

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: *Hark the Glad Sound!* (ELW 239)

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.

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ADVENT FILM NIGHTS: A reflection series is being held on Wednesdays at 7 pm until Dec 19. We are viewing the recent "Les Mis" film and following a study guide on themes like redemption, sacrifice and love. The next session this Wednesday, Dec 12 is at Faith.

PURSE PROJECT: Until tomorrow, Bruce Riley is collecting travel-sized toiletries for delivery to local women and youth in urgent need.

OTTAWA MISSION: Until Dec 23, we are collecting items for men living at the Mission. A list of needed items is on the bulletin board and collection boxes are in the cloakroom. For information, ask Wendy Hall.

WINTER PAUSE CAFÉ: Please come to Algonquin College on Wednesday, Dec 12, 10 am to 2 pm, to help distribute food to students during their exams. Food donations are also very much appreciated.

POTLUCK & CAROLING: Please join us after the service next Sunday, December 16 for a potluck brunch at FLC followed by caroling at the City View Retirement Residence on Meadowlands Drive from 1:30 to 2:30 pm! We need YOUR voice and Christmas cheer!!!

DIRECTORY UPDATES: Thank you to all who have returned their completed forms. We hope to print the new directories in late January.

Upcoming Regular Meetings:

LECTIONARY STUDY: Monday, Dec 10, 2 pm. Lectio: Phil 4:4-7.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, Dec 11, 7 pm at FLC.

MEDITATION GROUP: Wednesday, December 12, 5 pm at FLC. (Last one until the New Year.)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

4th Sunday of Advent: December 23 at 10 am (Taize).

Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24 at 7 pm (Candles & Communion).

Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25 at 10 am at Julian of Norwich.

First Sunday of Christmas: December 30 at 10 am.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 9th, 2018

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)
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Assisting Today:

Lector: Jann Thulien

Assistant: Norman Richter

Cantor: Jessica Malina

Counters: Ian McGill &

Jann Thulien

Next Sunday:

Lector: Brian Wirth

Assistant: Ron Shearer

Cantor: Krista Quenneville

Counters: Barbra Fricker &

Pierre Quenneville

Pastor: Martin Malina

Honorary Assistant Pastor: Diane Raddatz

Piano/Organ/Choir Director: David Santry

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GATHERING AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

WREATH LIGHTING: *Light One Candle* (v 1-2, ELW p. 240)

GREETING: (ELW p. 147)

KYRIE: (ELW p. 147)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray. **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN: *Prepare the Royal Highway* (ELW 264)

TEMPLE TALK

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4 A reading from Malachi.

¹See, 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. ²But 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; ³he 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. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: *My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord* (ELW 251)

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11 A reading from Philippians.

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I 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. ⁷It 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. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia* (ELW p. 151)

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In 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, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as 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.

⁵Every 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;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* (ELW 249)

NICENE CREED: (ELW p. 104 or back cover of hymn book)

PRAYERS OF PETITION: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG: *Create in Me...* (ELW 185)

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray. **God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

MEAL: (ELW p. 190)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (ELW p. 190)

LORD'S PRAYER: (ELW p. 191)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Lamb of God (ELW p. 191)

Drawn to the Light (ELW 593)

Blessed Be the God of Israel (ELW 250)

Comfort, Comfort Now My People (ELW 256)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Let us pray. **God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

