

*January 4, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Christmas*

* All who are able please stand.

P: Pastor C: Congregation

Prelude *Gentle Child Jesus* Bach

* *Hymn* *What Child Is This* ELW 296 *insert*

*** Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God,

C: we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.

P: God's grace upon grace flows over you. † Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

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

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** Offering Prayer*

P: God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

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: 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.

Holy Communion

* *Blessing*

P: The triune God, glorious Mystery; holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter; \ddagger bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

C: Amen

* *Hymn:* *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* ELW 288 *insert*

* *Dismissal*

P: Glory to God in the highest!

C: And peace to God's people on earth!

P: Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

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| Today, January 4 | Holy Communion – 9:00 a.m. |
| Monday, January 5 | Conference Committee – 7:00 p.m. (zoom) |
| Wednesday, January 7 | Bible Study, 9:30-10:30 a.m. |
| Thursday, January 8 | Discipleship/Missions Comm. Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. (zoom) |
| Saturday, January 10 | Diakonia Class, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon |
| Sunday, January 11 | Holy Communion, 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation – 10:15 a.m. |

Service Assistants

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| Greeters: | Paul & Jen Christman |
| Lay Reader: | Joyce Brothers |
| Altar Guild: | Brenda Foose |
| Welcome Center: | Dennis & Gail Faust |
| Counters: | Gwen Semmens, Mike Way |

Next Week's Service Assistants

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| Greeters: | Joyce Brothers, Spencer Brothers |
| Lay Reader: | Gwen Semmens |
| Altar Guild: | Joyce Brothers |
| Welcome Center: | Pat Stonerook, Merlyn Jordan |
| Counters: | Deneen Kratz, Doug & Sharon Killough |

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