

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**  
**The Third Sunday of Advent**  
**13 December 2020 ✱ 10:00 A.M.**

Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Allison Caudill, *Celebrant*  
Mr. Ben Cowgill, *Preacher*

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prelude**                      **“Comfort, Comfort now my people”**                      **Paul Manz**

**First Hymn**                      **“On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”**                      **Hymnal, 76**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system covers the first five verses of the hymn, and the second system covers the next five verses. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a basso continuo line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.  
 Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

## The Opening Acclamation

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***Celebrant*** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
***People*** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Kyrie

Frank W. Boles

*Cantor* *All*  
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

*Cantor*  
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

*All*  
 Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

*Descant*  
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

*All*  
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



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## The Salutation & Collect of the Day

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**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion-- to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as

a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

## **Psalm 126**

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*In convertendo*

<sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

<sup>3</sup> Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for them."

<sup>4</sup> The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.

<sup>5</sup> Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

<sup>6</sup> Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>7</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

## The Sequence

## “Come, thou long expected Jesus”

Hymnal, 66

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

## The Holy Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

***The people remain standing. The Celebrant says***

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

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?"

John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*After the reading, the Celebrant says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Said by all, standing*

**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.**

## **The Prayers of the People, Form II**

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*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Terry, our Bishop, for this

gathering; for Michael, Allison, Anne, Art, and Jim, our clergy and for all clergy and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, **especially for Dennis White** . Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for **Al, Allen, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Calvin Riley, Carol, Charles, Christy, Dave, David, Diana, Doug, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Erma, Gene, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jewell, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kelly, Ken, Kirk, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Mary, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Paul, Phil, Rob, Ronald, Sandy, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Trish, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn; for the men and women of our armed forces, especially Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve.**

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## Confession of Sin

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**Celebrant** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All** 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 Absolution

### The Peace

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

**People** And also with you.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn “The King shall come when morning dawns” Hymnal, 73

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to  
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and



1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;  
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925) Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

## The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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*Celebrant* *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. 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.

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to

make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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*

**Sanctus**

**“Conditor alme siderum”**

**Frank W. Boles**

*Cantor* *All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of po-wer and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 - san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
*Cantor*  
 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*Descant*  
 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
*All*  
 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

- san - na in the high - est. Ho -

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*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.

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 forever. **Amen.**

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

**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 Fraction Anthem**

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

## Communion Hymn

## “Creator of the stars of night”

Hymnal, 60



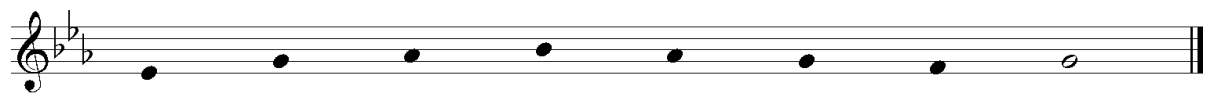
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse  
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,  
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now  
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,  
 \* 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,  
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,  
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;  
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,  
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free  
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child  
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.  
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.  
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.  
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.  
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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## A Prayer from the St. Augustine Prayer Book

*As the celebrant receives the elements of Communion, the congregation says aloud this prayer*

**All** Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

## The Blessing

### The Final Hymn

### “O come, o come, Emmanuel”


Hymnal, 56  
(vs. 5-6)




(Dec. 23) 1	O	come,	O	come,	Em - man	-	u - el,	and	ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2	O	come,	thou	Wis - dom	from		on high,	who	or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3	O	come,	O	come,	thou Lord		of might,	who	to thy
(Dec. 19) 4	O	come,	thou	Branch	of Jes	-	se's tree,	free	them from
(Dec. 20) 5	O	come,	thou	Key	of Da	-	vid, come,	and	o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6	O	come,	thou	Day - spring	from		on high,	and	cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7	O	come,	De - sire	of na	-	tions,	bind	in	one the
(Dec. 23) 8	O	come,	O	come,	Em - man	-	u - el,	and	ran - som



1	here	un - til	the	Son	of	God	ap - pear.		
2	show,	and	teach	us	in	her	ways	to	go.
3	law,	in	cloud,	and	ma - jes - ty,		and	awe.	
4	save,	and	give	them	vic - tory	o'er	the	grave.	
5	high,	and	close	the	path	to	mis -	er - y.	Re - joice! Re - joice!
6	night,	and	death's	dark	shad - ow	put	to	flight.	
7	cease,	and	be	thy - self	our	King	of	Peace.	
8	here	un - til	the	Son	of	God	ap - pear.		



