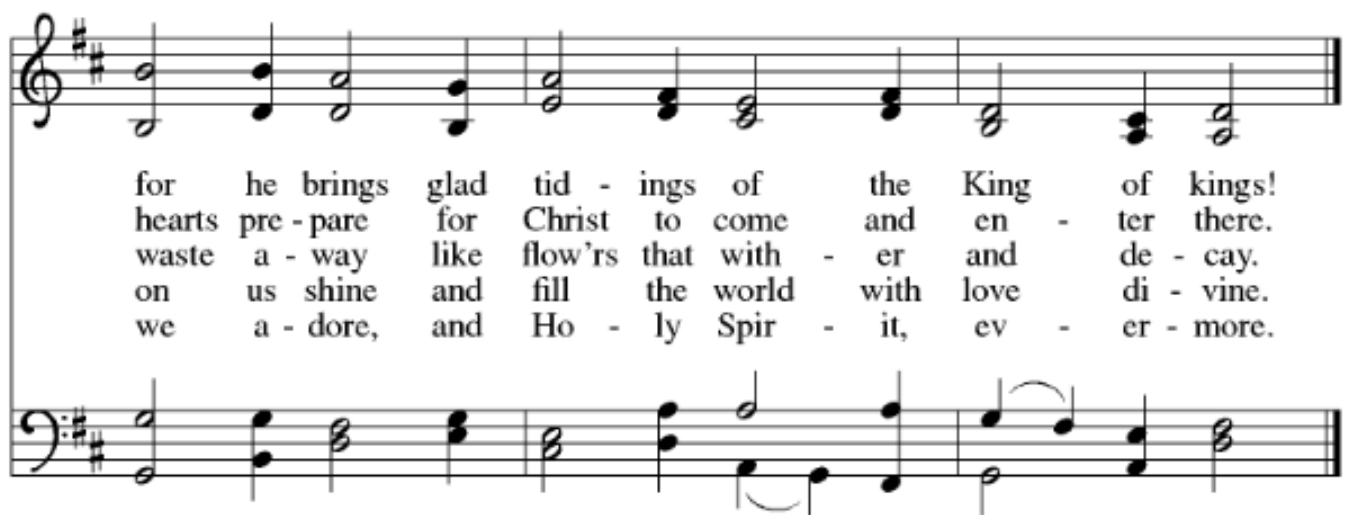
# ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 way for God with - in, and let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and 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 to the dead. 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**P** As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

*A brief silence. After each portion of the prayers the Pastor will say:*

**P** Lord, in your mercy,

*The congregation will respond with:*

**C** receive our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

## THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say "Peace be with you." or similar words.*

**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 God thanks and praise.**

P 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:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** 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.

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

*We invite to the Table of the Lord all followers of Jesus.*

*Lutherans affirm that around this table through bread and wine Christ Jesus is present with us. We offer communion with individual cups for wine or white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers also available.*

## LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

# COMMUNION HYMN

# BUILD A LONGER TABLE



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.



## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

**C** Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

**P** God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, ✝ bless and keep you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN      KEEP YOUR LAMPS TRIMMED AND BURNING



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your  
2 Dark - er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er  
3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the  
4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your

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 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night  
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing  
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps

trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.  
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

*Refrain*

Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;

chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

## **SENDING**

**P** Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

### **TODAY IN WORSHIP**

<b>Pastor</b>	Interim Pastor Arhiana Shek Dill
<b>Music Director</b>	Elizabeth Tomboulian
<b>Vocal Lead</b>	Taina Diaz-Reyes
<b>Altar Care</b>	Beth Wootten
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Taina Diaz-Reyes & Terry Anderson
<b>Lector</b>	Jacob Hilliker
<b>Greeter</b>	Gail Fisher
<b>Live Stream</b>	Alexander Webber

## **OFFERING**

For your convenience, an offering box is placed at the church entrance for your financial gifts to the ministry of Christ through University Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry. You can also donate online on our website: [www.ulctempe.org](http://www.ulctempe.org) ULC also has text giving! Text your donation to: 480-878-7977. Thank you!

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## **THIS WEEK AT UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & CAMPUS MINISTRY**

Sun, Dec 8	9:15 am	Forum (Campus Center Library)
	10:30 am	Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Coffee & Refreshments (Campus Center)
	11:45 am	Free Student Meal (Campus Center)
Tue, Dec 10	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)

## THIS WEEK AT UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & CAMPUS MINISTRY (CONTINUED)

Wed, Dec 11		NO LCM BIBLE STUDY NO STUDENT MEAL
	6:30 pm	Holden Evening Prayer Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Thu, Dec 12	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Sat, Dec 14	9:00 am	<b>Cleaning &amp; Decorating Work Session</b> (Sanctuary)
Sun, Dec 15	9:15 am	Forum (Campus Center Library)
	10:30 am	Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Coffee & Refreshments (Campus Center) NO STUDENT MEAL

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### WORK SESSION AND CHRISTMAS DECORATING—DEC 14TH

We will clean up the property and decorate for Christmas on Saturday, December 14th, from 9:00 am to noon. Come for any or all of it. Thank you!

