

Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

Advent 2

December 8, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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Prelude

“Benedictus”

Alec Rowley

Opening Hymn

“Prepare the way, O Zion”

Hymnal #65

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

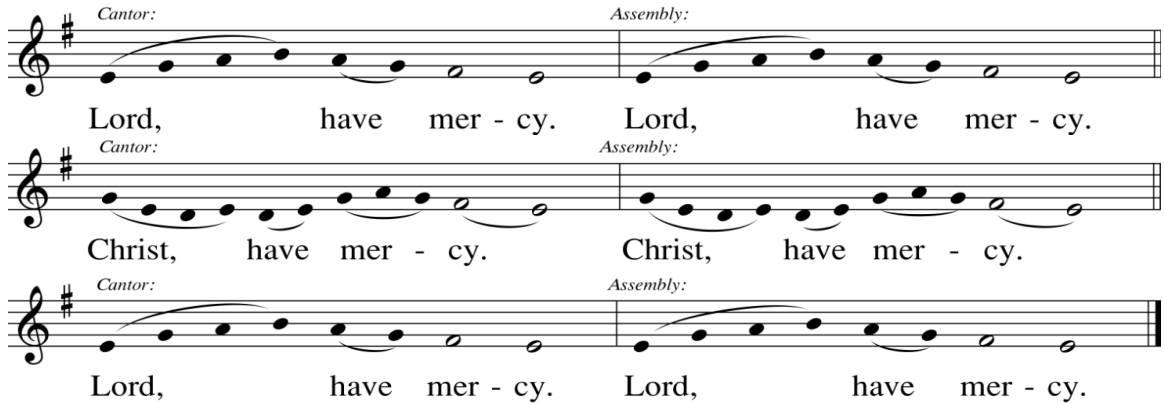
Advent Wreath Lighting & Kyrie

A short reading introduces the candle lighting:

In those days John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Matthew :1-3

During the Kyrie, the Advent candles will be lit.



Cantor: Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.
Cantor: Christ, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Christ, have mer - cy.
Cantor: Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who didst send 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.**

All may be seated

First Lesson

Reader: A reading from the book of Malachi (3:1-4)

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle of Zechariah – Luke 1:68-79

The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God, the
dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant. ***Antiphon***

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear,

⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷to give Gods people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins. ***Antiphon***

⁷⁹to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. ***Antiphon***

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The Second Lesson

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Philippians (1:3-11)

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 Hymn

”There’s a voice in the wilderness crying”

Hymn #75

The Gospel

(Luke 3:1-6)

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

**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

The person appointed says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, praying "Come, O Lord, and save us".

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Matthew our own Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present, and to the staff, volunteers and guests of the Hospitality Center and Racine Vocational Ministries; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph the President of the United States, Tony the Governor of Wisconsin, Cory the Mayor of Racine, and all those who have been elected to office, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [_____ and] all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

We give thanks to thee for all the blessings of our lives, [especially: _____]. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially _____], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, blessed James DeKoven, all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Minister then says one the following sentence, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

God so loved world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture

Worthy art thou, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and by thy will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

Offertory “Elevation on “Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding” Robert Benson

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People
It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus from "Missa Emmanuel"

Cantor, then all:
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

Cantor:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

All:
Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Cantor:
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the

All:
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Missa Emmanuel*, Richard Proulx, © 1991, GIA Publications, Inc.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image . . .

...By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee,
O Father Almighty, world without end.

Cantor, then all:

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of a sequence of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the staff, with hyphens under the words to indicate syllable placement. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

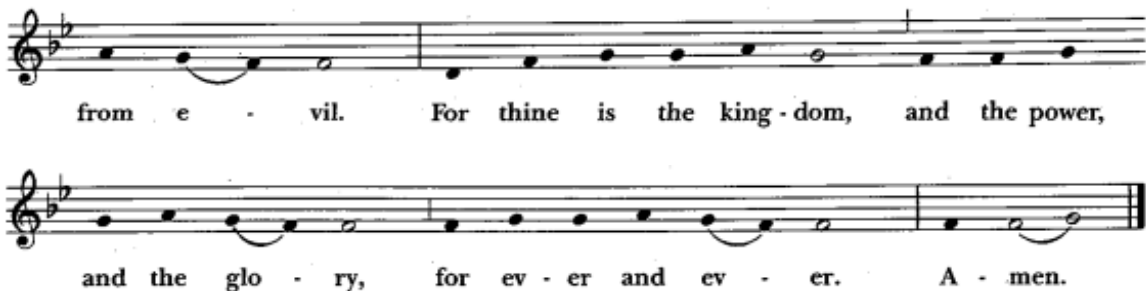
The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant and People:

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us

The image displays six lines of musical notation for the Lord's Prayer. Each line consists of a five-line staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (Bb). The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllable placement. The music is a simple, melodic line with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The prayer concludes with a double bar line.



