



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 4, 2022



As you enter the nave—our worship space—we ask that you remember this room is holy: Set apart for prayer and praise. Please enter this space with reverence and keep silence, so that you may quiet your mind and be prepared for worship.

H82 is the shorter hymnal which says “The Hymnal 1982” on the front and spine.
ELW is the slightly taller hymnal which says “Worship” on the spine.

PRELUDE

— *All stand as the bell is tolled.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Prepare the Royal Highway”

ELW #264

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, holy and loving One.

All **You come to your people and set them free.**

KYRIE

Cantor In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



All Cantor Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



All Cantor Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



All Cantor Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



All Cantor Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



All A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.
Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen**

— *All are seated.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah
A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be God.**

PSALM 72:1-7; 18-19

Sung by all in unison



Give the King your jus- | tice, O God, *
and your righteousness to | the King’s Son,
that he may rule your | people righteously *
and the | poor with justice;
that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people, *
and the little | hills bring righteousness.
He shall defend the needy a- | mong the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush | the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and | moon endure, *
from one generation | to another.
He shall come down like rain upon | the mown field, *
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.
In his time shall the | righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.
Blest are you, O | God of Israel; *
you alone do | wondrous deeds!
And blest is your glorious | Name for ever! *
May all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

Reader A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans
For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be God.**

— *All stand.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor introduces Alleluia, then is joined by all



Cantor Prepare the way | of the Lord. *
All flesh shall see the salva- | tion of God. *All repeat Alleluia.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'"

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

— *All are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

SERMON

Rev. Tim Burger

— *A moment of silence and reflection is observed. All stand with the Presider.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

"There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying"

H82 #75

NICENE CREED

All **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

— *All stand or kneel.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition:

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

The Presider adds a concluding Collect. All respond 'Amen'.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection.

All **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.**

Presider 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.

All **Amen**

— *All stand.*

PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to greet one another with the peace of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Offertory Plates will be passed during the Offertory. If you don't carry cash or a check, online and text methods of giving can be found on the announcements sheet. Thank you for your generosity and for being with us today!

ANTHEM

"A Tiny Child Will Come"

by Don Besig & Nancy Price

— *All stand.*

OFFERTORY CANTICLE

"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"

Old Hundreth

All

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING – PREFACE & SANCTUS

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

— *All stand or kneel.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider With this bread and cup we remember your Word...We look with hope for his coming.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Presider Holy God, we long for your Spirit...Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Presider All praise and glory are yours,...Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

All **AMEN**

LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

— *The Presider will invite the congregation to commune, after which all are seated.*

HOLY COMMUNION

At the direction of the ushers, you are invited to come forward for Holy Communion to the altar rail. If you wish to receive bread only and/or wine from the common cup (chalice), please place your hands open in front of you. If you wish to receive by having the bread dipped and place on your tongue (intinction), please leave your hands on the rail or by your side.

COMMUNION HYMN I

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

ELW #256

COMMUNION HYMN II

"Hark! The Glad Sound!"

H82 #72

— *All stand at the direction of the Presider.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

All

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

The Presider proclaims God's blessing. All respond 'Amen'.

SENDING HYMN

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

H82 #59

DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall next door following the worship service.

PARISH SCHEDULE

December 4	Advent Book Study	9:00 AM
	Advent II – Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM
	First Sunday Brunch	11:00 AM
December 5	ELCW Meeting	6:15 PM
December 7	Evening Prayer	6:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
December 11	Advent Book Study	9:00 AM
	Advent III – Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM
	Vestry Meeting	11:00 AM

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

COAT COLLECTION | Due to the wonderful response from all of you here, we have decided to continue collecting gently used and new coats, blankets, socks and gloves for the homeless in Albany. Please bring to the Parish Hall.

PECANS FOR SALE | Shelled by hand, 100% organic, \$10/quart. See Joe Wingard for more details and to buy.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY | Sundays at 9a during Advent. “Feast of Feasts: Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany with St. Francis” written by the Logues. Copies of the book are available online at no cost or for purchase.

CHILDREN’S BAKE SALE | The children will be baking and selling “for a generous donation” baked goods to raise money so they can go shopping for donations to Toys for Tots. Your donations may range from a smile and a ‘thank you’ all the way to ‘a hundred gazillion dollars’! These baked goods will be available in the Parish Hall following worship. Thank you for your support!

ELCW MEETING | Monday, December 5 at 6.15p. We’ll be doing a cookie exchange at this meeting! Please bring a dozen homemade cookies, bars or candies, as well as a few extra to share as refreshments. Bring a copy of your recipe, as well, to share!

