



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent

November 27 & 28, 2021



*Our Mission: **To know Christ and to make Christ known.***

*Our Vision: **To follow Christ's teaching in an atmosphere of love, joy, and healing.***

All are welcome!



Ushers can provide an audio receiver with adjustable volume to enhance your hearing of the service. Please, return them to the usher's table after the service.

Wherever you are in your faith journey, we welcome you, in the name of Christ!

Guests and visitors, we hope you will be especially blessed. Your presence and participation bless us. If this is your first time at St Luke's, please sign our guest book available in the Gathering Hall before you leave. Join us after the Sunday Services for light refreshments in the Parish Hall (located to the right of the entrance doors) so we can welcome you more personally. We hope you will return many times and consider St. Luke's as your church home.

Be still and know that I am God! Psalm 46:10

Please, as you enter the Church, observe a sacred silence to prepare yourself for the encounter with the Lord, and to allow others to do the same. You may want to use the following prayer...

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Prayer No. 64, Before Worship; BCP, p. 833)

Prelude

Cantabile

Felix Alexandre Guilmant

(10 am) Candle Lighting Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah Wayne L Wold

Dennis Houser, Bass

The Word of God

Processional Hymn 59 vs. 1 & 5 *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding*

The Opening Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. ***His mercy endures for ever.***

The Collect for Purity

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.**

(5:30 pm & 8am) Lord, have mercy. ***Christ, have mercy.*** Lord, have mercy.

(10:00 am)

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The Collect of the Day

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

Psalm 25:1-9

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

² ***Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.***

³ Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

⁴ ***Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.***

⁵ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

⁶ ***Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.***

⁷ Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸ ***He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.***

⁹ All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

(8:00 & 10 a.m.) Sequence Hymn 64 vs. 1 *O heavenly Word, eternal Light*

The Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke ✕ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

²⁵Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. ²⁹"Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

(10 a.m.) Sequence Hymn 64 vs. 5 *O heavenly Word, eternal Light*

The Nicene Creed

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 *adapted from Trinity Episcopal Church in Bethlehem, PA*

The Celebrant: As we prepare to meet the Lord Jesus, let us lift our hands in prayer and raise our heads in hope to the Lord who is our righteousness, saying: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Jennifer our bishop, that in the face of distress and anxiety, we may steadfastly proclaim the sure and certain hope of God's promised redemption, let us pray to the Lord. *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For this Parish Family, that we may abound in love for one another and so prepare to stand before Christ who is coming in glory, let us pray to the Lord. *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For all God's people, that among nations made desolate by conflict and violence, justice and righteousness may flower anew, let us pray to the Lord. *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For all those in any anguish of body, mind and spirit, remembering especially those in our prayer lists and those we name now silently or aloud ... (pause) that the disciples of Jesus may strengthen them with words of hope and deeds of love, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For Tom, Trampus, and Mary, as they celebrate their birthdays, and for Geoff & Brenda and Roger & Jane, as they celebrate their anniversaries, that they may experience God's loving presence in their lives, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For those who have died, that they may be found blameless before God at the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

The Celebrant: We thank you Lord our God for the hope you give us. As we present our prayers and wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, remain present with us, help us to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with each other. We ask this in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem from Mary and the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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.***

The Peace: The peace of the Lord be always with you. ***And also with you.***

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Interlude

(8 & 10 a.m.) The Presentation Hymn 380 vs. 3 Tune of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly Host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Re-joice! Re-joice Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Is-rael!

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our 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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

(5:30 & 8 am) **Sanctus**

*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.*

(10 am) **Sanctus** Hymn S130 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

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

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 Luke and 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 Lord's Prayer

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

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.

(5:30 pm & 8:00 am) The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *grant us peace.*

(10:00 am) Fraction Anthem S164 Jesus, Lamb of God

The Communion

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.

All are invited to share in the banquet of the Lord's Supper.

(10 a.m.) Let us say the Prayer of Spiritual Communion in union with those who follow the service from home.

