

9:30 a.m.

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Hymn # 89 verses 1,2,&3

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. Isaiah 61.1

Processional Hymn: # 88

The Gathering of the Community

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Hear, O Israel

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The Collect of the Day

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The Proclamation of the Word

Isaiah 35: 1 - 10

Psalms 146: 4 - 9 – sung

James 5: 7 – 10

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Gospel Acclamation: # 715

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11: 2 - 11

The Sermon:

The Creed

The Prayers of the People

The Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

Offertory Hymn: # 105

The Holy Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

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Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

***Receiving Holy Communion:** This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith*

or little, have tried to follow or are afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him might meet him here. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by placing your arms across your chest. We ask that you not dip the bread into the chalice. If you are not comfortable with the common cup, please receive only the bread. Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament. (Gluten free bread is available on request).

Communion & Ablutions Hymn: # 78

Prayer after Communion

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The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: # 102

Dismissal

Our Ministers today:

Host:Elizabeth Mickelson

Greeter:Al Chisholm

Readers:Jim Green, Eleanor Blair

Prayers of the People:Brenda O'Neill

Servers:Bruce Adderley

Eucharistic Assistants:Elizabeth Mickelson, Bruce Adderley

Chancel Guild:Erminie Reid, Cyndi Roy

Coffee Hosts:Dale Sparkes

Food Cupboard:Linda Rintamaki, Connie Bryson, Mark, Shirley,
Marilyn & Al Chisholm, Jim Bolt, Wayne Edmunds.

Scripture Readings for next Sunday – 4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7: 10 - 16

Psalms 80: 1 – 7, 16 - 18

Romans 1: 1 - 7

Matthew 1: 18 - 25

Upcoming Events

please see the posters on the bulletin board for details.

- Dec 17** **The Lakehead Choral Group** is presenting “The Spirit of Christmas” at 7:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Church. Tickets \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door available from Rollasons, Kitchen Nook, Finnish Book Store and Music World Academy.
- Dec. 17** at 7 p.m. & Dec. 18 at 4 p.m. **A Daylan James Christmas** at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Tickets \$20.
- Dec. 20** **Thunder Bay Community Band** presents A Gift of Music at Hilldale Lutheran Church at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and seniors.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

Christmas Eve: Holy Eucharist with traditional carols @ 7 p.m.
Christmas Day: Holy Eucharist @ 9:30 a.m.
January 1: Service of Lessons and Carols @ 9:30a.m.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Our prayers are asked for Kericho, (Kenya).

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: We are asked to pray for the General Secretary Archdeacon Michael Thompson and national staff of the Anglican Church of Canada; and Director Trina Gallop and staff of Communications and Stewardship and Director Kyle Giesbrecht and staff of Finance and Administration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Our prayers are asked for The Algoma Anglican and The Rev. Peter Simmons, Editor.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Elsie Dumbrell, Mary Edwards, Emil, Margot, Steven & Abby Engler, Gwen Evans, Rose Overall, and Bruce & Ann Flatt.

Parish Statistics (last week)

Sunday 9:30: 52

Parochial: EOP: \$994.04 Givings: \$905.00 Total: \$1899.04

Required to meet our budget: \$1,643.00 per week.

Calendar for the Week

Wed. Dec. 14

11 a.m.

Warden's meeting

7 p.m.

Advisory board meeting

Thurs. Dec. 15

7 p.m.

Choir rehearsal

Fri. Dec. 16

9:30 a.m.

Decorate the church

10:15 am

Craft Group

Parish News.

Flowers for Christmas: Anyone wishing to donate towards the Christmas Altar flowers please contact Audrey Love at 344-4955 before Dec. 18th. Thank you.

Advent Devotions – You are invited to sign up to receive a daily e-mail including a short meditation to reflect on and pray about this Advent season. The website is www.anglicancommunion.org/adventword

2017 Calendars are available from Liz Whalley for \$7 each.

Our Annual Vestry meeting is fast approaching – If you are responsible for a group, please ensure that Sharon Corston has your report **before January 8, 2017**. Vestry motions are also due at the same time. Thank you.

A note about hospital visits: When visiting the Regional Hospital, George only has access to a list of patients designated St. Luke's or St. John's Anglican. Unfortunately, despite the ongoing efforts of the Council of Clergy and others, on average, only 40% of the patients have any religion listed. In order to receive a visit when in the hospital, please have a family member or friend notify him (at the numbers on the bulletin) that you are in hospital and would appreciate a visit.

Volunteers needed! Do you enjoy visiting with parishioners on Sunday mornings over a cup of coffee or tea? It is an enjoyable time of fellowship and catching up on the news. However, it can't happen without people to make the coffee, put out some cookies and tidy up afterwards. At this time we have very few parishioners providing this service. Your help is needed. Please speak to Al or Marilyn Chisholm, Neil or Audrey Love, Mary Ripley, Dale Sparkes or Erminie Reid to join the 'coffee team'. Everyone works in pairs, a schedule is drawn up and, with enough volunteers your turn could come around every 4 to 5 weeks.

Sign Up – There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Greeters, readers, POP, EA's etc. are needed for Christmas Eve at 7 p.m., Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday January 1 at 9:30 a.m. Please fill in the blanks where you are able. Thank you. Any questions see Erminie.

St. John's Food Cupboard days for December will be Dec. 3rd and 17th. The cupboard will not be open Dec. 25. The regular schedule will resume in January with the Cupboard open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month. Thanks to everyone for their support during the past year!

EOP Donors: Any changes that need to be made to your givings and/or donations, please complete the form which is available at the back of the church and forward it to the church office, give it to a warden, or place it on the offering plate. Thank you.

The Anglican Journal, Algoma Anglican, St. John's Lamplighter - there are copies of the most recent editions of these publications at the back of the church. If you have not received copies in the mail and would like one, please take one.

Neighbourhood News

The **Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Group** – Will be holding a Variety Showcase starring Daylin James and E.L.V.I.S. in support of their bursary fund on Friday, January 20th, 2017 at Hilldale Lutheran Church starting at 7:00 pm. Tickets \$20, available at the door or from Sharon Corston.- THEY MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

Faye Peterson House: is inviting food donations or Christmas gifts (including gift cards) for families they are supporting at this time. They are also looking for financial support for the development of second stage housing where women and children can reside for another year after they have left the shelter and find the support they need to continue their transition to live lives free of violence. Online

donations possible at www.fayepeterson.org

Mission to Seafarers – The Mission invites donations of **warm, men's clothing** – all sizes. Many sailors come from warmer countries and our weather can be rather cold. Donations can be put in the drop off box outside the Seafarers' Centre or given to the Mission to Seafarer Rep at each Anglican parish. For further information call (807) 344-8241 or go to www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay. See box at the back of the church.