



WELCOME

to St. Lucas UCC

Transforming lives as the hands and feet of Christ since 1880

9:30 AM Worship

December 14, 2025

You are welcome and invited to join our active faith community. No matter where you are on your journey; no matter where your journey began; we want to replenish your spirit, refresh your faith and support you along the way.

The Third Sunday of
ADVENT



JOY



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ORDER OF WORSHIP/3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

* All who are able, please stand. Hymns from the Family of God

Welcome & Announcements

Ring of the Bell

Prelude

Light of Christ Brought Into the Sanctuary

Lighting the Advent Candles (Joy)

Leader: God's love colors everything.

People: With our hearts open to love, we see hope shining through.

(Hope candle is lit)

Leader: God's love dwells in everything.

People: When we love, we bring peace to neighbors and those we meet.

(Peace candle is lit)

Leader: From the most difficult of struggles to the most wonderful of delight, God's love flows through everything.

People: When we use our hands and feet for love, joy shines through us.

(Joy candle is lit)

*Hymn

The First Noel, vs. 1,3,5

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*Call To Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 23 & Isaiah 55*)

Pastor: The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want.

People: God cares for those who are hungry and those who thirst.

Pastor: Listen and be blessed—new possibilities are ready to unfold.

People: We are a witness to the ways of Christ who calls the nations.

Pastor: Let us move forward with joy, hope, and peace.

All: We continue our journey back to Bethlehem, rediscovering the purity of our hearts. Amen.

*Words of Confession

All: With mistakes and missteps, we bring our broken spirits back to Bethlehem. Christ meets us with mercy and the promise of new beginnings. We place our sins before the One in the manger, who leads us on the road of righteousness and renewal. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Pastor: The Lord listens to our hearts, forgives our sins, and shines upon us. We are surrounded by grace and not forgotten. Amen.

*Musical Response

Cleanse Me, vs. 2

#425

***Sign of Grace & Welcome**

Anthem

Carol for Advent

St. Lucas UCC Choir

Time with Young Disciples

Michele Ottinger

Scripture

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Sermon

Rev. Janet Pillman

Hymn

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever! Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

All: O Lord, we know that you are full of mercy. As your words water the earth and bring forth blessings, may our offering to you accomplish great and wonderful things. Amen.

***The Doxology**

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***The Unison Prayer of Dedication**

All: Receive our gifts, O God of Bethlehem. Let them build hope, cradle love, and awaken new beginnings. Amen.

***Hymn**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

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***Light of Christ Brought Out Into the World**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK, DECEMBER 14—21, 2025

11:00 a.m.	Adult Ed	Room 18/20
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Tuesday, Dec. 16

10:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Zoom
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Coffee Hour Zoom

Finance Committee Room 19

10:30 a.m.	Memorial Committee	South Narthex
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Memorial Committee

Cemetery Board Room 19

Choir Practice	Choir Room
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9:00 a.m.	Backpack Packing	Fireside Room
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Backpack Packing Fireside Room

Preschool Christmas Program	Sanctuary/Social Hall
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Monthly Staff Meeting	Fireside Room
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Physical Facilities Ministry Room 19

9:30 p.m.	Preschool Christmas Program	Sanctuary/Social Hall
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8:00 a.m.	Decorating for Zach & Lizzy	Sanctuary/Social Hall
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9:30 a.m.	Worship/Zach & Lizzy Returns!	Sanctuary
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Worship/Zach & Lizzy Returns! Sanctuary

Adult Ed Room 18/20



Tear off & put it into the offering plate.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jason, Shirley Bild, Bill Brown,
Mike, Rosie, Tim Miller,
Scott Schmidt, Evelyn Stolz,
Dale Tempinson, Britt Whitaker

MILITARY

Cornelius Douse
Noah Ottinger
Julian Scherer
Jeremi Williamson
Brandon Williamson

ST. LUCAS UCC STAFF

Rev. George Miller ~ Senior Minister, ext. 6118

Rev. Janet Pillman ~ Assoc. Minister of Pastoral Care, ext. 6119

Michele Ottinger ~ Dir. of Children's Ministries &

All Church Programming, ext. 6114

Amy Bush ~ Coordinator of Youth Ministries, ext. 6125

Lynn Fey ~ Co-Coordinator of Youth Ministries, ext. 6125

Linda Radick ~ Pianist

Linda Taylor ~ Music Director

Jeff Wagener ~ Church Administrator, ext. 6116

Debbie Heagle ~ Administrative Assistant, ext. 6120

Denee Bowers ~ Communications Coordinator, ext. 6121

Andrew Richardson ~ AV Tech

Kelly Blessing ~ Preschool Director, ext. 6126

Charlie Singler ~ Maintenance Manager, ext. 6113

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