



**Advent**  
Midweek Worship Services

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Wednesdays  
Dec. 3, 10, 17  
at 7:00p.m.

**Preschool Christmas Program**  
Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 3:30p.m.

**Christmas Eve Worship**  
Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 7:00p.m.

**New Years Eve Worship**  
Wednesday Dec. 31 at 4:30p.m.

# Welcome to



December 10, 2025  
Midweek Advent #2



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The vision of Gethsemane Lutheran Church is to:  
GROW UP in His Word,  
GROW OUT in his Ministry,  
GROW TOGETHER in His Love.

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## Pre-Service Music

## Welcome & Announcements

## Opening Song

### 380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!” *Refrain*

ref **Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”**

Christ, by highest heav’n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel! *Refrain*

Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris’n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,

Now ye need not fear the grave:  
Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all,  
To gain His everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

## Post-Service Music



### The Sending and Blessing

**P** Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping,  
**C** That awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.  
**P** the Almighty and Merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you  
**C** Amen.

### The Closing Song

#### “Good Christian Men Rejoice” CH273

Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart and soul, and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
News! News! Jesus Christ is born today;  
Ox and ass before Him bow;  
And He is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice,  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened the heavenly door,  
And man is blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice,  
With heart and soul and voice;

Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth. *Refrain*  
Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt. Text: Public domain

### The Invocation

#### Service of the Light

**P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
**C** the light no darkness can overcome.  
**P** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
**C** and the day is almost over.  
**P** Let Your light scatter the darkness  
**C** and illumine Your Church.

#### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Tonight, we light the candles of “Hope” and “Peace”. We recall the hope and the peace we have in Jesus. As a follower of Christ, we await His return. We light this candle to remember that as He came to us humbly in the manger at Bethlehem and gave light to the world, so He is coming again in power to deliver His people.

### Song

#### 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel sts. 1, ref. 3

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the Law  
In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

ref **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
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### Prayer

Holy God of love, There is light in our lives because of the abundance of Your steadfast love. A love so vast, so deep, so real, that You became one of us. May we live within the power of this love. And may we share its light with a world where too many dwell in darkness. Amen.

### The Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11*

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

"For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and iniquity. In my faithfulness I will reward them and make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their descendants will be known among the ``nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed."

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

### The Gospel Lesson: *Luke 1: 46-55*

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers."

### The Devotion

### The Advent Prayer

Dear Lord, Stir up Your power and come so that with Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by Your mighty deliverance. We pray this through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

### Luther's Evening Prayer

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**