

First Sunday of Advent, December 5, 2017

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

### Gathering Song

Here I am to Worship

LUYH 567

## ADVENT READING

Liturgist: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world;  
the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light  
of life." We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined. *(Isaiah 9:2)*

People: Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.  
Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

## GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

### Time of Confession

*(Prayer led by liturgist Includes time for silent confession)*

### Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new  
life. Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.  
Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us, setting us  
free to love and serve.

Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Christ, we are forgiven.

### Song of Assurance

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LUYH 56

## MEAL

### Discussion / Questions / Responses

How to Have a Good Advent ... It's not always easy!

## PRAYER

Close in prayer with table members

## GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

Benediction

### Sending Song

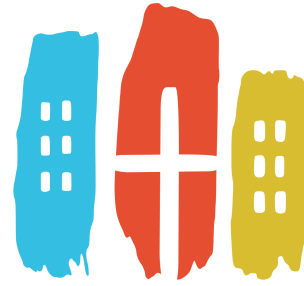
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

LUYH 821 vs. 1&3

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## Welcome to our worship service at Loop Church!



# LOOP CHURCH

## CHICAGO

Advent means “coming.” The Advent season celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ and the anticipation of his return. Advent symbolizes the spiritual journey of God’s people as we affirm that Christ has come, that he is present in the world today, and that he will come again in power. The sanctuary color for Advent is purple, the color of royalty. It is also the color of suffering used during Lent, pointing us to an important connection between Jesus’ birth and death. The purpose of Jesus’ coming into the world and dwelling among us is to reveal God’s grace to the world through Jesus’ life and teaching, as well as his suffering, death, and resurrection.

*Today is a fellowship / brunch Sunday. We will be discussing how to have a good Advent ... it's not always easy!*

*The basket on the piano is for our morning offering, an act of worship whereby we as members of this congregation express our gratitude to and reliance on God. Guests and visitors should not feel that participation in this part of the service is obligatory. Anyone may participate electronically at <http://www.loopchurch.org/giving/>*

We hope you enjoy your time at Loop Church! We want to help you feel connected to God, God’s people, and God’s work in the world. If you’re not sure where to start, feel free to reach out to your neighbor or...

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### This week’s lectionary readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 64:1-9  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18  
Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in Volunteering or Submitting an Announcement? Talk to Jim Bosman after the service or send him an email at [jim@loopchurch.org](mailto:jim@loopchurch.org)

Calendar:

| Date        | Event                    | Time             | Location     |
|-------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Sun, Dec 3  | Brunch Sunday            | 10:00 - 11:30 AM | 11 E Adams   |
| Tue, Dec 5  | Worship Team Meeting     | 5:30 - 7:00 PM   | 11 E Adams   |
| Wed, Dec 13 | GEMS                     | 6:30 - 8:00      | 1550 S State |
| Tue, Dec 19 | Steering Council Meeting | 6:30 - 8:30 PM   | 11 E Adams   |
|             |                          |                  |              |

Sunday Schedule:

| Date         | 12/3          | 12/10        | 12/17          | 12/24          | 12/31          |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Set Up       | Kevin & Mona  | Jim & Mary   | Peter & Silvia | Tim & Lexi     | Kevin & Mona   |
| Take Down    | Anne & Debbie | Jim & Mary   | Kevin & Mona   | Peter & Silvia | Tim & Lexi     |
| Greeter 1    | Peter         | Kevin        | Lexi           | Jim            | Janna          |
| Greeter 2    | Silvia        | Mona         | Debbie         | Kelley         | Jim            |
| Refreshments | Brunch        | Mary         | Sharon         | Tracey         | Adam & Rebecca |
| Nursery      | -----         | --- / Briana | --- / Kayla    | --- / Rae      | --- / Naomi    |
| Lead Elder   | JB            | Kevin        | Claire         | Debbie         | JB             |
| Liturgist    |               | Emily        |                |                |                |

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