

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025



Gethsemane Lutheran Church

3600 Hampton ~ St. Louis, MO 63109

Worship God, welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.

Welcome to worship! We're delighted you are here!



Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* Congregation. **You are welcome here.**



We ask all members, guests, and visitors to please fill out the **attendance slip** in your worship folder and place it in the offering plate.



Please **silence** phones and other devices during the worship service. Sharing that you're at Gethsemane on social media is encouraged! "Check in" using hashtag: #glcstlCheckIn.



The presence, energy, and noise of **children** are always welcome in worship at Gethsemane. The sound of a child in worship is music to our ears. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. Additional space to move and Wiggle Bags are located in the narthex entry area.



Postures are a way in which we engage the body in worship. These movements (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are optional; please engage in them only as you are comfortable or able.



Holy Communion is offered to all who seek the presence of Christ. This is a welcome table.



Gethsemane Lutheran Church wishes to **acknowledge** and **honor** the Osage, Quapaw, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówinj, Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place—this land—and call it their home.

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WOV Holy Communion Setting Four

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Duérmete, niño lindo (Oh, Sleep Now, Holy Baby)*

Arr. by Linda R. Lamb

Presented by the Handbell Choir

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Long-expected God,

C: we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake.

Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

P: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ☩ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

C: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

AM: We are an impatient people, grumbling when we don't get our way
However, God always reminds us that a new way is being made.

AM: We look for signs of power and prestige,
However, Jesus brings good news to the poor.

AM: We are comfortable with the world we have always known
However, Mary envisions a world turned upside down.

AM: And so we light this candle to shine forth with joy, for we know a new day is
dawning even if the timing is unexpected.
We live in great longing, awake to divine possibilities.

Light the Candle

Third Sunday - Joy

Light the can - dle of JOY to - day; the Gi - ver of joy is here. _____

5 Wel - come the joy we crave and pray for, but on - ly Christ can give. _____

9 Fli - cker and flame and glow with joy light up the world a - round you.

13 Fli-cker and flame and glow with joy light up the world a - round _____ you.

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GREETING:

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.

KYRIE:

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

peace from a-bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - be-ing of the

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

C Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray. Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

The congregation is seated.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: ISAIAH 35:1-10

The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.

¹ The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ² it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and shouting. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened; ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall

break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp; the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸ A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness*

HYMN# 251

SECOND READING: JAMES 5:7-10

In anticipation of the Lord's coming, Christians are called upon to cultivate patience rather than discontent.

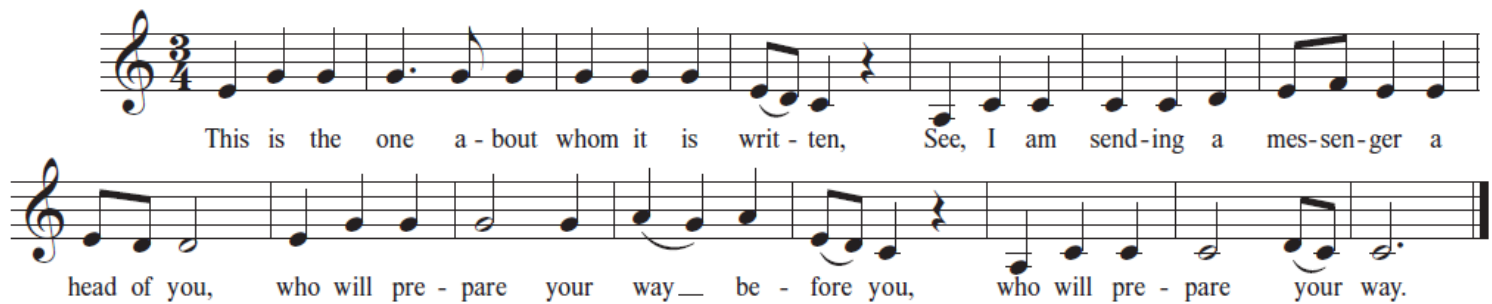
⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ADVENT—PREPARE YOUR HEART!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:2-11

John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴ Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

Repeat Gospel Acclamation

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

Repeat Gospel Acclamation

¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' ¹¹ "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Repeat Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

ADVENT SKIT: PRESS CONFERENCE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who can you invite to join in your family's Christmas celebration, to really honor a sacred Christ MASS?
- What would get in the way that would cause you to miss out on what Jesus is doing, a Christ MISS?

