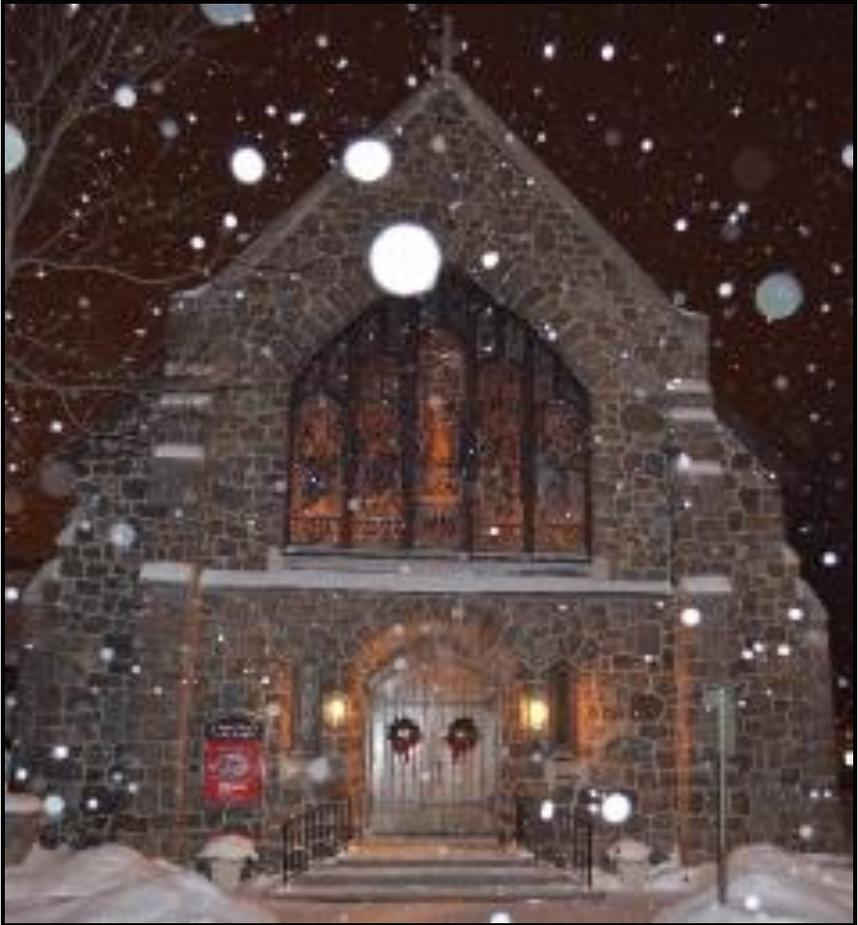




St. John's Episcopal Church



December 9, 2018
The Second Sunday of Advent
8am & 10am Eucharist
Coffee Hour to follow

Today's Service Leaders

8am

Reader & Prayers – Ron & Lisa Alexander

Chalice – Cindy Strampe

Ushers – Jim & Julie Bliss

10am

Reader – Brad Bollmann

Prayers – Joan Hannes

Chalice – John Roseth

Crucifer – Leon Veldhuizen

Acolyte – Cathy Veldhuizen

Ushers – Tom & Suzanne Gallant

Counting – Brad Bollmann & **Needed**

Organ – Julie Burgess

Coffee Hour – Fowle Family

Close Building – Fowle Family

*The heather on the altar is in anticipation of advent
and in memory of Art Dellenbach*

Service Leaders for December 16

8am

Reader & Prayers – Roger & Evie Sommi

Chalice – Yvonne Schuster

Ushers – Ray Carlson

10am

Reader – Patti Schaal

Prayers – Cyndi Royer

Chalice – Leon Veldhuizen

Crucifer – Beckett Wieman

Acolyte – Suzanne Gallant

Ushers – Will & Ginny Fowle

Counting – Tom Gallant & Patti Schaal

Organ – Cathy Veldhuizen

Coffee Hour – **Needed**

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.

(At the 8am Eucharist "Glory to God" is said. At the 10am Eucharist the hymn is sung.)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Hymn

Sleepers wake!

Hymnal 61

Collect of the Day

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to

heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Cantical 4

The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

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

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more

and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

Sequence

Please stand as you are able.

There's a voice, verse 1

Hymnal 75

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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 – said at 8am Eucharist, sung at 10am

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

A period of silence is kept.

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

On Jordan's bank

Hymnal 76

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. Today is the first of the two Advent Sundays on which John the Baptist is the central figure. This dynamic prophet marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He announced the time of Messiah's arrival and called the people of Israel to repentance in preparation for that coming. The Gospels see him as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of one who will prepare the way for God to come to the peoples of the earth.

The writer of Baruch, one of the books accounted as the Apocrypha by Anglicans, is presented as addressing the Jewish exiles in Babylon with words probably borrowed from Isaiah. God's people are called to look forward to the coming of God with joy and gladness, for when he comes God will lead all the peoples to our true home.

The second reading is from Paul's letter to the Philippians. In greeting this congregation, Paul speaks of his affection for them and of his imprisonment. He urges them to continue in faith as they await the day of Christ's return.

The Old Testament and John the Baptist looked toward the coming of the Messiah in history to establish God's Kingdom. The New Testament looks toward the return of Christ at the end of history to bring that Kingdom to fulfillment. We, the Church, gather in Eucharist in the "in-between times" to celebrate the foretaste of that Kingdom and to be equipped by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Kingdom to the world.

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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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, Carolyn & Elmer

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