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November 30, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

*** All who are able please stand.**

P: Pastor C: Congregation

Prelude *Creator of the Stars of Night* arr. Young

Lighting the Advent Wreath

*** *Hymn*** *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding* ELW 246 *insert*

*** *Confession and Forgiveness***

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Long-expected God,

C: we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised.

Amen.

P: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. + You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the savior.

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: 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.

C: Amen

Readings (insert)

Sermon

** 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.

** Prayers of Intercession*

P: Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

** Sharing the Peace*

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

Offering – Special Music Broc Mertz and Lauren Weaver

** Offering Prayer*

P: Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.
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...

...hosts of heaven we praise your name and join in 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: In the night in which he was betrayed...

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.

Distribution of Communion

* *Table Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

* *Prayer after Communion*

P: God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen

* *Blessing*

P: May the God of hope + fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

* *Hymn:* *Hark, the Glad Sound*

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* *Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, taking hope with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Praise to the Lord God Almighty* arr. Dupre

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St. Luke's Upcoming Calendar

Today	Book Club Mtg. – 10:30 a.m.
Monday, December 1 st	Conference Committee Mtg. – 7:00 p.m. (zoom)
Wednesday, December 3 rd	Bible Study with Trinity in Lansdale at St. Luke’s – 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 6 th	“Breakfast with Santa” UFFC fundraiser in Fellowship Hall 8:00 a.m. - noon
Sunday, December 7 th	Communion Service – 9:00 a.m.

Service Assistants

Greeters:	Paul & Jen Christman
Advent Wreath Lighters:	Greer family
Lay Reader:	Jen Christman
Altar Guild:	Jen Christman
Welcome Center:	Nicole Greer
Counters:	Jerry Jordan, Mike Way

Next Week's Service Assistants

Greeters:	Mike Way, Judy Moyer
Advent Wreath Lighters:	Gehringer family
Reader:	Joyce Brothers
Altar Guild:	Eve Gehringer
Welcome Center:	Pat Stonerook, Sandi Kelly
Counters:	Marty Jordan, Mike Way



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