CHRISTMAS POINTSETTIAS | If you wish to remember before God the special people in your lives in thanksgiving and/or memory, please fill out our order forms located in the Narthex or Parish Hall. Attach your check made payable to “St. Patrick’s Flowers”, and place in the alms basin or mail to the Church Office. The cost is \$15. The deadline for submitting order forms is Sunday, December 11.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE | This year, St. Patrick’s & Our Saviour are assisting three families (two from Liberty House) with gifts to make their Christmas brighter! Please choose a tag from the tree in the Narthex and return the requested gift **unwrapped** with both tags by Sunday, December 18. Gifts should be new, and toys non-violent. For additional information, you can contact Fran Kempf.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS | Help us show our appreciation for all the hard work of our Church’s staff over this past year by donating to our annual gift fund. These gifts will be presented to them during the worship service on December 18. If you would like to contribute, please submit your check or other payment to the Senior Warden or Treasurer by Wednesday, December 14. Contributions should be earmarked “Staff Gifts,” and will be split equally, unless the donor notes otherwise (eg. “Staff Gift for Fr. Tim”).

CHRISTMAS EVE Festival Eucharist at 6p. If you find that you are in need of transportation, please speak with Fr. Tim or contact the Church Office.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT 10A | Lessons & Carols. Plan to join us that Sunday as we hear again the stories of God’s salvation and we sing our favorite Christmas hymns!

ANNUAL MEETING & FIRST SUNDAY BRUNCH | We’re moving our First Sunday Brunch in January to the second Sunday of the month and combining it with our Annual Parish Meeting. Please plan to attend this meeting after worship, as this is an important event in the life of our parish where the wider congregation is given reports from the Wardens & Vestry, and we vote for new Vestry members to replace the outgoing ones. We look forward to your presence on **Sunday, January 8** after worship. Please bring a dish to share!

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY:

1st – Rachel Arnold, Lamon Brand **23rd** – Libby Sisson

BIRTHDAY:

2nd – Barbara Danzer **4th** – Lea Ann Burkhart **5th** – Sarah Arnold, Sam Jones **6th** – Patton Jones

8th – Frank Jones **13th** – Davis Jones, Dave Mills, Lucas Wingard

14th – Rose Dunlap, Dawn Hart, Sage Youngblood **21st** – Barbara Durham **22nd** – Mark Brunson, Marian White

27th – Christina Northrop **28th** – Carol Wilch **29th** – Cecilia Vanoteghem

30th – Donna Sakura-Lemessy, Annie Vanoteghem, Sandy Wingard

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

9th – Jay & Dana O’Neil **29th** – Ed & Joan Northrop

KEEP IN PRAYER

Ronnie Spells, Joy Davis, Gene S., Christoffer Ober, Jimmy Chandler, Jackie Powell, Peggy Hamlin, Elsbeth Hebert, Robert Powell, Paula Lewis, Chris Alba, Hill Gillespie, Jan Odom, Karen Ellis, Tom Driggers, Michael, Steve & Nancy Jackson, Becky Nicks, Michael Price, Martha Johnson, Ruth Natoli, Holly Forbes, Linda Ponthier, Vivan Fleming, Lynn McCracken, Betji Bourgeault, JoAnn Arneson, Joseph Ferguson, Kenneth Gouff, Steve Tanner, Michael Brunson, Vivian Davis, Heidi Drees, Jessica Thompson, Mari Wright, Hermine Holt, Micki Hundley Addleman, Pat Hundley, Archie, Jamie Fleming, Edwin Long, Mary Lou Porter, Kurt Carow, Janie Williams, Leon Taylor, Elaine Balmer, Donna Prescott, Jackie L., Crystal Rivera, Pete Fletcher, Charlie Hough, J. W. Willis, Maxx Bourgeault, Morgen and the Young family, Caroline Williams, Savanna Esway, J.D. Howard and parents, Jim Howard, Al Seely-Wilson, Beau Borst, Rueben Bargfrede, Elaine White, and Evie Tsisis.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

TODAY

NEXT WEEK

COFFEE HOUR:

First Sunday Brunch

Jim & Fran Kempf

ALTAR GUILD:

Jane Braun, Adia Sakura-Lemessy
Donna Sakura-Lemessy

Sunny LaFontaine, Mary Shapard

GREETERS:

Aida Cerney

Libby Sisson

USHERS:

Bob Cerney, Bill Young

Howard Glover, Jim Kempf

OFFERTORY BEARERS:

Lucas Wingard

John & Nancy Griffin

A/V TEAM:

Lucas Wingard

Lucas Wingard

READERS:

Carol Wilch

Steve Kender

ACOLYTES:

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