



**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.

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## **First Sunday of Advent**

November 28, 2021

10:00 a.m.

**Opening Hymn**.....*“Rejoice! Rejoice, believers”*.....**Hymnal #68**

### **Advent Candle Lighting**

**Reader:** "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

**Reader:** Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

**People:** Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.

**Reader:** On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

*(Light a purple candle.)*

### **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 may say*

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.

### **The Collect**

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.*

### **Children's Time**

#### **First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The 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. In 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. In 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."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm 25:1-9**

- 1 To 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.

**The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And 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.

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

**Sequence Hymn.....“O heavenly Word, eternal Light” .....Hymnal #64**

**The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.  
*People:* Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus 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. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and

great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"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, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be 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."

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, O Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. John Allen

## **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**

Please respond to the bidding, “Let us pray to the Lord” with “**Lord, have mercy.**”

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Please kneel or stand.*

*Minister and 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, stands and says*

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** *All stand.*

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give  
light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into  
the way of peace. *cf Luke 1:78-79*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

**Announcements**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory**

**The Great Thanksgiving** Please Stand.

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . .  
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the  
company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*The people may stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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. . . .therefore according to your command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you O Lord of all. . .

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 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.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Communion**

*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**

*Celebrant and People*

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.

**Blessing**

*Please stand.*

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing ...

**Recessional Hymn**.....“*Lo! he comes with clouds descending*” .....**Hymnal #57**

**Dismissal**

## Postlude

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If you are visiting St. Luke's, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke's Church, please speak with an usher. Always feel free to call or email Fr. Seth at 414-379-2228 or [seth@hospitality-center.org](mailto:seth@hospitality-center.org)

### **TODAY'S MINISTERS**

**ACOLYTE:** Chris Schatzman

**ALTAR GUILD:** Debbie and Brittaney Bruno

**FIRST READER:** Mick Burke

**SECOND READER:** Darice Griffin

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Tricia Frost

**PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY:** Everett McKinney

**USHERS:** Amber Beth, Becky Turk

**TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR:** Vestry

**NEXT WEEK'S COFFEE HOUR:** Birthday Sunday

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **For our Parish**

**This Week:** Sue, daughter of Al & Grace Ellingham  
Olivia, daughter of Gwyn Prescott

#### **For the Churches of the World**

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil  
St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti  
Cadnet Edneron and Charline Irossaint

#### **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

**Those who are Sick and in Need or Homebound**

Sue, Robin, Julie, Bethany, James, Michele, Jeff, Bill, Rose, Scott, Tim, Madelyn,  
Pam and Jack, Lynn, Tasha Marie, Debbie, Christi, Joel  
**Homebound** Betty, Jeanne

**Want us to pray for a loved one or parish member?**

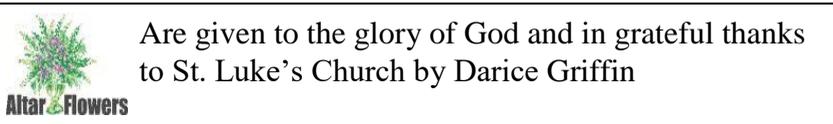
Please call the church office and ask Martha to put the name on our prayer list. If you are requesting prayer for another member of the parish, please get their permission first to be listed publicly. Be sure to indicate if the need is short term, long term, or for a particularly reason (e.g. pregnancy or death).

**This Week:** Morning Prayer  
Monday-Friday at 10am

**Special Offering**

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the **St. Luke's Discretionary Fund**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

**Thanksgiving for Birthday**  
Jessica



**Parents Expecting**  
Christina Ryan, daughter of Mick Burke (March 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Updating Directory**

We are starting to update our parish directory. Please call or email Martha at the church office with any changes your contact information no later than December 16, 2021

## **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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