

# † Advent I †

“The Lord Is Arriving”



**“Return to Me”**  
**Malachi 1—4**

# ✠ The Divine Liturgy ✠

“Love the Creator & His Creation Like Jesus”  
Saint Luke Lutheran Church | November 28, 2021

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## † Baptism — The Way of Faith †

### Remembering Our Baptism Journey

Father, Creator of all heaven and earth, ✠ **you save us from our selfishness and make us your children through Baptism.** ✠ Through your Son, whose example we follow, ✠ **we die to Civilization's Way of arrogance, fear, and violence.** ✠ Through your Spirit, who dwells among us, ✠ **we are reborn in Jesus's Way of faith, hope, and love.** ✠ We pray that you will complete this work of Baptism within us, ✠ **as we daily surrender to you and listen to your every word.**

(the Advent candle is lit to remind us that Jesus is coming among us)

♫ *Oh come, oh come Immanuel, and rescue captive Israel. From depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel has come to us and God is with us now!* ♫ (tune: LSB 357)

### Surrendering to the Creator

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ✠ **we surrender our minds, bodies, and whole lives to you.**

(we make the sign of the cross, touching forehead, heart, and shoulders)

We let go of control ✠ **and submit ourselves into your loving hands.** ✠ We leave behind our people-pleasing ✠ **and seek only your approval.** ✠ We walk away from our reliance on self, family, and nation ✠ **and trust you for everything we need.** ♫ *Take my life and all my heart, take my whole soul ev'ry part. Take my mouth and let it be, filled with your truth and mercy. ♫ Take my hands and let them love, with compassion from above. Take my feet and let them go, on the Way that Jesus showed. ♫ Take my things and my money, give me faith and set me free. Take my life and teach me how, to love all creation now.* ♫ (tune: LSB 783)

### Advent Litany

We are burdened by the past, ✠ **Jesus bring healing hope to our yesterdays.**

We are stressed in the present, ✠ **Jesus bring living hope to us today.**

We are worried about the future, ✠ **Jesus bring hope to us for tomorrow.**

### Song ✠ GC2 527 “Canticle of the Turning”

♫ *Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me. And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight. Could the world be about to turn?* ♫ (REFRAIN)

REFRAIN: ♫ *My heart shall sing of the day you bring, let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.* ♫

♫ *From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne. The hungry*

*poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. ♪ (REFRAIN)*

♪ *Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast: God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. ♪ (REFRAIN)*

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord Jesus be with you. ☩ **And also with you.** ☩ Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, help us to return back to you from our wandering disobedience. In the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

(sit)

### Listening to the Creator

We gather at the feet of our Lord Jesus, listening to his word and allowing it to change and shape our minds, decisions, and lives. ♪ *Listen to what Jesus teaches, listen to him every day. Listen as you walk and follow, listen also as you pray. Listen to him every moment, listen with an open mind. Listen to find peace and patience, listen so you will be kind.* ♪ (tune: LSB 770)

### Remembering the Saints & Martyrs ☩ Lucy of Syracuse

Father, we give you thanks for your Spirit-filled saints and witnesses who have gone before us and have embodied the Way of Jesus. Today we remember Lucy who vowed to serve Jesus alone with her life and convinced her mother to give her dowry to the poor, saying, "Let us give away now whatever we would give away at death." This angered the men who were trying to marry her and she was turned over to the Roman authorities and executed in 304 AD for refusing to sacrifice to their gods. Help us learn from her faith and example, **Amen.**

### Chanted Psalm ☩ *Psalm 109*



♪ *O God of my praise, do not | be silent!*  
\* *My enemies have turned | against me.*  
*They have surrounded me with | words of hate,*  
\* *and fought against me | without cause.*  
*In return for my love they | attack me.*  
\* *They have repaid me evil | for my good.*  
*Save me according | to your love*  
\* *Rescue me with your | loving hand.* ♪

### Law & Prophets ☩ Malachi 3:1-7

The Prophets reading comes from Malachi 3. ☩ **We listen with open hearts.** This is the word of our Creator. ☩ **Thank you, Lord, for speaking to us.**

Epistle ✠ Galatians 1:1-10

The epistle reading comes from Galatians 1. ✠ **We listen with open hearts.**  
This is the word of our Creator. ✠ **Thank you, Lord, for speaking to us.**

(stand)

† Holy Gospel †

As we await the coming of Jesus, we omit the Gospel reading and pause to yearn for his coming. *(brief silence)* Come quickly Lord Jesus. **Amen, come quickly Lord Jesus.**

(sit)

Message

## † Repentance — The Way of Hope †

Confronting Our Past

Let us reflect on how the word of Jesus is speaking into our lives this day.

