

LORD'S PRAYER: (ELW p. 191)

COMMUNION HYMNS: *Lamb of God* (ELW 195)

Wait for the Lord (ELW 262)

Blessed be the God of Israel (ELW 250)

Come Now, O Prince of Peace (ELW 247)



2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 8th, 2019

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LECTIONARY STUDY: Monday, December 9, 2 pm. Lectio: James 5:7-10.

WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING: Monday, December 9, 5:30 pm at FLC.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Tuesday, December 10, 5:30 pm at FLC.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Wednesday, December 11, 9 am at Chances 'R'.

MEDITATION GROUP: Wednesday, December 11, 5 pm, at FLC.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, December 11, 7 pm at FLC.

NEW MEMBERS: Today we welcome our new members, Leah Wall and James Williams. Please pray for them as we accompany them on their journeys of faith.

A NEW WAY TO PRAY: Until Dec 16, join us on Mondays, 7-8:30 pm, to read T. Blythe's *Fifty Ways to Pray* and watch *The Prayer Box* as our Advent study.

PURSE PROJECT: Thank you very much for the overwhelming response to the purse project. I am sure your donation will make a big difference. Bruce Riley

WINTER PAUSE CAFÉ: This Wednesday, from 10 am to 2 pm, come help to give out food to Algonquin College students during exams. Food donations are also very much appreciated. Please contact Barbra Fricker if you would like to help.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Pick up a free copy of the Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada Christmas Newsletter, available on the church mailbox table.

OTTAWA MISSION: Until December 22, donate items for men living at the Mission in the cloak room boxes. Speak with Wendy Hall or see the bulletin board.

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GATHERING AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

HYMN: *Fling Wide the Door* (ELW 259)

GREETING

KYRIE: (ELW p. 213)

HYMN OF PRAISE: (ELW p. 213)

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

WREATH LIGHTING FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: “Hope”

Reader 1 (holding up a level): This is a level! You use it to make things straight. It reminds us of John the Baptist. The prophet Isaiah was talking about John when he said “In the desert, someone is shouting, ‘Get the road ready for the Lord! Fill up every valley and level every mountain and hill. Straighten the crooked paths and smooth out the rough roads. Then everyone will see the saving power of God.’” (Isaiah 40:1-5)

Reader 2: This Sunday we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of **Hope**. The level reminds us that God loves equally. When we make a new beginning and treat people fairly, when we do what is right, when we love ourselves, when we love others, this is how we straighten the path for Jesus. We wait with **hope** for that day when the wolf will lay down with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. When we look at these candles, and the light they give, remember that God loves us, and that God’s **hope** never fails. (Isaiah 11:1-10)

HYMN: *Light One Candle* (ELW 240, v.1-2)

PSALM: Psalm 33:1-5, 18-22

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13 A reading from Romans.

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹²and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises

to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia* (ELW p. 216)

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

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

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

SERMON: “*Prayer as Listening*”: Advent sermon series #2 (*read along at www.raspberryman.wordpress.com*)

HYMN OF THE DAY: *On Jordan’s Banks* (ELW 249)

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS: (ELW p. 234)

APOSTLES CREED: (ELW p. 235 or back cover of hymn book)

PRAYERS OF PETITION: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (ELW p. 207)