



ST. LUKE'S
Episcopal Church

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Wyoming

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First Sunday of Advent

Online Version



Holy Eucharist Rite II

St. Luke's Vision Statement

To know and grow in Christ, through education, dedication and service.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #73 "The King shall come"

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks;
when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.

Not, as of old, a little child, to bear, and fight, and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

The King shall come when morning dawns and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;

and let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold,
when right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.

The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings:
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly, King of kings.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation pg. 355

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever. Amen**

Trisagion (*said three times*) pg. 356

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, *Have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day &

Lighting of the first Advent candle pg. 211

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.**

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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9 *(read responsively by half verse)*

- 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.

Epistle

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #56 "O come, o come, Emmanuel" (vv. 1-2)

O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in its ways to go.

Refrain

Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

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

Sermon: The Rev. Todd Young, Rector

The Nicene Creed

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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.

Form I (*The Leader and People pray responsively*)

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Katharine, our Assisting Bishop; Todd, our Priest; Karen, our Deacon, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joseph, our President; Donald, our President-elect; Mark, our Governor; Shane, our Mayor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Buffalo, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those on our prayer list and those we now name silently or aloud, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Robin and Kolton; along with all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially for Don Evans; John & Margret Gammon; Clarence & Ruby Gammon; Santiago & Ethel Michelena; and Owen & Norma Miller, in memory of whom the greens on the altar are given today by Marie & Gerry Miller. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Luke and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

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We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. (*Silence may be kept.*)

(Leader 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 Peace

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

Birthdays, Baptisms, & Anniversaries

Pew Sheet

Birthdays: Kim Harvey (2)

Baptisms: Margo Mader (1), Nikki Ellis (1), Denise Heitler (2), Kim Harvey (5), Bp. Vernon Strickland (5)

Anniversaries: None

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Celebrant: O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

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

Offertory Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #72 "Hark! the glad sound!"

Hark, the glad sound! the Savior comes, the Savior promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure;
and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved Name.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Celebrant and People

**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.

The people 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. 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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 St. 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.**

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

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread (*A period of silence is kept*)

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion

Celebrant: 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.

Holy Communion is the sacred meal of the Christian faith and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

Baptized Christians of all denominations are invited to receive Holy Communion in this church.

Post Communion Prayer (*said in unison*)

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After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living 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

Dismissal Hymn 1982 Hymnal #66 "Come,. Thou long-expected Jeus"

Come, thou long-expected Jesus born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Vesting the Altar for December

Weekly Prayer List

Healing of body, mind and soul for: The Diocesan staff, the parish family, Adrian, Andrea, Bob & Diana, Brooklyn, Christy, Cole, Dan, Dana, Dave, Dawn, Elyse, Emily, Helen, Ivan, Jayne & Steve, Joy, Julie, Linda, Mary, Nancy, Orde, Owen, Pat, Pat M., Peggy, Pitchie, Roger, Sara, Steve, Tara, Terri, Terry, and Tom.

Military: Robin Poehls, GSMC, deployed on Wayne E. Meyers DDG 108. and Kolton Watson, U.S. Marines Please keep all members of the Armed Forces in your prayers.

Diocesan prayer list: All Saints', Torrington

For the departed: Don Evans. The greens on the altar are given today by Marie & Gerry Miller in memory of John & Margret Gammon; Clarence & Ruby Gammon; Santiago & Ethel Michelena; and Owen & Norma Miller.

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**** *Food pantry baskets are available at the church front door. Items needed are: soups, canned meats, canned meals (stews), and baby wipes.***

In the Life of the Church

- Weekdays:** Noonday Prayer 12:00–1:00pm
- Today:** Services at 8:00am/Rite I and 10:00am/Rite II
Adult class 9:00am and Rector's Forum following coffee hour
- Monday:** St. Luke's Prayer Group–9:00am in Onderdonk Hall
- Tuesday:** Evening Prayer at Amie Holt 4:00pm
- Wednesday:** Holy Eucharist 7:00am
Prayer Shawl knitting group 1:00-3:00pm
- Thursday:** Daughters of the King 1:00pm in Onderdonk Hall
Decorating of the Hall 4:00pm
- Friday:** Set-up Day for SYS and receiving of donations 9:00am
Compline at Amie Holt 4:00pm
- Saturday:** Surprise You Sale Day
Helpers arrive at 7:00am—Doors open at 8:00am SHARP!
- Sunday:** Services at 8:00am/Rite I and 10:00am/Rite II
Adult class 9:00am and Rector's Forum following coffee hour
Youth Group 4:00pm in Onderdonk Hall

Bread of Life Food Pantry

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:00–1:00pm & 5:00–6:00pm

Today's Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please join us in our fellowship hall for coffee hour following the 10:00 service.

- ◇ Please mark your calendars and make plans to help support the fundraising efforts of our annual Surprise You Sale to take place on **December 7**. Lots of goodies and Christmas shopping items to be found as well as delicious cinnamon rolls (gluten free available), wreaths, candy, bake table, and the raffle drawing. Please bring your items for the tables on **December 6** beginning at 9:00am.
- ◇ Installation of the Rev. Camie Dewey at St. Mark's Casper at 6:00pm. Car-pool list of drivers and those needing a ride is on the bulletin board.
- ◇ **Christmas Eve** services are at 4:00pm & 7:00pm
- ◇ **Christmas Day** worship will be at 9:00am
- ◇ The office will be closed **December 25-26**
- ◇ **December 29** worship will be at 9:00am with a service of Lessons & Carols
- ◇ **January 5** 12th Night potluck and party 5:00pm (please call the office by January 4 to arrange a ride). There will be a gift exchange with a limit of \$25.
- ◇ **January 6** The Epiphany Holy Eucharist 6:00pm

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