

Milwaukie Lutheran Church

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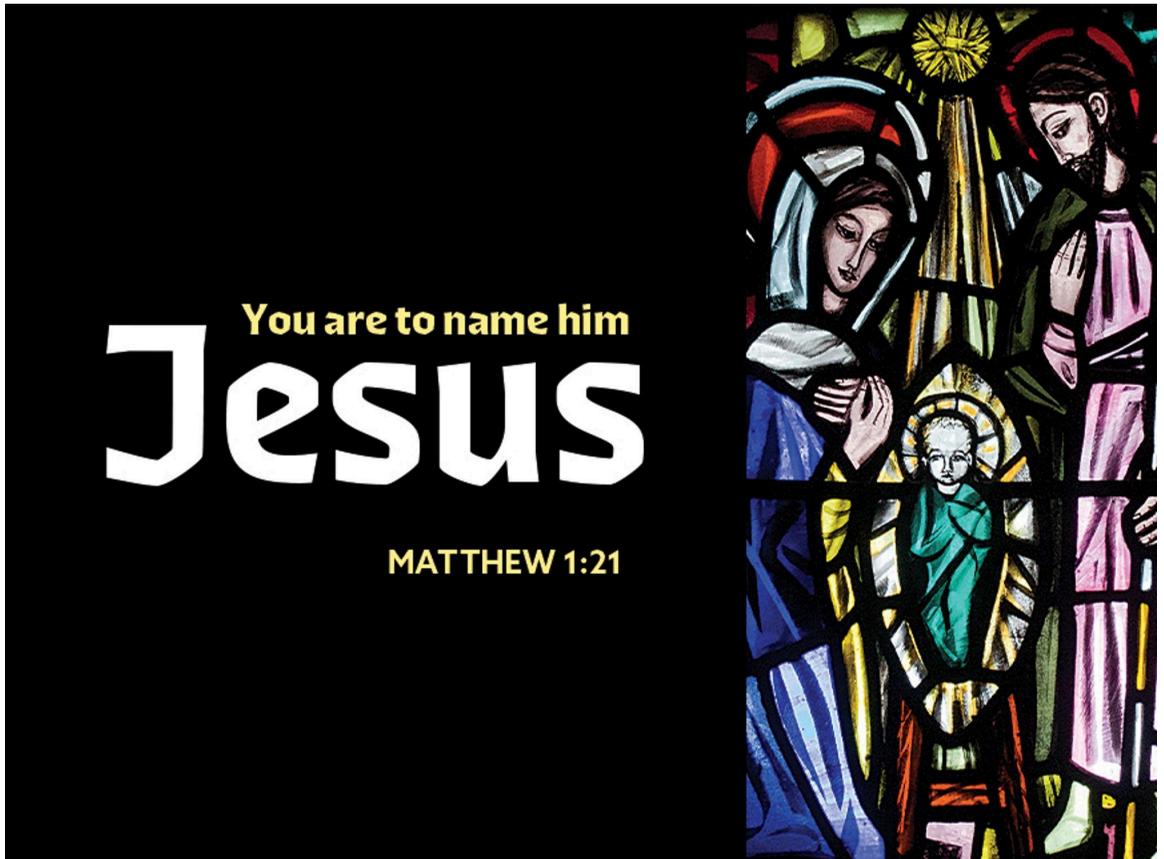
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Announcements: 10:50 AM Worship Starts 11:00 AM

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Milwaukie Lutheran Church

“Nurturing the Personal and Spiritual Growth of Our Community.”

December 21, 2025

Announcements 10:50 AM - Worship 11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Our order of worship follows this printed bulletin. # signs indicate hymn choices and are printed on the top of each page in the hymnal. Little ones are always welcome at worship. We stand and sit at various places in the service. These symbols are a guide to those times...please know that if at any time it is difficult to stand, you are invited to stay seated.

 = stand as able  = sit

Reader for today - TBD

Communion Assistants - Sara Daniel-Quale & Andy Quale

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome/Announcements

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

(following the sharing of the peace)

Prelude

Christmas Pageant!!!*Hark the Herald Angels Sing***ELW #270***Angels We Have Heard on High***ELW #289***O Come, All Ye Faithful***ELW #283***Away in a Manger***ELW #278***O Holy Night***O Holy night, the stars are brightly shining.****It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.****Long lay the world in sin and sorrow pining.****Til he appeared and the soul felt its worth.****A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,****For yonder breaks, a new and glorious morn.****Fall, on your knees, oh hear, the angel voices.****O night, divine, O night, when Christ was born.****O night, divine, O night, when Christ was born.**

We Three Kings

We three Kings, of Orient are.

Bearing gifts, we traverse afar.

Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

[Chorus]

Oo--oh. Star of Wonder, star of night.

Star of royal beauty bright.

Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,

gold I bring to crown him again;

king forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I;

incense owns a deity night;

prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshiping God Most High.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume

breathes a life of gathering gloom;

sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Silent Night

ELW #281

Joy to the World

ELW #267

Prayers of Our Children

 *Offering*

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Offering Music: Choir - The Jesus Gift

Gilbert Martin

 *Offertory: We Give Thee but Thine Own*

ELW #686

Offertory Prayer

P: 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

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving: pg. 144

Eucharistic Preface

Holy, Holy Holy: pg. 144

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

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 and ever. Amen.

 *Holy Communion:*

All who hunger and thirst for Christ's presence are welcome at the Lord's Table. Communion is served on the lower level at the front row of pews. There are both gluten free and non-alcoholic options available. If you are mobility challenged, please let one of our ushers know, and we will bring the meal to you.

 *Lamb of God:*

pg. 146

Communion Hymn: Choir - Bell Carol of the Kings

Phillip Kern

 *Prayer after Communion:*

P: 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

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.