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.*

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## The Dismissal

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**"Veni, Emmanuel" - Improvisation**

**Stephen Price**

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## Christmas Eve/Day Service Times

*Dec 24, 2020*

**5:00pm:** Family Service with a Children's message  
(<https://www.facebook.com/StLukesAnchorage>)

**8:00pm:** Traditional Service with a Sermon  
(<https://www.facebook.com/StLukesAnchorage>)

*Dec 25, 2020*

**9:00am:** Special Service of Morning Prayer with Sermon  
(<https://www.facebook.com/StLukesAnchorage>)

*Dec 27, 2020*

**10:00am:** Christmas Service of Lessons & Carols  
[recorded]  
(<https://www.facebook.com/StLukesAnchorage>)



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **St. Luke's Upcoming Music**

**St. Luke's Music Series is pleased to present Dr. Stephen Price in a virtual recital of Advent organ music TODAY, December 13 at 3:30 pm.** Dr. Price recently joined Seven Eight Artists, and his upcoming recital will be his first since joining their management. Music of Nicholas Bruhns, Johannes Brahms, J. S. Bach, Hugo Distler and Aldophus Hailstork.

**Lisa Lewis and Friends will present a Virtual Christmas concert of sacred and secular carols on December 20 at 3:30 pm.** Along with some traditional organ selections, Doug Murray will sing some of your favorite Christmas songs, organ arrangements of dances from "The Nutcracker", and perhaps a zany encore with organ and piano duet and percussion! Wear your favorite Christmas sweater, light the fire and pour your favorite Christmas beverage and prepare to be entertained!

### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

Bible study is cancelled for the remainder of 2020. We will announce in 2021, when bible study restarts.

### **Christmas Outreach for 2020**

#### ***Deadline to have your items turned in : December 21, 2020***

This year, instead of hosting an Angel Tree to sponsor individual children and youth at Bellewood & Brooklawn, we have been invited to do something a little different! In your email and on our Facebook page, you will find a list of requests for items needed in the cottages of the children and youth, as well as items needed by the young people who will be transitioning into independent living in 2021. While this list does not include the usual toys and games that we are used to giving, it is a great honor to be asked to provide for the needs of these young people who are preparing to enter adulthood during this tumultuous season. Our family of St Luke's will be a part of easing that transition and ensuring their new homes are well-stocked and comfortable. A donation drop-off will be set up on the porch of Lyman House (the church office) and collected items will be brought to Bellewood during the entire season of Advent.

If you would still like to sponsor a child or make your purchases online, there is more information here: [https://bellewoodandbrooklawn.org/wp-content/uploads/Wish-List-2020\\_Holidays-page-001.jpg](https://bellewoodandbrooklawn.org/wp-content/uploads/Wish-List-2020_Holidays-page-001.jpg) **NOTICE** : Items must be brand new, in original packaging due to COVID. No gently used items this year.

We hope you will consider making a donation!

## **Bourbon Smoked Spiral Cut Hams for Christmas**

With much thought, planning and working with Fr. Michael, the Brotherhood has developed a plan with strict adherence to today's food handling protocols. All the work will be completed by a small team that's always wearing masks and gloves. The work will be done outdoors at our smoker on Lyman House grounds.

Spiral cut smoked & seasoned hams are **\$49.95** (average weight: 10lbs). Because many family gatherings are smaller this year, we are offering half hams for **\$26.95** (approximate 5lbs).

***Orders must be received by Wednesday, December 16th at 3pm.*** An email will be sent out twice more with the link to order, or contact Dawn at [admin@stlukesanchorage.org](mailto:admin@stlukesanchorage.org).

