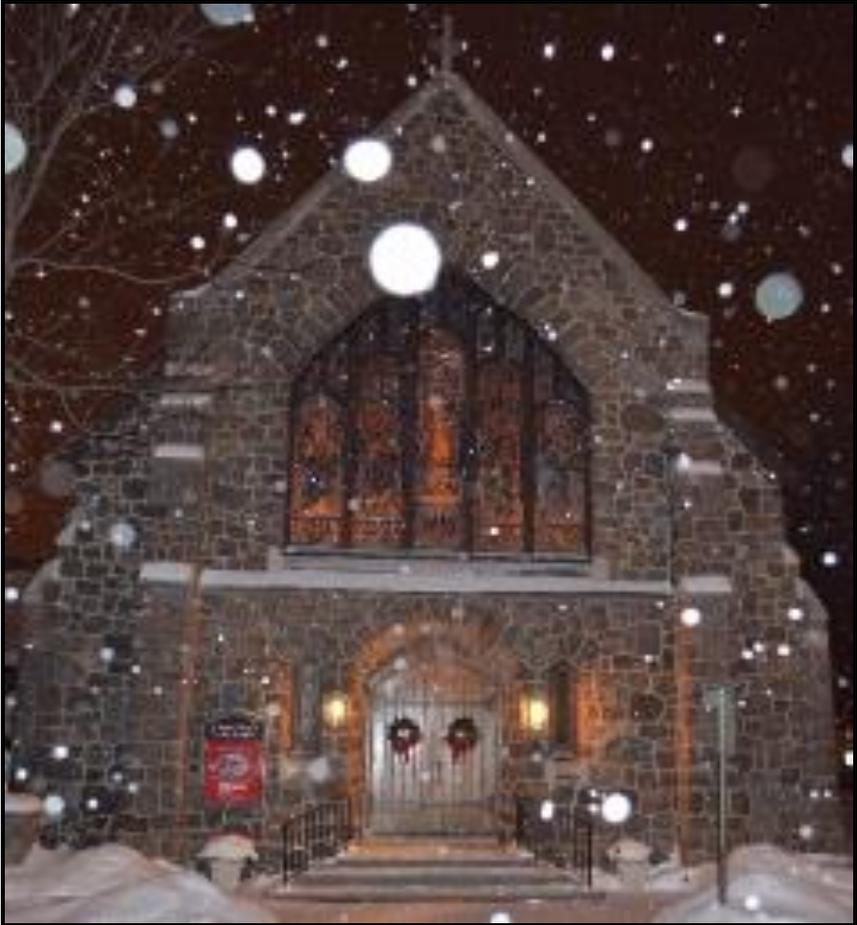




# St. John's Episcopal Church



**December 2, 2018**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**  
**9am Eucharist**  
**Parish Potluck to follow**

## **Today's Service Leaders**

### **9am**

Reader – Jim Hawkins

Prayers – Paula Hawkins

Chalice – Ivan Crow

Crucifer – Jason Chan

Acolyte – Liza Chan

Ushers – Steve & Shelley Miller

Counting – Georgia Moen & Travis Jensen

Organ – Pat Metter

Parish Potluck Setup – Joan Hannes & *Needed*

Close Building – *Needed*

*The heather on the altar is in memory of deceased loved ones from St. John's Parish*

## **Service Leaders for December 9**

### **8am**

Reader & Prayers – Ron & Lisa Alexander

Chalice – Strampe

Ushers – Jim & Julie Bliss

### **10am**

Reader – Brad Bollmann

Prayers – Joan Hannes

Chalice – John Roseth

Crucifer – Leon Veldhuizen

Acolyte – Cathy Veldhuizen

Ushers – Steve & Shelley Miller

Counting – Brad Bollmann & Travis Jensen

Organ – Julie Burgess

Coffee Hour – Fowle Family

Close Building – *Needed*

# A Gathering of God's People

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant*            Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
*People*                And Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever.

## Hymn

***Hark! a thrilling voice***

**Hymnal 59**

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                And also with you.  
*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

*All sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my  
transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the

Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

## **Sequence**

*Please stand as you are able.*

***Creator of the stars, verses 1-3***

**Hymnal 60**

**Holy Gospel**

Luke 21:25-36

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Celebrant*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sermon - The Rev'd Canon Ezgi S. Perkins

### Nicene Creed

*Please stand as you are able.*

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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 the People

*All remain standing.*

Come Emmanuel and be with us. Be with those who are in exile in body, mind or spirit. Be with those who are alone or lost. Be with those who cannot find you.

People            Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

Come O Wisdom from on high, and inspire us with knowledge and understanding. Reveal the path that reconciles us to you and each other, that we might live in love and justice.

People            Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

Come O Lord of might, and be with all your children. Bless the work of your families throughout the world, and let each represent and proclaim you faithfully. Let the vision of peace dwell among us and lead us.

People            Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

Come, O Branch of Jesse's Tree, and bless our families. Free us from whatever keeps us apart, and give us grateful hearts for the generations who have lived in faith, and shared their faith with us and others.