 *Closing Hymn: Go Tell it on the Mountain*

ELW #290

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Milwaukie Lutheran Prayers

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, or to submit a personal prayer request, please call the office (and leave a voicemail) or email office@milwaukielutheran.org. If you are submitting a prayer request on behalf of someone else, please make sure you have permission before sharing personal information.

Prayer List

Myra Manley, Margaret Manley, Mark & Dawne Haase, John Wehr, Darlene Larson, Jerry Prosa, Laura Giese, Ralph McKenzie, Grant, Linda Seals, Dominic, Mya O'Camb, Sister Mary Jo, Shane Hoffman, Bob, Jim King, Anthony Alvarez, Stacy, Clara Ray, Gary, Dan Liebert, Evelyn Knutson, Rafael & Ruby Hernandez, Eve

Submitted Prayers

- The family of Clara Ray
- Holly Manning, Milwaukie Lutheran Preschool teacher, recently diagnosed with breast cancer
- Jim Strupp, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and his family: Amber Brand, Jamie Strupp, Mari Strupp, Jim Strupp, and Lauri Balmuth
- LaFon Worden and the family of Ed Cartwright
- Sally Wong, suffering from a series of strokes
- Charity Carter and Gracie

In Memoriam

- Clara Ray
- Ed Curtwright

Places of Conflict

- Ukraine and Russia
- Israel, Palestine, Yemen, and Syria
- Sudan

Places of Disaster

- Those affected by flooding in Washington and Oregon, especially our neighbors in Oregon City and elsewhere in Clackamas County

Worship Announcements

- **Christmas Eve:** Our Christmas Eve worship, featuring our beloved request-a-carol and candlelight service, will be at 5pm on Wednesday, December 24.
- **Blue Christmas:** Sunday, December 28 at 11am will be our Blue Christmas service. We will celebrate the birth of our savior while also remembering those who are not with us during the holiday season.
- **Sunday School (9:30am - 10:30am):** NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL UNTIL SUNDAY, JANUARY 4.
- **Kids classes:** PAGEANT REHEARSAL 12/21, NO KID'S SCHOOL 12/28. BACK ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 4. Join Max and Jamie at 9:30am on Sunday mornings to talk about the Bible story for the day and do some crafts associated with the lesson!
- **Lectionary Study:** A weekly study where we look at the lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. We meet at 10:00am every Tuesday at Shirley Meyer's house: 14075 SE Hines Dr., Clackamas, OR 97015.

Community Announcements

- **Rowe Middle School Food Drive:** There will be a box to collect food for the Rowe MS food drive located in the narthex on Sunday, Dec. 7th and Sunday, Dec. 14th. Food will be delivered to Rowe on Monday, Dec. 15th. Donations are appreciated!

(Community Announcements, cont.)

- **Clackamas Service Center:** There is a need for men's shoes (especially sturdy, large sized men's shoes), underwear, jeans, tops and warm coats. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Please also bring any paper, plastic and reusable bags you may have at your house for use at the Clackamas Service Center; the cost of paper bags has gone up dramatically and we use bags of all kinds. Donations can be left in the bin in the gathering place. Thank you!

- **Call for Food Donations:** Backpack Buddies needs your help! We are in need of the following items:
 - 15-16 oz jars of peanut butter;
 - cans of chicken noodle or tomato soup, raviolis, and beefaroni;
 - applesauce and fruit cups;
 - granola or rice krispy treat bars; and
 - juice boxes and shelf-stable milk boxes.

If you don't want to shop we'll be happy to do it! Just drop a donation in the offering plate on Sunday or give online. We now have 85 kids we are packing for on a weekly basis and expect that number to go up. Thanks for your continued generosity towards our children!!

- **Rowe MS Pantry Donations:** The Rowe Middle School Pantry is in need of leggings, sweatpants, and pajama pants. New or gently used items in all sizes are needed. Donations can be put in the Rowe Middle School bin under the pew in the Gathering Place. For questions, contact Brenda Hegel or Andrea Daniel. Thank you!

- **MLC Art Gallery:** Have you noticed the fine art pieces hanging up in the church's administrative hallway? If not, be sure to have a look the next time you are on your way to the restrooms or the Fellowship Hall!!

(Community Announcements, cont.)

Each piece has been curated by our office administrator, Joe Meyer, and will be periodically swapped out for different works by different artists. If you have a suggestion for a particular artwork that you think would look great mounted on our walls, feel free to email the main office: <office@milwaukielutheran.org>!

MLC Rose Garden: Kathy Olson, who has taken care of our memorial rose garden for 20+ years, is retiring. We are looking for someone who will take care of the roses in the garden running along the front of the church by the Fellowship Hall doors. The duties include regularly watering and deadheading the bushes as well as pruning them in December or January. Bark dust is also spread around the bushes. If you are interested, Kathy will be available for any questions.

A Meaning-Making Name

Names are powerful makers of meaning both in the scriptures and in our lives. Consider how much we associate people with their names. A name is merely a word, a sound, yet it can completely represent a person. And our names can be powerful. Think about the resurrection account in John 20 when a distraught Mary Magdalene does not recognize Jesus in the garden. She does not recognize him until when? He speaks her name.

The texts for the fourth Sunday of Advent invite us to explore the name "Emmanuel." "Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel" (Isa. 7:14). And he shall be called "Emmanuel," God with us. This reality changes everything. Never is God so with us as in Jesus of Nazareth. Here is God-made-flesh, and in his very name, the Son of God proclaims just how with us and for us God really is. This fulfillment of prophetic promise offers us a delicate and dramatic reality: God has slipped into skin and walks among us in a totally new way, offering us life and salvation.