

LOOKING AHEAD: December 11 – December 17

Tues. 12	1:00 pm	Scrapbooking & Crafts – Fellowship Hall
Wed. 13	7:00 pm	Outreach Committee Mtg. – The Parlour
Thurs. 14	7:00 pm	Choir Practice – Sanctuary
Sat. 16	9:00 am	Decorating Church for Christmas
Sun. 17	8:30 am	Advent 3 – Holy Communion – Sanctuary
	8:45 am	Bible Study – Room A
	10:00 am	Advent 3 – Holy Communion – Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Lessons & Carols – Sanctuary



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Wednesday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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WELCOME

We welcome you to our worship today.

Hymnbooks:

Our community uses two hymnbooks.

(ELW) Evangelical Lutheran Worship has a cranberry cover.

(CP) Common Praise has a blue cover.

You will find either **(ELW)** or **(CP)** beside each hymn number to indicate which book we are singing from.

Communion: All are welcome.

We make available grape juice and gluten free bread. Please inform one of the Communion Servers that you wish to have one or both of these elements during the distribution of Communion.

No Scents Makes Good Sense. Members have indicated that they suffer discomfort from perfumes, hair spray, colognes and after-shave lotion. Please help us provide a scent-free environment

We welcome all children to our worship. We also have a child friendly space in the fellowship area at the back of the church. Drink boxes, activity bags and youth bulletins are in a basket near the entrance to the church. Please help yourself.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT **Sunday, December 10, 2017**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Silence

The Procession of Light

Psalm 85: 1 – 2, 8 – 13 (*spoken*)

- ¹You have been gracious to your land, O Lord;
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- ²You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.
- ⁸I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to
those who turn their hearts to you.
- ⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who
fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

- ¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- ¹²The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³Righteousness shall go before the Lord
and shall prepare for God a pathway.

Prayer

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Christ, Be Our Light
**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

**Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

Acknowledgement of Territory

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

***God speaks to us in scripture reading,
preaching, and song.***

First Reading – Isaiah 40: 1 – 11

A reading from Isaiah.

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 forever. 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn – # **249 ELW**

Gospel Reading – *Mark 1: 1 – 8*

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

or

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

or

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday School Christmas Pageant – See blue insert

Prayers of Intercession

Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people.

We long to see your glory. Prepare our hearts for your arrival by healing divisions in your church and blessing those who work for reconciliation within it. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for your creation. Bring renewal to open spaces, parks, forests, mountains, and grasslands. Restore the creatures and lands that are damaged or destroyed. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We long for your peace. Make places of welcome for people fleeing violence. For nations facing conflict or crisis, especially in Israel and Palestine, deliver relief. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We seek healing for all people who long for justice, freedom, and comfort. Sustain them in their time of need. Be with all who wait for you, who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for those who are ready to help in times of crisis. Give courage to disaster and emergency response teams, police officers, nurses, doctors, surgeons, chaplains, and all who work for the sake of others. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We are your beloved flock and you are our shepherd, O God. Along with the saints already at rest in you, bring us together as your people under your holy rule. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We raise our prayers to you, O God, in the name of the one who is, who was, and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

Amen.

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbour.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God of all time,
we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbours in need and fail in the labour of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
In (+) Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering / Choir Anthem

— Lost in the Night by Kyle Haugen

Offering Hymn – # 240 ELW vss. 1 & 2

Offering Prayer

Saviour of the nations, come.

Make your home here in us.
Feed us with your love,
that our faith shine ever new
and our lives reveal your light.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

...Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**



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.

Invitation to Communion

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you.
Share in the feast of salvation.

Lamb of God

Communion Hymns

**# 89 CP vss. 3 & 4, # 100 CP,
Between Darkness and Light (words below)
106 CP, # 107 CP**

Between Darkness and Light

**Between darkness and light I will always walk
and wherever I will go,
I will open the window of light
and will plant the seeds of love.
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and will plant the seeds of love.**

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait,
you come to us
in the broken bread and the cup we share.
Make us ready always
to welcome Christ into our hearts,
and send us forth to be your people in the world,
announcing your coming among us
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

**The blessing of the God of life be ours.
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours.
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours to
cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.**

Benediction

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon
you and scatter the darkness from your path.
Almighty God, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Announcements

Sending Song - # **98 CP** (Tune: **Richmond**)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Announcements and Information

December Altar Guild: Kathryn Smith, Janet Weigel & Christine Morrison

The flowers in the Chancel area are given by Peg Lawson to the Glory of God and in loving memory of son Bill Dubs.

The flowers in the Chancel area are given by Ross and Karen Cressman and family to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Cressman, dear sister-in-law and aunt, Barbara Cressman, dear mother and grandmother, and Norma Lounsbury, dear mother and grandmother.

We pray for: Anglican Church of Canada – Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz and staff of the Primate’s Office of the Anglican Church of Canada.
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada – National Bishop Susan Johnson and national staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Coffee hour today is provided by the Sunday Church School. We offer them thanks for supporting this important ministry.

Announcements for ALL remaining December bulletins must be submitted to the office no later than 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 13th, including flower announcements. Dates include December 17th, December 24th (morning service) and December 31st.

Our Community Advent Lessons & Carols service on Sunday, December 17th at 7:00 pm.

Everyone is welcome, so please invite your family, friends & neighbours. Refreshments will be provided after the service.



“Between Darkness and Light” was written by Palestinian Manal Hreib and Israeli-Jewish singer-songwriter Daphna Rosenberg, and has been sung at peace rallies in Palestine/Israel, which mark both the Nakba (the day to mourn the loss of land for Palestinians) and the Israeli Day of Independence (the day to celebrate the State of Israel). We sing it today as a reminder of the darkness and light that continues to take place in our world, and in light of recent announcements and continuing unrest in Jerusalem, a holy city meant for peace. May we all find our way in the midst of darkness and light.

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm – German Candlelight Service**
7:00 pm – Family Carol & Candlelight Service
9:30 pm – Candlelight Mass**

Christmas Day Service

10:00 am – Worship Service**

****Services with Holy Communion**

