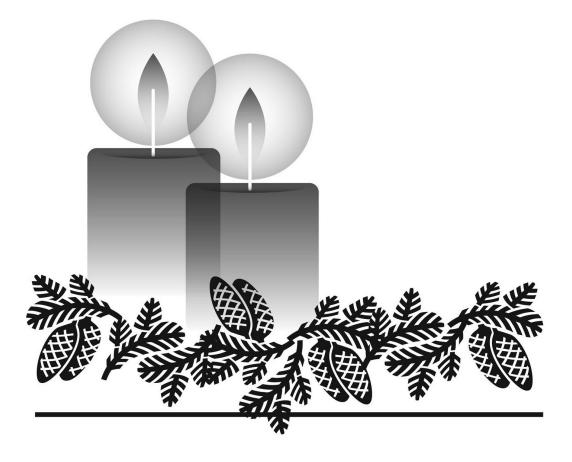
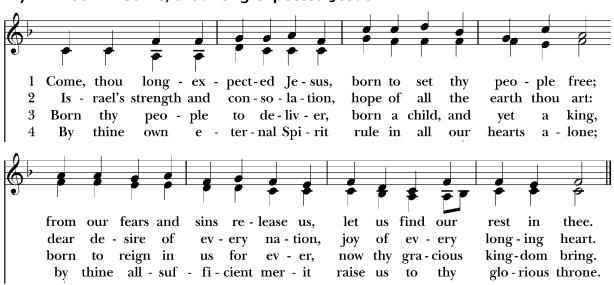
Second Sunday of Advent



December 10, 2023 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Before the service, speak to the Lord; During the service, let the Lord speak to you; After the service, speak to one another.

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Hymn 66 "Come, thou long-expected Jesus"

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Lighting of the Advent Candle - Choir & Congregation

Hope for God's Presence (Responsive Litany)

Leader In this season of Advent, we pray for God's peace.

People Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

Leader We witness the hostility between nations and neighbors.

People Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

Leader We see a world full of fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

- *People* Christ is our light and the source of our peace.
- *Leader* We seek relief from our own inner turmoil and restlessness.
- *People* Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

Candle Lighting

This morning we light two candles, the candle of hope and the candle of peace. This candle reminds us that Christ came into our world to restore

peace, and that only through trust in God's word and his promises can we find our own inner peace. We remember that Christ is the Prince of Peace who taught us that through simple acts of love and forgiveness peace is spread throughout the world.



Closing Prayer

Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we thank you for sending the Prince of Peace into a world filled with unrest and strife. We ask that you quiet our restless hearts and instill in each of us the calm assurance that tells us you are in control so we need not worry. Give us the tools we need to serve as you would have us serve, and make us willing instruments of your peace. Amen.

The Officiant begins the service with this sentence of Scripture.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together

Almighty and most merciful Father,

- we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
- we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
- we have offended against thy holy laws,
- we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
- and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,

spare thou those who confess their faults,

restore thou those who are penitent,

according to thy promises declared unto mankind

in Christ Jesus our Lord;

and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant then says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, * and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *

and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it, *

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down * and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God, * and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, * and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

- ²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.
- ³Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- ⁴O LORD God of hosts, *

how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

¹⁶Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, * the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

¹⁷And so will we never turn away from you; * give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

¹⁸Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Officiant and People

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Special Music

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The Lessons

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass. their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of

Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 2 A Song of Praise Benedictus es, Domine Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; * praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; * praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; * praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; * praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; * praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; * praised and exalted above all for ever.

Officiant and People

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

Canticle 4	The Song of Zechariah <i>Luke 1:68-79</i>	Benedictus Dominus Deus
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Officiant and People

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn L-19 "I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger"



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Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

The Sermon Rev. Dr. Daniel Maxwell, Deacon

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Peace

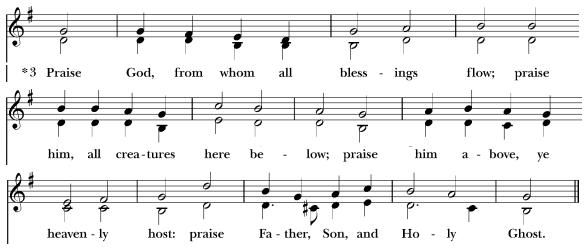
Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* And with thy spirit.

The People may then greet one another with a sign of peace.

Announcements

Offertory

Doxology (Old Hundredth, Hymn 380 v. 3)



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The Prayers

OfficiantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.OfficiantLet us pray.

Officiant and People

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.

