

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024, 10:15 a.m.

*All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
Service music, marked with an 'S', may be found in the front portion of the hymnal.*

PRELUDE: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 645 *Johann Sebastian Bach*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: *Never weather beaten sail* *Thomas Campion*

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore.

Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,

Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:

O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise.

Cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:

Glory there the sun outshines whose beams the blessed only see:

O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 65: Prepare the way, O Zion *Bereden Väg För Herran*

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Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

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

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

KYRIE: Hymnal S96 *Franz Schubert*

THE 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.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Baruch 5:1-9

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH: Hymnal S 248 (*omit Gloria Patri*)

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

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HYMN 66: Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Stuttgart

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

Gospeller 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.'"

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Noah Van Niel

THE NICENE CREED

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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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Common Worship

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in God's kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That God may establish among the nations God's scepter of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father.

The Priest adds the prayers of the congregation.

Celebrant Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(please kneel)*

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 offers the Absolution.

THE PEACE *(please stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

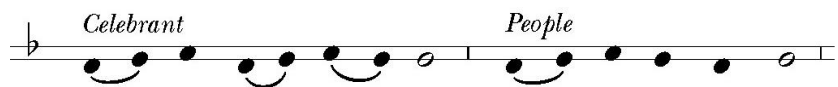
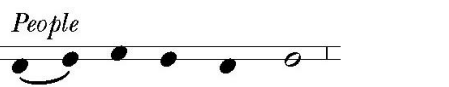
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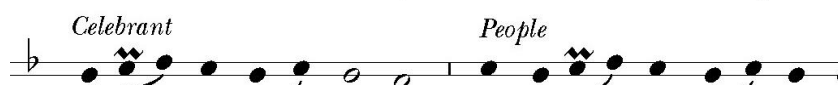

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Jesus Christ the apple tree

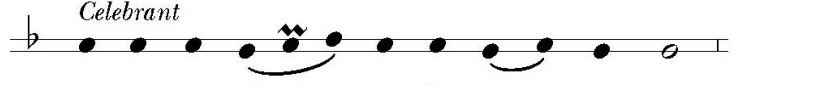
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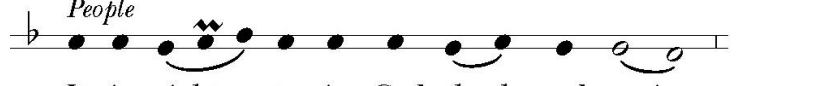
The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;
 The trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ the apple tree.
 His beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know but ne'er can tell
 The glory which I now can see, in Jesus Christ the apple tree.
 For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;
 I missed of all but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.
 I'm weary with my former toil - here I will sit and rest awhile,
 Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.
 This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
 Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant  *People* 
 The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

Celebrant 
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People 
 It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

The Celebrant continues with the proper preface.

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: Hymnal S130

Franz Schubert

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues...

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 LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Hymnal SI64

Franz Schubert

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Communion at Christ & St. Luke's:

- At the indication of the usher, please move to the center aisle and proceed up the altar rail. Move to the open spot filling in from the center of the rail to the wall.
- Kneel as you are able and place one hand over the other, palms up, to receive the bread.
- To sip from a chalice to receive the wine, consume the bread leaving your palms empty.
- To intinct (dip) your wafer into the wine, hold it between your thumb and forefinger.
- Once the chalices have passed, exit out the side and back down the side aisles to your pew.

Gluten free wafers are available, simply let the priest know you require one. If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine but would like a blessing, gently cross your arms across your chest.

A standing station is also available in front of the pulpit.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: Adam lay ybounden

Boris Ord

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond; four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been; Ne had never our lady a-been
heavene queen. Blessed be the time that apple taken was, therefore we moun singen
Deo gratias!

COMMUNION HYMN 53: Once he came in blessing

Gottes Sohn Ist Kommen

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*please stand*)

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Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

THE ADVENT BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 67: Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

THE DISMISSAL

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Toccata on Veni Emmanuel

Adolphus Hailstork

WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS

If you would like to be added to the Prayer List, please contact a member of clergy or BJ Taylor, Facilitator for Pastoral and Congregational Care (taylorasc@aol.com).

