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*At St. Luke's, we worship God,
we teach and nurture each other in the
faith, and we spread the Good News.*

*In our common life, we seek: in the essentials, unity;
in the non-essentials, diversity;
but in all things, charity.*

**8:30 a.m. Rite II
December 9, 2018**

The Second Sunday of Advent

Children are welcome in worship. If you need childcare, the nursery is open.

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Red Book
Hymnal 1982 Blue Book, S- Music is found in the front section
Worship Song Binder (WB)*

Lifeline and ***eNews*** available on foyer bookshelves.

Stewardship Thought of the Week

How do we prepare for the Lord and make room? As stewards, how do we prepare? And how might we be called (and/or are already called) to be part of this work of making things easier for our neighbor? The work of sharing God's love? The work of helping out and making life a little bit easier and a little bit better for others? The work of justice and peace?

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Music is in Bold

The Holy Eucharist

H 539

BCP 323

BCP 323

BCP 323

S-279

A-2

A-3

A-4

H 65

A-4

BCP 358

BCP 360

BCP 360

BCP 830

H 75

H 380, vs 3

BCP 361

S-125

BCP 364

BCP 364

S-159

H 343

BCP 365

BCP 365

H 74

Entrance Hymn: *O Zion, Haste*

Opening Sentences

The Collect for Purity

Lighting of the Advent candle

The Collect for Purity

Lord Have Mercy

The First Lesson (*Be seated*)

The Psalm

The Second Lesson

(*Stand for the Gospel as you are able*)

Gospel Hymn: *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

The Gospel

The Sermon (*Be seated*)

The Rev. Mary Siegmund

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Form I (**Lord, have mercy**)

Confession of Sin

The Peace

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries; Special Blessings

Offertory: *There's a Voice in the Wilderness*

Presentation of the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

(*Gluten-free bread available for Communion; let the Clergy know your need.*)

Lamb of God

Post Communion: *Shepherd of Souls*

Post Communion Prayer

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: *Blest Be the King*

The Collect

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament

Malachi 3:1-4

See, 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. But 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; he 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. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

The Response

The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

In the ten-der com - pas - sion of our God, the
dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

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Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David. **Antiphon**
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life. **Antiphon**
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. **Antiphon**

The New Testament

Philippians 1:3-11

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

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In 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, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as 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. Every 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; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Total attendance for 12/2: 75