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

(8 & 10 a.m.) Communion Hymn 53 vs. 1 & 2 Once he came in blessing

(10 am) Communion Anthem

Advent Prayer

Choir of St. Luke's

Margaret Houck, Accompanist

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work

you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Sending of the Eucharistic Visitors

In the name of this congregation, we send you to those who are homebound, that they share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. *We who are many are one body because we all share in one bread, one cup.*

The Advent Solemn Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*
May he, whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, be rewarded with unending life at his second Advent. *Amen.*

And 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 497 vs. 1 & 3 *How bright appears the morning star*

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Sortie

Nicholas Jacques Lemmens

You may enjoy the Postlude offered by our gifted organist or leave the church as silently as possible. After the service, you are warmly invited to join us for a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall.

Christmas Services 2021 at St Luke's

DECEMBER 24, 4:30 PM,

FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 9:00 PM,

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE WITH CHOIR

CAROLING WITH CHOIR AT 8:45 PM

DECEMBER 25, 10:00 AM

SIMPLE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Special Dates this Week

Birthdays:

December 2 Tom Howell, Trampus Tribbey

December 3 Mary Bowers

Anniversaries:

December 1 Geoff & Brenda Holden

December 3 Roger & Jane Peacock

For Those in Need We Pray:

Prayers for Healing: Prayers for Healing Jean Messick, Ileen Szelka, Rev. Susan Schubert, Tom Connors, Kathy MacCauley, Brandon Reynolds, Carol Glover, Mark Tuttle, Sara Williman, Vera Mulnix, Jeanne Miller, Kerry McClung, Bill Johnson, Mary Berkheiser, Alfonso Hernandez, Joan Preston, Joan Lane, Frank & Phyllis Maruna, Carl Anderson, Larry Allen & Jo Ann Salem, Etta Parson, Robert Appel, Judith Duffett, Elijah Duffett, Dave Cain, Brittany Waters, Kayla, Janel, Christine Lisford, Mark Haman, Mary & Greg Bowers, Emma Parknowitz, Arthur & Laura Reilly, Helen Ruginis, Deacon Kimball

For those in our Armed Forces: Echo, Brian, Lopez, Dante', Florian, Ian, Beka

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Trinity Church, Kingman

In the St. Luke's Outreach Cycle of Prayer: Warm for Winter, Highway Clean-up, Quad City Interfaith Council

For the Yavapai Apache Nation

For Bishop Zak and Amagoro Junior Academy

For Our Companion Diocese of Western Mexico *Resolution 2020-1, of the 60th Diocesan Convention*

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We acknowledge the living culture of the Yavapai-Apache nation, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the role they play in the life of this region.

Resolution #2016-3, of the 56th Diocesan Convention

St. Luke's Calendar for the Week

Sunday, November 28	Advent 1	
	Holy Eucharist	8:00 am
	Coffee Hour	9:10 am
	Sunday School for Children & Adults	9:10 am
	Holy Eucharist	10:00 am
	Coffee Hour	11:15 am
	Youth Ministry	2 - 4 pm
Monday, November 29		
Tuesday, November 30	Staff Meeting	9:15 am
	Budget & Finance	4:00 pm
	Vestry	5:00 pm
	Boy Scouts	6:00 pm
	Advent Series on Zoom	6:30 pm
	Prescott Chorale Rehearsal	6:30 pm
Wednesday, December 1	Lectionary Bible Study	9:00 am
	Healing Service	10:00 am
	Ringers of St. Luke's	4:30 pm
	St. Luke's Choir	6:45 pm
Thursday, December 2	Food Drop-off @ Food Pantry	2:00-4:00 pm
	High Desert Ringers	4:30 pm
Friday, December 3	Food Pantry	9:00-12:00 noon
Saturday, December 4	Altar Guild Prep	8:30 a.m.
	Order of St. Luke	10:00 am
	Advent 2	
	Sunday School for Adults	4:45 pm
	Holy Eucharist	5:30