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Emmanuel, Franklin and St. Thomas', Freeman.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Ron Baldrige, Delane Coffey, Ellen Coffman, Bob Doughty, Sam Hedgecock, Elmer Morales-Torres, Joyce Neighbors, Susan Pryor, Grant Singleton, George Vick, Jim Wells, and Meriel Burgess Wright. We pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray also for peace in the Holy Land and for all those who are suffering there. We pray for our nation during this time of transition.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Carter Bernert, David Black, Tom Bolt, Linda Coupland, Betty Davis, David Durica, Marilyn Gindroz, Frank Kirchner, Wayne Lundie, Ceil McCoid, Leon Parham, William Swan, and Irene Wenger.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Abbey Brassfield, Jonathan Glaser, Bea Greenlaw, Patsy Hatem, Sharon Hubbard, Dean Kershaw, James Kilavey, Missy Korwan, Wesley Lupo, Mike, Mavis Stapleford, Karen Stricker, Betty Thomas, Auris Torres, and Autumn Vandehei.

This week's birthdays: Dec. 9 – 15

Robert Carter, Kedar Harrington, Steve Prescott, Jeff Russell, Clare Smith, Brian Wheeler, and Dan Zimmerman.

This week's anniversaries: Dec. 9 – 15

Joseph & Kate Bobbitt, Elmer Morales-Torres & Brian Wheeler, and Hannah & Jason Saltmarsh.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

The Virginia Chorale: Sing We Nowell! – Today, December 8, 4:00 p.m.

The Virginia Chorale presents their annual holiday concert featuring A Winter Breviary by Indian-American composer Reena Esmail, and The Quiet Heart by June Collin. Familiar carols and holiday selections round out this intimate concert. \$30 tickets available at the door

Blue Christmas Service – Friday, December 20, 6:00 p.m.

At a time of year when so many experience feelings of grief, loss, and hardship, the Blue Christmas service offers a space for prayer, music, and reflection and invites us into God's promise of hope and healing. We've designed this service to include ample space for silence and reflection, all anchored with the meditative music of the Taizé community led by members of the Christ & St. Luke's choir. The service will also include Holy Eucharist. The chapel will open at 5:30 p.m. for silent prayer, followed by the service at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for the joyous celebration of Christmas!

Christmas Service Times

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

- Holy Eucharist with Christmas Pageant - 4:30 p.m.
- The Feast of the Nativity with Full Choir and Brass - 10:00 p.m.
(Prelude begins at 9:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

- The Feast of the Nativity - 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, December 29

- 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. - Christmas Lessons and Carols

FORMATION

***The Saint John's Bible* is here!**

This weekend we welcome two volumes of the incredible work of devotional art known as *The Saint John's Bible*. These two volumes will be on display in our church for the enjoyment and enrichment of our parishioners, cross-denominational partners, and the community in general through the end of April 2025. Discover more about this masterpiece here: christandstlukes.org/sjb

Queer Theology Book Club – Monday, December 9, 7:00 p.m.

Join us at Café Stella for discussion and fellowship. Contact A.J. Nolan (creekhiker@gmail.com) for more information.

Advent Devotionals

For families and children, there will be daily and weekly editions from Illustrated Ministry and Creative Communications. For adults, the Living Compass Advent devotional (free) will be available as well as these two books: *The Art of Advent* and *Waiting on The Word*. If you are interested in one of the two books, we are asking for a \$10 donation. Please email Kathy Hanna (kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org) if you would like a copy to be held for you.

Everything You Want to know About the Christmas Pageant

1. Participants: All children, ages 3-18 years old, are invited to participate in the Christmas pageant. The magic happens on Christmas Eve at the 4:30 service.
2. Rehearsals: Please be sure you are available for at least 3 rehearsals and the December 24th rehearsal is mandatory.

Wednesday, December 11, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 15, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 22, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24, Call time 3:00 p.m.

3. Sign Up: Use the online registration to sign your child(ren) up. Registration will end December 8.
4. Original Artwork for the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve bulletin: The original artwork must be black and white only. Submit artwork to Kathy Hanna and be sure your child's name is on the back.