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow-ing thin.
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon-light now be - gin to drift a - way.
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis-dom's seed,

Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with-in:
Dia - mond bril-liance through the dark-ness shines the hope of com-ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra-grance hours of yearn-ing, hurt, and need.

seed of prom-ise, deep-ly plant-ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn-ing star of splen-dor, gleams with-in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang-er, in the out-cast, hid from view;

Like the soil be - neath the frost-line, hearts grow soft to wel-come him.
Heav-en's em - ber fans to full-ness; hearts grow warm to wel-come him.
Child who comes to grace the man-ger, teach our hearts to wel-come you.

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NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess our faith in God using the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation. (*A brief silence.*)

AM: . . . God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P: Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also, with you.

P: Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.**

The congregation is seated.

MEAL

THE OFFERING: *The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Rise Up, Shepherd, Go Tell It*

by Lloyd Larson

The congregation rises in body or spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 and ever. Amen

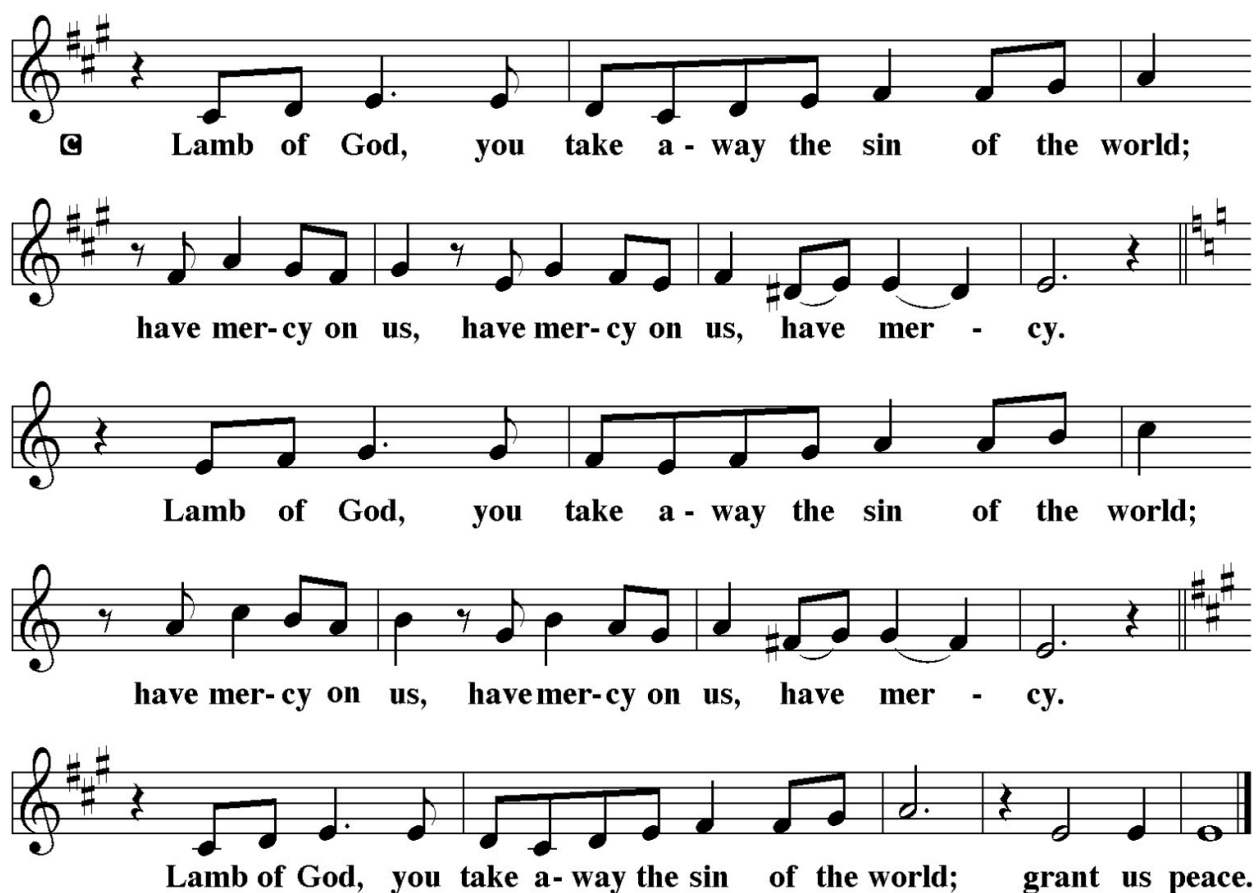
COMMUNION

P: Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

The congregation is seated.

