

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

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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.

SERMON *A Saved World* Dr. Tom Pace
Second in the series, *Savior*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to become a follower of Jesus Christ, or if you are interested in joining St. Luke's United Methodist Church, we would love to talk to you about what that means. Please come forward after the service to meet with our Christian Friends.

If you would like someone to pray with you, you are invited to come forward after the service and meet with one of our prayer volunteers.

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

218 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ES IST EIN ROS

POSTLUDE *Toccata on VENI EMMANUEL* Page Long

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

When Are We?

In the context of the church calendar, we have just begun the new year. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year, which is full of tradition and thematic elements you'll see exhibited in the coming services. Today, on Advent 2, we celebrate the theme of Love. Love is what flavors our hope. It's what makes hope more than a sterile waiting room outside the hall of eternity. Love baptizes our hope and quickens the soul, wrenching our bodies out of the rigor mortis of the dark and mundane. Love is the substance of the Father, and we wait for it in his Son. The vestments and paraments are blue to represent hope, the theme of this season.

Leading in Worship today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Bill Denham; Rev. Thomas Harper, Rev. Michelle Manuel; Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears; Madison Garcia.

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music and Fine Arts; Randy Murrow, Associate Director of Music and Fine Arts; Rob Landes, Artist-in-Residence; Barbara Bamberg, Accompanist; St. Cecilia; Chancel Choir. Julie Osterman, Devon Jones, Jane Long, Megan Kessler: Fine Arts Associates.

Acolytes: Evan Ecklund, Elliott Ecklund, Rachel Osterman, Tessa Throckmorton-Kahn.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in celebration of the baptism of Audrey Marie Johanning by Valerie and John Johanning; and in celebration of the baptism of Molly May Anderson by Nicole and Christopher Anderson.

12:05 p.m. Communion in the Chapel: Rev. Bill Denham

Welcome to St. Luke's!

We're so glad you're here. Worship is at the heart of everything we do and we hope that you and your family find this service to be uplifting and transformational. Whether you are a first-time guest or a regular attendee, please join us in the Gathering Room near the Main Entrance for refreshments and fellowship after the service.



Want to learn more about St. Luke's? Drop by the Connection Desk near the Gathering Room and ask about Coffee with the Pastor with Dr. Tom Pace or contact Kelly Grimes at kgrimes@stlukesmethodist.org.

For Families with Children

A Family Room with Livestream is open all morning in the Chapel Parlor located out the left front door of the Sanctuary.

We offer loving and safe Nursery care for children ages 2 months – Pre-K while parents attend any of our morning worship services and Sunday School classes.



At 9:45 a.m., we offer Children's Sunday School for 2-year olds through 5th grade. For children in 6th through 12th grades, Student Ministries offers a unique worship experience in their own building.

During most 11:00 a.m. services, we offer Children's Church for children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade in room ES213 on the second floor of the Johnson Building, Main Entrance.

Sunday Morning and Beyond Resources

Download the St. Luke's App to watch online when you can't be with us, view sermons, listen to podcasts, find a small group, check in your children and more. Go to the App Store or Google Play and search St. Lukes UMC Houston.

To watch the livestream on your computer, go to StLukesMethodist.org/livestream

To watch sermons and listen to podcasts on your computer go to: StLukesMethodist.org/sermons

Assisted hearing devices and large print hymnals are available from the ushers.



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St. Luke's United Methodist Church
December 8, 2019 | 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent



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"You shall call him Jesus, because he will save the people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

PRELUDE *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Robert Hebble

CHORAL INTROIT 11:00

The Friendly Beasts (UMH # 227) ORIENTIS PARTIBUS
SundaySing! and Joyful Noise! Children's Choirs
Alfred Williford, acoustic guitar Jesus Pacheco, cajon

Jesus our brother, strong and good, was humbly born in a stable rude
And the friendly beasts around him stood, Jesus our brother, strong and good.

"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown, "I carried his mother up hill and down;
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town." "I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

"I," said the cow, all white and red, "I gave him my manger for his bed;
I gave him my hay to pillow his head." "I," said the cow, all white and red.

"I," said the sheep with curly horn, "I gave him my wool for his blanket warm;
He wore my coat on Christmas morn." "I," said the sheep with curly horn.

"I," said the dove from the rafters high, "I cooed him to sleep so that he
should not cry; We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I." "I," said the dove
from the rafters high.

Thus all the beasts by some good spell, in the stable dark was glad to tell
Of the gifts they gave Emmanuel, the gifts they gave Emmanuel.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

***THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: LOVE**

9:45 **Johnny and Ann Johnson; Chris, Jenny, and JW Johnson;**
David, Kimball, Cate, and Frances Moriniere;
Adam, Ruthie, Benjy, Harris, and Rosalie Miller.

11:00 **Rod & Cam Canion; Brett, Laura, Parker, & Maggie Chiles;**
Ross, Sarah Jane, Carter, and Kennedy Canion.

Leader: Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self.

Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.

All: **Above all, clothe yourselves with love,**
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Leader: Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head,
doesn't force itself on others, isn't always "me first."

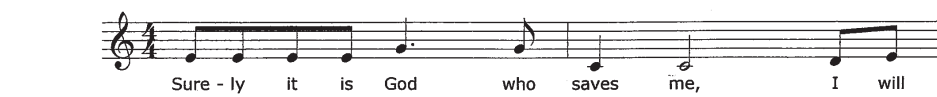
All: **Above all, clothe yourselves with love,**
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Leader: So, no matter what we say, what we believe, and what we do,
we are bankrupt without love.

All: **Above all, clothe yourselves with love,**
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Leader: In faith, we light this candle of hope.

***SONG OF RESPONSE**



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

9:45

Molly May Anderson

Daughter of Christopher Barrett Anderson and Nicole Dyer Anderson

11:00

Audrey Marie Johanning

Daughter of John William Johanning and Valerie Infantozzi Johanning

Minister: Beloved of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care this child whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that she may grow in the knowledge and love of God the Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

People: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life eternal.

WELCOME

ANTHEM 11:00 *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* Manz
Chancel Choir

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come, sing Holy, Holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 64:1-2 & 65:17-25 9:45 **Rev. Bill Denham**
11:00 **Madison Garcia**

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Michelle Manuel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION 11:00**

203 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* ELLACOMBE

MINISTRY MOMENT

Tracey Brown

OFFERTORY

9:45 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* arr. Trenney
St. Cecilia

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

We shall know the joy of Jesus.

11:00 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Sid Davis
Ainsley Stonebarger and Emily Zoorob, soloists

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down!

Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;

Let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;

Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,

Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be,

Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;

Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!