People            Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

Come, O Key of David, and open our eyes to the promise of life. In midst of suffering and sickness of any kind, let that promise give us hope and strength that you want healing and wholeness for all your children.

People            Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

We pray this day for those on our intercession list...

People            Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

Come O Dayspring from on high. In this season of short days and long nights, cheer us with the anticipation of your birth, and the

light that comes with resurrection. Let the darkness that overwhelms us with our sins be turned to light in the power of your forgiveness.

People            Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

Come, Desire of nations, and bind in one the hearts of all mankind. Let our divisions cease. Guide the leaders of the nations, our state, and our communities.

People            Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Silence*

*Celebrant and People*

God our Creator: During this transitional period in our congregation, open our hearts to Your Holy Spirit, and help us to discern Your call. Guide each of us to realize our importance in the process. Help us to identify and use our individual spiritual gifts to develop the purpose and mission You have entrusted to us in your love and mercy. Sustain us as a vibrant, welcoming, and patient community that is ready to invite a new priest to share our journey. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Confession of Sin**

*Please kneel as able.*

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **Peace**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant*           The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*               And also with you.

## **Birthday and Anniversary Prayers**

*Prayers may be found on the bookmarks in the pews.*

## **Announcements**

## **Holy Communion**

## **Offertory Anthem by Choir**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

*The people remain standing*

*Celebrant*           The Lord be with you.  
*People*               And also with you.  
*Celebrant*           Lift up your hearts.  
*People*               We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*               It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Sanctus***

**S 125**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O  
Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and  
this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these  
gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his  
Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the  
Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection  
under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where,  
with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your  
sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of  
all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our  
salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.  
*AMEN.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People and Celebrant*

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*This is God's table and it is God's meal we all share in as God's children. Please feel free to join us for Communion. If you need a gluten free host, let the priest know at the altar rail.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Blessing**

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## **Recessional Hymn**

*The King shall come*

**Hymnal 73**

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant*        Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

## **A Note on Today's Readings**

Welcome to our parish. On the first Sunday in Advent, the liturgy is concerned with our preparation for the return of Christ at the end of time. The Gospel reading today is a portion of Jesus' words concerning that time. He tells us to see the events of history as signs of the approaching end and to recognize that end as the coming of our redemption.

The Old Testament reading today from the prophet Jeremiah looks forward to the time when God will fulfill the promise of a successor to David. The New Testament Christians understood the "righteous Branch" of David's line to be our Lord Jesus Christ.

The second reading is from Paul's first Thessalonian letter. His letters to that church were prompted by difficulties in that congregation due to their misunderstanding of the Lord's promise to return. In today's reading, Paul encourages the Thessalonians to see their ministry and mutual love as the way to prepare for the Lord's return.

There is an "already, but not yet" aspect to the New Testament's discussion of the Lord's return. God's kingdom is not limited to a time in the far off future; it began breaking into human history in Jesus' death and resurrection. The Lord comes to judge and to save in each moment in the life of his people. Above all, he is revealed in our encounter with him in the Eucharistic meal.

## **IN NEED OF PRAYER....IN NEED OF CARE?**

Please let us know when you are in need of prayer and care.

Vickie Richmond Hawkins, Sr. Warden

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**The Church Office: 715.845.6947**

### **WHEN SHOULD YOU CALL?**

When you become seriously ill, are dealing with a newly diagnosed disease or condition, or are hospitalized for treatment, surgery or rehabilitation. When you are experiencing a spiritual, physical, emotional or financial crisis. When you become concerned for the person who usually shares the pew with you because he or she has not been in church.

When you experience one of life's many transitions: a birth, a death, a job loss/change, a move, an empty nest, retirement, etc. When you need prayer and care but don't want to "bother" anyone with your troubles – please contact us anyway; you will not be "bothering" us!

### **Intercession List**

#### **Parish Members:**

Betty Smith, Don Weinkauff, Alice (sister of Don), John Sukup, Pat Evenson, Barb Knutson, Peter and Betty Nielsen, Tatiana Ewenko, Jeff Buchholz, Evelyn Sommi, Carl & Sally Herting, Tom Gallant, Jim Lapointe, Josh Nowinsky

**Our seminarian:** Erik Evenson

#### **Others to Pray For:**

Taffy, Joyce, Keegan, Marina, Jack, Michele, David, Krista, Griff, Ruth, Richard, Terrie, Beth, Diane, Sally, Cullen, Allie

Bishop Godfrey and the Anglican Diocese of Masvingo, Zimbabwe (our companion diocese)

## Welcome to St. John's Church

If you are a regular worshiper or do not currently have a church home and would like to join our congregation, please contact us today with your name and address at [communications@stjohnswausau.org](mailto:communications@stjohnswausau.org)

OR fill out the form below and place it in the plate at offertory, or give to any usher. We also welcome you to join us at coffee hour in Memorial Hall every Sunday after service.

### Our Mission

To restore all people to God and each other in Christ.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members: (including children and ages \_\_\_\_\_

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New to the area?:  Yes  No

I'd like you to know that:

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## OUR VESTRY MEMBERS:

**Sr Warden:** Vickie Richmond Hawkins

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