**PICKUP AT LYMAN HOUSE- MUST BE Saturday, December 19th from noon to 2pm (No exceptions).** Pay by cash or check day of pick up. **Make checks payable to BOSA or Brotherhood of St. Andrew.**

## **Christmas Memorials**

We continue our tradition of decorating the church for Christmas with memorial poinsettias and large wreaths, as well as memorializing loved ones through contributions for special Christmas music. Due to COVID, we sent out an email that you can respond to, or you can email her at [admin@stlukesanchorage.org](mailto:admin@stlukesanchorage.org). Please indicate if it is **in MEMORY of** or **in THANKSGIVING of** someone and list their names clearly. **The deadline has been extended to Monday, December 14.**

**Poinsettia Memorials** – the cost for poinsettias is \$9 per plant.

**Wreath Memorials** – We will again be hanging large wreaths inside the church on the stone walls between the windows. The cost for each wreath is \$100. We hope parishioners will help subsidize this decorating effort by donating for a wreath, or part of one, in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving.

**Music Memorials** – Give to our wonderful music program as God plants in your heart. You may give throughout the year to the music program, but in order to get your memorial in print, the deadline is December 14.

## **Advent Study of Mary the Mother of Jesus!**

**Beginning December 3<sup>rd</sup> and running through December 17, Thursday nights from 6:45-7:45 via Zoom**, please join Mother Allison for an Advent study of Mary the Mother of Jesus! This study will cover Mary's appearances in scripture, art, and music as well as how we, as Episcopalians, interact with her as part of the Great Cloud of Witnesses. All are welcome to join this study, for one week or for all three Thursdays as part of your preparation for Christmas. Follow the link below on Thursday nights for prayer and conversation, and invite your friends!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/284582639>

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### **Contemporary Anglican Theologians – Sunday 9am Class**

Please join us Sunday mornings, 9:00, as we have begun a new series.

There are several Anglican (including many Episcopalian) theologians who have written during our lifetime, most of them are still working. They have written some fascinating ideas that enrich our understanding of God, Jesus, the Church and spirituality. Their work has added clarity, insight and depth to Anglican Christianity. We will be spending the next couple of months discussing these theologians and their ideas.

For more information, email Dave Kirchinger at [episcopaliandave@gmail.com](mailto:episcopaliandave@gmail.com).

The link to the class is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85144530030> / Meeting ID: 851 4453 0030

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### **Centering Prayer**

***Centering Prayer will not meet on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>.*** Meet back with us in January, 2021, TWICE a month, every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, **January 12 and 26, from 6 – 7pm** on ZOOM.

Link to Centering Prayer Group: <https://zoom.us/j/85280543522>

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### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**If you've had a birthday or anniversary over the past several weeks, or have one coming up in the weeks ahead,** please let Dawn know, [admin@stlukesanchorage.org](mailto:admin@stlukesanchorage.org). Let her know your birthday, or the date of your wedding anniversary and how many years you've been married, and we will offer a blessing over you during our recorded worship.

### **LAY PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY**

Pastoral care is a ministry provided by volunteer parishioners to individuals needing home, hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation facility visitations. Arrangements can be made for communion and meals as requested. All information is confidential unless you give permission to share with others.

#### **CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO LET US KNOW YOUR NEEDS.**

Reminder, if you do go to the hospital, let the hospital know your church affiliation or try to have your caregiver do so. Our ministry is here for you in time of need so remember to call the church office at 245-8827 or e-mail at [admin@stlukesanchorage.org](mailto:admin@stlukesanchorage.org)

***The Flowers on the Altar*** are given by Lou & Bonnie Young in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Louis D. Young and Mr. & Mrs. William E. Burch.

***Flowers are also given by*** Michael Goad in loving memory of Seth & Suzie Holleman.

**In our prayers ... Al, Allen, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Calvin Riley, Carol, Charles, Christy, Dave, David, Diana, Doug, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Erma, Gene, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jewell, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kelly, Ken, Kirk, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Mary, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Paul, Phil, Rob, Ronald, Sandy, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Trish, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn;** and our men and women serving in our armed forces and their families. We offer prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for all men and women serving in the armed services, especially these persons known to us: **Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve.** We pray that they have safe journeys and know the loving concern of friends and family. May God watch over them and grant them strength and courage to face perils which beset them.

**Readings for:**

<b>December 20:</b>	<b>II Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Canticle 15;</b>
<b>Advent IV</b>	<b>Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38.</b>