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**SEASON OF CHRISTMAS**  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas  
**December 27, 2020 9:30am**

Congregational Concerns

Special Music ~

**Confession & Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy. **AMEN.**

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

*(Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.)*

P: God of goodness and loving kindness,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through + Jesus Christ, made known to all people. With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace. **AMEN.**

**Greeting & Kyrie**

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.**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

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P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Bulletin Insert

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10--62:3 Bulletin Insert

Psalm 148

Bulletin Insert (Responsively)

Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7 Bulletin Insert

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40 Bulletin Insert

*Response after the announcement:* Glory to you, O Lord.

*Response after the conclusion:* Praise to you O Christ

**SERMON**

***“Guided by the Spirit”***

**Pastor Karl Nelson**

Special Music ~

**Apostles' Creed**

**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/The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offering Prayer**

P: Gracious God,

**C: you came to us as one unknown, bringing joy and salvation to the earth. Nourish us at you banquet table, that with all who welcome your birth we may proclaim your peace, revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**Benediction**

P: Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day + through the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please wait to be ushered out- back to front.*

Karen Bruinooge, organist 920-457-4285    Sandy Fenner, custodian 876-2924

Today we continue to celebrate Christmas — and God’s lavish gift of love, Jesus. **WELCOME!**

**Those serving the Lord:**

**TODAY**

Reader: Pam Bogenschuetz

Ushers: Tom Hass

AV Tech: Lavonne Schroeder

**January 3, 9:30am**

Keith Kuhlow

Chris Fenner, Jeremy Raml

Karl Nelson



Sunday, December 20 9:30am 37

Thursday, December 24 4:00pm 32    Communed 32

5:30pm 35    Communed 33

**Welcome,  
2021!**

**ST. LUKE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ELCA**



THE CHILD GREW AND  
**BECAME STRONG,**

← FILLED WITH →

**WISDOM;**  
AND THE FAVOR OF GOD  
**WAS UPON HIM.**

Luke 2:40

December 27, 2020 9:30am

Members celebrating a birthday this week:

- Jay Stroessner December 27
- James Budrick December 28
- Josie Servais December 28
- Nancy Lemkuil December 28
- Steven Ault December 29
- Nancy Hass December 31



**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are in the narthex for you to take. If you would like to sign up for Simply Giving (online donating), signup sheets are with the envelopes or contact Andrea in the office.



**LIVING LUTHERAN** December edition, **WORD OF SEASON** January-March and **THE LUTHERAN DIGEST** booklets are now available in the narthex. Please take one for yourself (or to share) compliments of St. Luke.



**SPARE CHANGE-** There is a collection bottle in the narthex for “spare change” that will help with Lutheran World Relief kit supplies, quilts and shipping of these kits.

### Announcements

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS - DECEMBER's** special donation is items for Bridgeway House (SCIO). They are in need of the following items: Box noodles, baking soda, vinegar, corn syrup, cornstarch, bottles water, paper towel and condiments. A full wish list is available by the collection tub, take one along if you wish. **JANUARY'S special collection** will be personal hygiene products (toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, razors, etc.) for the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry. Items can be put in the marked barrels in the narthex.

**BULLETIN BOARD-** There are announcements and thank you notes on the board in the narthex. These are not in the bulletin.

**MANY THANKS** to Superior Lawn & Garden for the donation of our beautiful sanctuary tree. Also we are grateful for our Arts & Environment committee for all the decorations and the assembly of the Love Light Cross Tree in the narthex. All are a blessing to St. Luke.



**BIRTHDAY CARD-** Please sign the birthday card in the narthex for Carol Horness (January 31). Please remember those that might otherwise be forgotten.



**SHOEBOXES-** We were notified that some of our shoeboxes packed this year by some of our confirmation students were delivered to children in Colombia and “hard to reach areas”. Those areas are places where ethnic groups have never heard of Jesus!



To allow for adequate processing time, any **CONTRIBUTIONS** that you want applied to 2020 will need to be in to the church office by December 30 at NOON.



**“Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to.”**

—Bill Vaughan