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January 5, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Christmas

* All who are able please stand.

P: Pastor C: Congregation

Prelude *Gentle Child Jesus* Bach

* *Hymn* *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* ELW 275 *insert*

* *Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God-with-us,

C: we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

P: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,

† forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

C: Amen.

* *Greeting*

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God, grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* *Prayer of the Day*

P: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Readings (insert)

Sermon

** The Nicene Creed*

C: 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.

** Prayers of Intercession*

** Sharing the Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory Love Has Come

ELW 292

** Offering Prayer*

P: God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.

C: Amen.

** 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who

on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

** The Eucharistic Prayer*

P: Although Pastor Amy is not able to be to preside at the Lord's Table, these elements—the wafers and grape juice—have been consecrated.

And having heard God's Word in which God is present, prayed in fellowship with one another, trusting Christ's promise that where "two or three are gathered in his name there he is among us", we now come together around Christ's presence in these elements.

Gathered at the Lord's table, our congregation remembered with thanksgiving that "in the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, 'Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in 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 sins. Do this in remembrance of me.'"

This is the supper of our Lord Jesus Christ. This same bread and cup, shared in our community of faith, are here given for you.

Brought together as one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

** 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.

Holy Communion

** Blessing*

P: The God of love, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.

C: Amen

** Hymn:* *The First Noel* ELW 300 *insert*

** Dismissal*

P: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *March of the Three Kings* French Carol

Thank you for your continuous, weekly/monthly, tithes and offerings for St. Luke's and Christ's Ministry. Your steady giving provides the financial support for the church to care for the members and reach out to the community.

We ask that you continue to support the church with your weekly offerings.

There are many ways to remotely continue giving to St. Luke's:

Website: Visit www.stlukeslutheran.church and click on the "online giving" link.

PayPal: If you have PayPal account transfer funds as a friend (no fees) to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Zieglerville.

Personal Bank: Use the autopay from your personal bank account to send funds to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 3206 Big Road, Zieglerville, PA 19492.

Mail: send a check to St. Luke's.

Your continued and weekly offerings are needed to continue the Little Church with a BIG Mission.

St. Luke's Upcoming Calendar

Today, January 5	Faith Formation, take down Christmas Decorations
Wednesday, January 8	Bible Study, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 9	Discipleship/Missions Comm. Mtg. (Zoom), 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 11	Diakonia Class, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Sunday, January 12	Holy Communion, 9:00 a.m. Informational Mtg., After Service

Service Assistants

Greeters:	Clark & Jane VanBuskirk
Lay Reader:	Joyce Brothers
Altar Guild:	Eve Gehringer
Welcome Center:	Pat Stonerook

Next Week's Service Assistants

Greeters:	Paul & Jen Christman
Lay Reader:	Gwen Semmens
Altar Guild:	Joyce Brothers
Welcome Center	Julie Kinzel

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