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### HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE—WEDNESDAYS DURING ADVENT

Beginning Wednesday, December 4th, Holden Evening Prayer will be our form of worship for our mid-week Advent services. Worship will continue to be held at 6:30 pm.

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### WINTER BREAK

ASU students have begun their winter break, which will go through January 12th. Since many LCM students may be out of town, with their families, or simply enjoying the holidays, **we will cease Wednesday activities and student meals (including Sunday student meals) until the second week of January.** We hope everyone has a safe and joyful holiday break!

## ULC/LCM FAIR TRADE FAIR

It's time to start thinking of Christmas Shopping! We will be hosting a Fair Trade fair again this year with many unique handcrafted gifts.

Our Fair Trade fair is through SERRV and ELCA Good Gifts and is not a fundraiser. All the money goes directly back to the artisans and communities that make the products. We always have beautiful handcrafted items from jewelry and baskets, to spices and ornaments for you to purchase.

SERRV is Sustainable Employment, Resources, Rights, and Vision and partners with Lutheran World Relief to help distribute handcrafts from artisans in 40 developing regions.

This is a terrific opportunity to do your Christmas shopping and help artisans across our world. The fair will run from **Sunday, November 24th, through Sunday, December 22nd.**

If you have any questions or want to know more, please reach out.

Beth Wootten

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### SHINE YOUR LIGHT FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



The season is near to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world. It's the perfect time to sing and play songs we usually save for this time of year to welcome the love of God into our hearts.

Please contact Elizabeth Tomboulian if you are available to sing or play special music in worship December 15, 22, or Christmas Eve (evening).

**We also need 2 vocal leaders each Wednesday for Holden Evening Prayer services during Advent: December 11 & 18.**

This is a talent worth sharing with the ULC/LCM community. Remember the parable—don't bury your talent in the ground. And the song, "Hide it under a bush? Oh no! I'm gonna let it shine."

Blessings and gratitude,

Elizabeth Tomboulian

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## PAGE TURNER'S BOOK CLUB

**Page Turner's Book Club** is an informal group that meets on the first Thursday of each month during the academic year. Bring your lunch if you'd like, and join us in the Campus Center Library at 12 noon on January 2nd. All are welcome.

**January 2, 2025: "The Last Ride of the Pony Express: My 2,000-mile Horseback Journey into the Old West" by Will Grant (2023) (Jean)**

Cowboy/journalist Will Grant embarks on an authentic, present-day horseback journey, following the trail of the short-lived frontier mail service known as the Pony Express. During the 1860s, letter mail was carried on horseback between Missouri and San Francisco on a high-speed 10-day schedule. The trail ran through a dry, lonesome and mostly uninhabited wilderness. Author Will Grant does not restrict his research to libraries, but actually rides the entire route himself with his two horses, Chicken Fry and Badger. Along the way, he creates a picture of the American West informed by the farmers, ranchers, historians and businessmen who live along the trail. [This work was selected as one of the Best Travel Books of the Year by the Smithsonian.]

~ Jean Park, leader

Coming up in 2025:      January 2, 2025: "The Last Ride of the Pony Express: My 2,000-mile Horseback Journey into the Old West" by Will Grant (2023)  
February 6, 2025: "Bel Canto: A Novel" by Ann Patchett (2001)

## FORUMS

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15-10:15 for lively conversation at our Forums. We meet in the Campus Center Library.

In December, we are continuing our Bible series on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12). For this Bible Study, we are using the book *How's Your Attitude: A Study of the Beatitudes* by Juanita Purcell. Join us for one lesson, a few lessons, or the whole series. We have copies of the book for everyone. You are welcome to read the lesson before the Forum, but you don't need to.

- Dec 8th—Blessed Are Those Who Are Persecuted for Christ's Sake (Lesson 10)
- Dec 15th—Discuss what we learned from the Beatitudes.

Then we will take a break for the Holidays, and the Forums will resume on Sunday, January 12th, 2025.

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## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP, 6 PM

Christmas Eve worship service will be held on Tuesday, December 24th, at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. There will be no worship service on Christmas Day.

*University Lutheran Church is a Reconciling Works Church. We are a welcoming environment for all of God's people regardless of race, situation, familial status, sexuality, gender, size, shape, gender identity, and place in this world.*

