





in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil. *The Word of the Lord.*

### **Psalm**

*80:1-7*

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.  
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.  
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.  
4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?  
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.  
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.  
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

### **Second Reading**

*Letter to the Hebrews [10:5-10]*

When Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).” When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I

have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. *The Word of the Lord.*

### **Gospel**

*Luke [1:39-45, (46-55)]*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.” And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

<b>Financial Income Information</b>			
<b>Week of 12/12/21</b>		<b>Year To Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Pledges/Non Pledge</b>	\$1,180	\$94,892.75	
<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$42	\$1,303.35	
<b>Coffee &amp; Hospitality</b>	\$3		
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	\$190		
<b>Attendance</b>	25 people		

Chris or Gary Witosky know if you are willing to serve in this capacity or need additional information.

We will be collecting personal care items, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. for those in need. A basket for donations is located in the church entrance. Thank you, Sue Mullet

**Intercession List**

With the season of Advent, we are again renewing our intercession list. So if you have someone you want to add to the intercession list, please email the office at [stlukechardon@yahoo.com](mailto:stlukechardon@yahoo.com)

**Longest Night Service  
Dec 21 @7 pm  
Celebration Lutheran Church and St Luke Episcopal**

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died; it may be a time that has always been difficult. The constant refrain on the radio and television, in shopping malls and even some churches, about the happiness of the season, reminds many people of what they have lost or have never had. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern; we need to know that we are not alone. Come out, and join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle - and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it) is welcome. The short service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship.

**Metro Food Bank Project**

The next Metro Food Bank event will be on **Jan 22, 2022**. Volunteer sign-up online [www.stlukechardon.org](http://www.stlukechardon.org), in food pantry info.

**Appeal for Sunday Collection Counters**

We are in the process of reconstituting our teams of counters to process and deposit the weekly collection. This ministry was temporarily suspended due to the pandemic, but it is important that it be reinstated for maintaining sound business practices. The Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs of the Episcopal Church specifies that at least two unrelated persons be responsible for counting and depositing the collections. Accordingly, we are seeking 8-10 individuals who are willing to dedicate approximately 1/2 hour of time one Sunday a month to complete this important task. No experience is necessary, and training will be provided. Please let Fr.