Sunday Childcare, Children's Formation, and Children's Chapel

- **The Registration Form for all children's programs may now be found online under announcements.**
- **9:00 a.m. Childcare:** *Children up to 3 years old* gather in the Children's Room.
- **9:00 a.m. Children's Formation:** *Children 3 years to 3rd grade (3-8 years old)* gather in the meeting room (the gold room) for what was formerly known as "Sunday School." We will explore scripture and the traditions of the Episcopal church through stories, music, and art response.
- **9:00 a.m. Children's Formation:** *Children in 4th & 5th grade (9-11 years old)* gather in Lower Lloyd Hall for discussion of scripture, the Episcopal Church, and Christ & St. Luke's in a fun and relaxed setting. Participants are invited to join their families or sit together for the 10:15 a.m. service.
- **10:15 a.m. Children's Chapel:** *All children through 3rd grade* participate in developmentally appropriate worship during Children's Chapel in their respective rooms. Older children will be brought into church to rejoin their families at the Peace. If you would like your child under 3 to join you at the Peace, please come to the Children's Room at that time to sign them out.

Important information for when you drop off your child:

Please escort your child to the Children's Room (under 3) or the Gold Room (3 and older). Sign them in so we have a record of who is here and please make sure there is an adult present. If your child is rejoining you for communion, please watch for them when they come down the ramp. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

ADMINISTRATION

Christmas Memorial Flowers – December 1-18

We are currently accepting Christmas memorial flower contributions online *through December 18*. Please complete the order form online and let us know if you are contributing in memory or thanksgiving of loved ones. Select "Christmas Flowers" in the drop down menu on the payment page. Christmas Flower envelopes are also available in the Tower entrance or reception area if you prefer to write a check. These flowers will be adorning our church for Christmas, so please consider donating to honor your loved ones. Please email Judie Belka (office@christandstlukes.org) with questions.

FELLOWSHIP

Caroling, Cocoa, and Cookies – Sunday, December 15, 3:00 p.m.

Dress in holiday garb and join us as we regale the neighborhood with Christmas carols. After caroling, we will enjoy hot cocoa and cookies (feel free to bring your favorite Christmas cookies) and fellowship in the Main Reception area.

OUTREACH

Together for Kenya 2024 Angel Tree

We are truly touched and grateful for the generosity that comes from our Christ & St. Luke's church family each Christmas season in support of our Kenya Mission. The ornaments on the Angel Tree represent over 2,000 at risk children who are being helped with medical care, education and food. With your help, Together for Kenya can accomplish the vital work of caring for the vulnerable and marginal with grace and compassion. Please consider a gift of \$60.00.

Norfolk Winter Shelter

Each year, the Norfolk Winter Shelter offers a tangible expression of the love of Christ as we serve our neighbors experiencing homelessness during the coldest times of the year. For the week of February 9-16, St. Andrew's Episcopal in West Ghent will host the shelter physically and Christ & St. Luke's will staff the volunteer roles - including cooking, cleaning, and being an overnight presence. Volunteer roles are available now for sign up! Visit signup.com/go/wFrRMKU to find the full list of volunteer roles. Please sign-up early to help us prepare for this important ministry. There will be a volunteer training on January 28 for all volunteers to orient themselves to the NWS operations. A full explanation of roles will be available in the back of the Church this Sunday. Mark your calendars now. Reach out to Fr. Jared (jared.grant@christandstlukes.org) or Jamie Lewis (james.vb.lewis@me.com) with any questions.



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WORSHIP SERVICES AND FORMATION

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)
Sunday, 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum & Children's Formation
Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)
Thursday, 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

The Reverend Noah Van Niel, Rector
The Reverend Jared Grant, Associate Rector
The Reverend Vince Connery, Assisting Priest
The Reverend Jess Stribling, Assisting Priest
Kevin Kwan, Organist & Director of Music
Marjorie Setnicky, Associate Organist
Kathy Hanna, Director of Family, Youth and Children's Ministry
Judie Belka, Director of Parish Operations
Michelle Sturges, Business Administrator
Rachel Welch, Administrative Assistant
Will Lee, Director of Communications
David Roberts, Sexton for Security

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To make a one-time gift online, or a pledge to Christ and St. Luke's, please visit: christandstlukes.org/give or text to give by texting "GIVECSL" to 73256.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the back of the Church.