from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

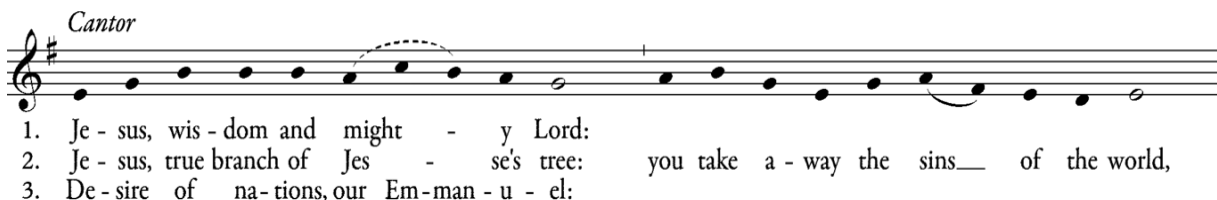
Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Fraction Agnus Dei from “*Missa Emmanuel*”

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept

Cantor



1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:
2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you take a - way the sins of the world,
3. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:



1.2. All have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. 3. All grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord. If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine.

Post-communion Prayer

Please kneel or stand

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace that we may continue in that holy fellowship and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ’s presence.**

Celebrant May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn

”Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding”

Hymnal #57

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Fugue in G minor”

J.S. Bauch

We welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. Please join us for fellowship in Simpson Hall immediately following the service – coffee, juice, and snacks are available.

TODAY’S MINISTERS

ACOLYTE: Zar Telfeyan, Evan DuPriest

ALTAR GUILD: Kathie Thompson

FIRST READER: Darice Griffin

SECOND READER: Mabel DuPriest

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Tricia frost

CANTOR: Jenna Meola

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Tricia Frost

USHERS: Tricia Frost, Debbie Bruno

TODAY’S COFFEE HOUR HOST: St. Monica’s Guild

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR HOST: Men of Church

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Chris, Ron, Gerald, Lisa, Jean, Neil, Olivia, Bill,
Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah, George, Esther, Elias, Carlos, Michele

Homebound Barbara, Jeanne

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine

Congregations of St. Luke’s and St. Michael’s Diocese of Milwaukee

Hospitality Center

Racine Vocational Ministry

The DeKoven Center

For the Church: In the World

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

St. Marc’s Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti

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Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **Haiti Project**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

Today's **Altar flowers** are given by Darcie Griffin to the glory of God and in memory of Sister Leticia, Sister Dorcas, and Marilyn Stulken.

We look forward to your presence at St. Luke's, Racine

December 8 – Acolytes training following the service

December 8 – Holidays with Hospitality Event at 5pm located at:
Resurrection Lutheran Church 322 Ohio St. Racine, WI

December 15 – Haiti Partnership Bake and Craft Fair

December 24 - Christmas Eve service will be at 4pm

Salvation Army Angel Tags

The people of St. Luke's have participated in the Salvation Army Angel Tree program for close to 40 years. Local families are referred to the Salvation Army for help providing Christmas gifts. Angel tags are printed for each child and include age, gender, and desired Christmas gift.

· You can help by taking an Angel tag, purchasing a gift, and returning it to St. Luke's by Sunday, December 15, 2024.

· Suggested amount to spend is \$25. Please return all gifts unwrapped and place in the sacristy.

· If you would like to participate but are unable to shop, please contact Cindy Ganzel and she will gladly shop on your behalf

The gifts will be taken to the Salvation Army in Racine by the deadline for pickup by the Angel families.

Thank you for helping to brighten the life of a Racine child this Christmas!

The Haiti Partnership Bake Sale and Craft Fair is Back!

Date: Sunday, December 15

Time: Following the 10 am Worship Service

Place: Simpson Hall

The following will be available for sale:

- Baked goods
- Haiti Singing Rooster coffee
- Haitian metal art- including ornaments and Christmas items

All proceeds will go to the Haiti Partnership to support St. Marc's School in Jeanette, Haiti, which includes the school lunch program, health clinic, and clean water initiatives. You can help by providing baked goods to sell, purchasing baked goods, Haitian art or coffee, or donating to the cause as you are able. Thank you!!

Updating Directory

We are starting to update our Parish directory. Please call or e-mail Martha at the church office with any changes to your contact information. Thank you!

Christmas Flowers and Music

The gorgeous poinsettias on the altar at Christmas are only possible through the generosity of parishioners and parish groups. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or in thanksgiving for loved ones, please make out a check to St. Luke's and put "Christmas Flowers" on memo line. Envelopes are available, or you can mail your donation to the parish office. Please be sure to include the names of person(s) and/or the reason (thanksgiving or memorial) the flowers are being given. Donations towards the music program and Christmas singers are also welcome. Please indicate if the donation is for Christmas flowers, Christmas music, or to split between both. Thank you!

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