All who seek the Lord are welcome at Christ's table to receive the gift of God's grace! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION: *Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

HYMN# 265

Fling Wide the Door

HYMN# 259

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After making this time to worship God, these are ways we welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

BLESSING

P: May God who comes among us, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Canticle of the Turning*

HYMN# 723

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Arr. by Michael Hassell

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The **Altar Flowers** are presented to the glory of God
by Vicki Herrmann, in honor of her birthday buddies,
Charlene Mahnken, Linda Gustafson and Sue Hackman



WORSHIP LEADERS		
	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
PRESIDER	Rev. Cheryl Walenta Gorvie	
GREETER	Betsy Bartholomew	Peggy Lewis
USHERS	Adam, Colleen and Michael Rentchler	Rob Schainker Todd Boehlje
ASSISTING MINISTER	Megan Yemm	Carolyn Schainker
LECTOR	Olivia McFarlane	Ami Boehlje
SKIT PERFORMERS	The Confirmation Class: Colleen Rentchler, Michael Rentchler, Ben Walentik, Evan Gorvie, Fynn Wolfsberger	
CANTORS	T. Edwards Breed	
INSTRUMENTALIST	Jack Lane (guitar)	
CHOIR ACCOMPANIST	Stephanie Rice	
HANDBELL DIRECTOR	Thomas Morrell	
DONUT DRIVER	Adam Rentchler	
FELLOWSHIP HOST	Tim and Vicki Gaines	
ALTAR GUILD	Leah Morrell	
CAMERA	Natalie Traylor Fontana	
WINE SPONSOR	Vicki Herrmann	

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Cindy Breed: healing

Neil Gustafson: healing

Kate Hartz: courage and trust

Barb Johnson: healing

Fred Lenhart: recovering from hip surgery

Elizabeth Penny: strength and knowledge as she is finishing grad school

Dell Roth: in rehab after surgery

Sharon Salerno: healing and strength

Request for:	On Behalf of:
The people of Gaza and the Occupied Territories of Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Ukraine, Sudan and Myanmar; Pat Fulton (healing, strength); Ginny Olson (strength); Sister Marie Orf (healing and strength); Marcelle (successful treatment); Jojo (healing and courage); all impacted by disasters; for peace with justice in our world.	<i>Maryn Olson and Angie Fulton</i>
Mary (healing on death of mom), Parents (continued health), Melissa (healing and employment), all service men and women serving, City of St. Louis	<i>Cat Leonard</i>
Anyone dealing with insecurity, "Mama" Jackie, Sam, Bethany, Olivia, Chloe & Bo on their new adventure	<i>The Penny Family</i>
Thanksgiving for Leah's father's successful A-fib treatment, Blessings for Tom's father's upcoming medical treatment	<i>Morrell Family</i>
Thanksgiving that Dell Roth's surgery went well.	<i>Schmidt Family</i>
Sue, Conrad, Stephanie, Chris, Sandy, Chuck, Bill, Julie (For strength and guidance)	<i>Joan Williams</i>

LIVING YOUR FAITH



Little Free Pantry Items needed include cereal, shelf-stable milk, canned soups, chili, stews, etc. (pull tops, please) and mac n' cheese.

Pledge Cards for your 2026 giving are still being accepted until **today**. This information is important for creating our 2026 church budget and to inspire your prayerful giving to Gethsemane and our missions. Your generosity makes a difference!

Remember to turn in your **Christmas Giving** bulletin insert by Tues, Dec. 16, to make a gift to one of our ministries in honor of a loved one. Dedications will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

ACT

Share your gifts! Committee members, leaders, and council liaisons—your annual reports are due by Dec. 16. Email submissions to office@gethsemanestl.org.

Be a host! Fellowship hosts make Sundays welcoming by helping with coffee and donuts and cleaning up afterwards. Sign up in the kitchen during fellowship.

Join the team! The Worship Leader Schedule for Dec–Feb is out, but there’s always room for more. Contact Eve to be part of this dedicated group that makes worship meaningful.

Spread kindness! Blessing bags are in the Narthex—take one and share with someone in need.

Share your voice! Send Jan. newsletter items to connect@gethsemanestl.org by Dec. 19.

JOIN

Confirmation students will meet in the fellowship hall this afternoon from 1-3 pm. It is Gethsemane’s turn to host the monthly gathering and meal for students from area churches.