*(silence for reflection)*

For placing our self, family, and nation above you, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠ For trusting the technology and works of human hands, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠ For being hypocrites who misrepresent your name, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠ For not living in restful harmony with land, animals, and each other, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠ For not listening to and caring for our fathers and mothers in Christ, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠ For being violent to our bodies and your creation, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠ For not keeping our sexuality within marriage, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠ For trying to possess and control your creation, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠ For not being vulnerable and truthful with others, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠ For competing with others and not being content with our lives, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠ Father, turn us back to walking in your Spirit. ♪ ***Lord Father we have wandered and hidden from your face. Rescue your whole creation with your almighty grace. From trust in wealth and weapons and blindness to your Way, save us and all creation with your own hands, we pray.*** ♪ *(tune: LSB 449)*

Will you turn away from the Way of Civilization and reaffirm the Creator's claim upon you through your Baptism into the Way of Jesus? ✠ **Yes, I renounce the Way of Civilization and pledge my full allegiance to Jesus.** ✠ Will you release all debts and grudges that you hold against anyone—including yourself and every member of this church? ✠ **Yes, I forgive all those who have hurt me, frustrated me, or owe me anything.** ✠ Our heavenly Father heals all those who return to his loving arms. You are forgiven and set free from all slavery to live life in the Way of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! ✠ **Amen.**

(stand)

Song ✠ ***LSB 348 "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"***

♪ ***"The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks, when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.*** ♪

- ♫ *Not as of old a little child, to bear and fight and die, but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky. ♪*
- ♫ *Oh, brighter than the rising morn when Christ, victorious, rose and left the lonesome place of death despite the rage of foes. ♪*
- ♫ *Oh, brighter than that glorious morn shall dawn upon our race the day when Christ in splendor comes and we shall see his face. ♪*
- ♫ *The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings! ♪*

### Waiting on the Creator

♫ *Our Father, bring your Rule and will to earth. Give what we need for worry-free rebirth. Bring peace among us and forgive us too, as we forgive and love in all we do. ♪ Protect us from all things that will mislead. Keep us from selfishness, violence, and greed. We place our lives into your hands this day. Teach us to listen and to walk your Way. Amen. ♪ (tune: LSB 637)*

(incense is lit to symbolize our prayers ascending to God and as its smell fills this space we are reminded of his presence among us)

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy. ♪*

**Our Father in heaven, make your name holy, bring your Rule, make your will be done—on earth as in heaven.** ☩ Father, set us apart from Civilization in all our thoughts, words, and deeds. Take charge of our lives and all those in authority. Use everything that happens to bring your good judgment and healing upon all creation. *Let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy. ♪*

**Give us this day our daily bread.** ☩ Father, provide for us, protect us, and heal our brokenness. Especially this day we remember Charlene Sargent, Jan Zugelder, COVID-19 victims, and those we name in our hearts... Father, give us exactly what we need this day and teach us to be content with that. *Let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy. ♪*

**Forgive us our debts as we forgive those in debt to us.** ☩ Father, forgive us and free us from all that enslaves us. Help us to walk away from our addictions to Civilization's Way so we may walk in Jesus's Way. Empower us to love and forgive everyone, even our enemies, in the same way you have loved and forgiven us. *Let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy. ♪*

**Do not abandon us in temptation, but rescue us from evil.** ☩ Father, humble us and remind us that we have no strength apart from you. Stay with us in times of difficulty and save us from our selfishness. Comfort us in the certain hope that your creation and children will be renewed and raised from the dead. *Let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy. ♪*

**For all authority, power, and glory are yours—now and forever.** ☩ Father, help us to let go and surrender everything into your loving hands, trusting that you are working all things to the good of those who love you. ☩ **Amen.**

## † Communion — The Way of Love †

### Sharing the Lord's Peace

We prepare to be united as one Body and communion at the Lord's table by sharing with each other the peace and love our Father has freely given to us.

(sit)

### Offering

Everything belongs to our Father and is to be used to love each other in the same way Jesus has loved us. Therefore, we offer our entire lives as a living sacrifice to him while also offering gifts to support this communion.

### Musical Offering

(stand)

### Pledge of Allegiance

*♩ We come before you, Lord, to bow. We lay our lives at your feet now. All things are yours, we own nothing! Our lives are in your hands this day. Give what we need, O Lord, we pray. Please protect us, provide for us! Watch over us, ever with us, always love us! ♪ (tune: LSB 816)*

Lord, we pledge our obedience and every part of our lives to you...