Then follow these Suffrages

- V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
- R. And grant us thy salvation.
- V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
- R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
- R. Thy saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for all Sorts and Conditions of Humanity

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; especially Audrey, Lotte, Patti, Debbie, Carol, Betty, Lee, Ginny, Bruce, Maggie, Matthew, Bob, Daryl, Jim, Mike, Andrew, Joyce, Carol, Phil, Jim, and Bishop Curry; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving Said by all

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men, remembering especially those in military service: Ashley, Tyler, Joshua, Isaac, and John. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Hymn 56 "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Postlude

In Our Prayers

LARCC: Funeral Service Groups at St. Paul Lutheran Church

For Healing & Convalescing: Audrey Himes, Lotte Rosenberg, Patti Rockwell, Debbie Sanborn, Carol Hart, Betty Bartley, Lee Harris, Ginny French, Bruce Connon, Maggie Lamb, Matthew Van Zetten, Bob Hanna, Daryl Hebert, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Andrew, Joyce, Carol Putkamer, Phil, Jim Gilmet and The Most Rev. Michael Curry.

Birthdays: Easton Mann (11), Robert Hemmingson (12)

Military: Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham, John Hartman

Cycles of Prayer: Diocesan: St. Andrew's, Flint and St. Paul the Apostle, Greenville; Anglican: the Diocese of Ijesa North East (Nigeria)

Readings for December 17

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28



Sunday, December 17

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Sunday, December 24

(Only 1 morning service today) 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs 5 pm - Festal Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Monday, December 25

11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Bruce Michaud

Sunday, December 31

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs

11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs

Wednesdays, December 13, 20, 27

12:05 pm - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Bruce Michaud 1:00 pm - Bible Study/Rev. Bruce Michaud

This Week's Calendar			
Today		Morning Prayer Sunday Supper	
Tuesday	1:30 PM 7 PM	Prayer Group AA	
Wednesday	1:05 PM	Holy Eucharist The Good Book (Bible) Study Choir Practice AA	
Friday	5:30 PM	AA	

Announcements

PLEASE HELP US IN PREPARING THE 2024 BUDGET

Our Stewardship Campaign has come to a close, but we have still not received pledge cards back from some of our members. *If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider pledging and return your pledge card to the church office.* This will help us to prepare our 2024 budget. Thank you.

Announcements

COME HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH

Save the date! **December 20 at 3 p.m.** That's the day and time we will decorate the church. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! It's a big job but if you help, we can make the big job much smaller. Everybody WELCOME

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our Christmas Pageant will be part of our 11 a.m. service on Christmas Eve morning, **Sunday, December 24.**

CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Along with hats, gloves, scarves, etc. that we collect for those in need (we especially need men's socks, gloves and hats), we are also looking for monetary donations to help with our Christmas baskets for families in need this holiday season. Our usual soup luncheon, held to raise funds for this Christmas basket ministry, is not able to be held this year. If you would like to make a donation to help with our annual Christmas baskets, please place your contribution in the offering plate marked "Christmas Baskets" or mail to/drop off at the church office. For more information contact Ellen Eagan or the church office.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute toward the Christmas flowers and decorations in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for God's blessings, place your check in the small, white envelope labeled Christmas flowers in the pew and fill out the front of the envelope. Then drop it in the collection plate. Or you can call Sonya Titus at (989) 354-6031.

WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING OFFERED

The Diocese is providing training for those interested in becoming worship leaders, the first training occurring via Zoom on Saturday, January 13, from 10 am - 2 pm. Anyone who is interested or wants more information can contact Ellen Eagan.

THANK YOU

The big, beautiful Christmas Tree is once again shining in All Saints Hall! A sincere thank you to: Gerry Cawthra, Shelly and Dr. Eric Cornish, Fran Hamp, Jackie Kennedy, Sue Krafft, Marge Lakin, Pam Woida, Bronwyn Woolman, Lew and Kathryn Kunze. Blessings upon these generous spirits who made it happen.

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Welcome to Trinity, part of the Anglican Communion, and thus, both catholic and reformed the *via media* or "middle way" between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism.

Trinity organized in 1864 and our Victorian Gothic building dates from 1883. As a "National Jubilee Center," we reach out to many in need, and as a venue for performing arts, we live out our identity as a "village church" in the English tradition.

In "Eucharistic hospitality," we invite all persons to the Lord's Table. Please join us there, and then, next door after the Service for refreshment and fellowship. We are delighted that you are here, and would be delighted to meet you.

The Vestry

Ellen Eagan, Senior Warden Ben Westrope, Junior Warden Susan Fitzpatrick, Treasurer Tina Wilson, Clerk Duane Himes Jim Masters Cathy Meske Lisa Rhea Bill Powell Sonya Titus