Save the Date for the **Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 25!** There will be one Worship service at 9:30 am, immediately followed by the meeting. A quorum is needed, so all members should please plan to stay for the meeting.

The next **Gethsemane Women’s Lunch** is tomorrow at 11:30 am at Bartolino’s South on S. Lindbergh. RSVP to Joan Williams or Lois Wind ASAP.

Amy Crousore will lead a 15-minute **Music Fundamentals** class each Wednesday at 6:15 pm, before Choir Rehearsal. All are welcome. You do not need to be a choir member to attend. However – new singers and ringers are always welcome to join our choirs, too!

Help Us Plan VBS! Vacation Bible School is an amazing way to share God’s love with kids—and we need your help to make it happen! Join us for a complimentary lunch in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, January 4th at 12:30 pm** to learn how you can get involved. Let’s make this year’s VBS unforgettable!

Join the Schmidt/Cooney team (by contacting Chris Schmidt or Eve Cooney), or form your own team for **LuMin Trivia night**, on January 31. Tables of 8 are now forming. See the enews for more info.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU! As we change to wafers for communion, we want to express our gratitude to all of our bread bakers. A special thanks to **Natalie Fontana-Traynor, Sarah Bohnert, and Megan Yemm** for their faithful service over the years.

The **2026 Flower and Wine Charts** are available on the bulletin board. Upon signing up, please send your “dedication” to Eve in the office, or in her mailbox.

**Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar
December 14-21, 2025**

12/14 Sunday	8:30 am 9:45 am 10 am 11 am Noon 1:00-3:00 pm	3rd Sunday in Advent – Worship: In-Person and Livestream Fellowship Hour Christmas Program Practice (meet in Sanctuary) Worship: In Person Worship and Music Committee Meeting (conf. rm.) Confirmation Collaboration (fellowship hall)
12/15 Monday	11:30 am 6:00 pm	Women’s Lunch at Bartolino’s South Handbell Choir Rehearsal
12/16 Tuesday	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Bible Study Church Council Meeting Committee Reports Due to the office!
12/17 Wednesday	10:30–2:30 pm 6:15-6:30 pm 6:30–8 pm	Church Office Staff Retreat, phones unanswered Music Fundamentals Class, All Are Welcome! Choir Rehearsal
12/21 Sunday	8:30 am 9:45 am 10 am 11 am	4th Sunday in Advent – Worship: In-Person and Livestream Fellowship Hour Christmas Program Practice (meet in Sanctuary) Children’s Christmas Program during Worship

Upcoming Dates to Consider

Date	Time	Event
Mondays	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesdays	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesdays	6:15 – 8 pm	Music Fundamentals followed by Choir Rehearsal
Wed, Dec 24	4 pm	Christmas Eve Worship
Thurs, Dec 25	10 am	Christmas Day Worship
Sun, Dec 28	9:30 am	One Worship Service, Lessons and Carols
Sun, Jan 25	10:30 am	Annual Congregational Meeting (one worship at 9:30 am)
Sun, Feb 1	TBD	Chili Cook-off / Cookie Bake-off

Blood Pressure (BP): First Sunday of each month in the fellowship hall.
Women’s Luncheon: Fourth Monday of every month. *Except for Holidays.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - SUN, DEC. 21, 11 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP - WED, DEC. 24, 4 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP - THURS, DEC. 25, 10 AM

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS - SUN, DEC. 28, 9:30 AM
(LESSONS AND CAROLS) (ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY)

Gethsemane is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Affirmation of Welcome

Christ's welcome knows no boundaries! Therefore, our welcome knows no boundaries, and we invite all people to full participation in the life of the congregation.

We at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Saint Louis embrace...

People of any race or ethnicity...

People who are male, female, transgender, intersex or any other gender identity...

People of any age...

People wherever they are, or wherever they have been, on their faith journeys...

People who are single, married, widowed, divorced, separated or partnered...

People who are gay, lesbian, straight, bisexual, or any other sexual orientation...

People with a variety of political perspectives...

People who have, or had, addictions, phobias, abortions, or a criminal record...

People who are homeowners, renters, living with parents, or homeless...

People who are fully-abled, disabled, or of differing abilities...

People of differing educational backgrounds...

People of any socio-economic condition...

People not mentioned above, all of whom are created and loved by God!

As we celebrate and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation, we pledge to ourselves and to all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. We are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith.


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