**I pledge allegiance to one God, the all-powerful Father, who is the Creator of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**I pledge allegiance to one Lord, Jesus Christ, who is God's only Son. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He loved and he suffered. Under Pontius Pilate, he was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he was raised from the dead. He ascended to heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He is coming to judge the living and the dead. His rule will not end.**

**I pledge allegiance to the Holy Spirit, who is the giver of life, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the baptism for forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life in the age to come. Amen.**

### Thanksgiving

The Lord Jesus be with you. ☩ **And also with you.** ☩ Lift up your hearts! ☩ **We lift them to the Lord!** ☩ Let us give thanks to our Creator! ☩ **It is right to give him thanks and praise!** ☩ Praise and thanks are due to you, Father, ☩ **for you provide, protect, love, and renew us and all creation!** ☩ We are grateful that you bring heaven and earth together through Jesus's love for all creation!

*♩ Joyful, joyful we adore you, Creator of all that lives! Earth and heaven praise and thank you, for your love and all you give! Fields and forests, fruit trees and birds, thunderstorms and starry skies, seas and mountains, and grazing herds, praising you who never dies! ♪ (tune: LSB 803)*

### † Words of Our Lord Jesus †

On the night before our Lord Jesus was crucified, he revealed his Way of

rescuing all creation from the Way of Civilization. Before supper, Jesus humbly washed the feet of his students and enemies. He said, "Follow my example. Love each other in the same way I have loved you." During supper, Jesus then took the bread and broke it. He gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is being given for you. Do the same for each other in my memory." After supper, Jesus then took the cup and gave thanks. He said, "This is my blood which is being shed for you, for the forgiveness of all of your sin. Do the same for each other in my memory." ♪ ***When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death Lord Jesus. So as we share this feast may we, remember your love for us. Help us now to follow your Way, and to walk in your goodness. Always make us one in you.*** ♪ (tune: LSB 384)

#### Invitation to the Table

We gather around Jesus's table, trusting that he is truly giving his whole self to us through this bread, wine, and communion. As we receive the Lord's gifts, we commit ourselves to laying down our lives for each member of this church in the same Way that Jesus has laid down his life for us. We invite all Baptized members of the holy universal Church, who give their undivided allegiance to Jesus and are at peace with their brothers and sisters in Christ, to join us in this mysterious communion of heaven and earth.

♪ ***Oh come, Lord Jesus, come and dine, and give yourself through bread and wine. Feed us so we may have new birth, and bring your rule ov'r all the earth. Come now! Come now! Our Lord Jesus, and bring your healing love to us!*** ♪ (tune: LSB 357)

(sit)

#### Sharing the Bread & Wine

(stand)

#### Sent to "Do the Same in My Memory"

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the bread of life ☩ **your body, given for us.** ☩ You judge us and heal us with your love and mercy ☩ **your blood, shed for us.** ☩ Now help us to do the same in your memory ☩ **as we share our whole lives with the church and care for all your creation, including our own bodies.** ☩ Lord, fill us with your Holy Spirit so we may always reflect your love. ☩ **Amen.** ♪ ***Hark the glad sound the Savior comes the Savior promised long; let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and every voice a song. He comes the prisoners to release, in Satan's bondage held. The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield. He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure, and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.*** ♪ (tune: LSB 349)

#### Blessing

May the Father bless you and hold you in his hands. May the Son empower you to love all his creation in the way he has loved you. May the Holy Spirit

fill your body and give you a peace that is free of all anxiety. ✠ Amen.

Song ✠ *LSB 331 “The Advent of Our King”*

- ♪ *The advent of our King, who comes to serve and free. Truth, love, and kindness he will bring, God’s mercy he will be.* ♪
- ♪ *Let all the earth arise, to meet our lowly King. Do not turn from him and despise, the peace he comes to bring.* ♪
- ♪ *True judge on clouds of light, his vict’ry he has won. He comes his members to unite, all earth and heav’n be one.* ♪
- ♪ *All glory to the Son, who comes to set us free. With Father, Spirit, ever One, through all eternity.* ♪

\* 2022 Budget Meeting on Dec 12, after liturgy.

\* During liturgy try out the ancient prayer position of “orans,” arms outstretched.

\* Join us on Mondays @ 6:00 pm @ DG starting in December to watch “The Chosen.”

**\* Want to do a retreat at the Disciple Garden?**

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**Weekly Calendar | November 28 - December 5, 2021**

<b>Sun, Nov 28</b>	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy   “Return to Me”   Malachi 1—4
	10:45 am	Food & Fellowship   Text of the Day Study
<b>Mon, Nov 29</b>	6:00 pm	Table Talk: Patient Ferment @ DG
<b>Wed, Dec 1</b>	4:30 pm	Jesus Time
	6:00 pm	Scripture Study: Genesis
<b>Thurs, Dec 2</b>	5:15 pm	Bell Choir
	6:00 pm	Choir
<b>Sat, Dec 4</b>	7-9 am	Breakfast & Devotion
<b>Sun, Dec 5</b>	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy   “You Will Be Silent”   Luke 1:1-25
	10:45 am	Food & Fellowship   Text of the Day Study

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