

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

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. Luke 3.4,6

Processional Hymn: # 108
The Gathering of the Community P 185
Hear, O Israel P 69
The Collect of the Day P 269

The Proclamation of the Word

Isaiah 11: 1 - 10

Psalm 72: response:

Romans 15: 4 - 13

Gospel Acclamation: # 715
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3: 1 - 12
The Sermon:
The Creed
The Prayers of the People
The Confession and Absolution P 191
The Peace
Offertory Hymn: # 92

The Holy Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts P270
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 nave of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
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The Lord's Prayer P 211
The Breaking of the Bread P 213

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: # 84 P.214
Prayer after Communion

The Blessing
Announcements
Recessional Hymn: # 95
Dismissal

Our Ministers today:

Host: Marilyn Chisholm
Greeter: Elizabeth Mickelson
Readers: Erminie Reid, Dale Sparkes
Prayers of the People: Elizabeth Whalley
Servers: Bruce Adderley
Eucharistic Assistants: Linda Rintamaki, David Reid
Chancel Guild: Audrey Love, Karen Ristanen
Coffee Hosts: Al & Marilyn Chisholm
Food Cupboard: Closed

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Our prayers are asked for Karnataka North, (South India) and the Rt. Rev'd Ravikumar Niranjana.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: We are asked to pray for the Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz and staff of the Primate's Office of the Anglican Church of Canada; and the National Bishop Susan Johnson and national staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Our prayers are asked for Christ Church, Port Sydney, St. Mary's, Beatrice, St. George's and The Rev. Howard Hawes.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Joe, Nancy, Ivy, & Tim Crane, Robert & Sharon Crowe, Scott, Kerri, Cole, & Nathan Dawson, Richard & Mary Jane Deeley, and David & Sheila Douglas.

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.*

Scripture Readings for next Sunday – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5: 7 - 10

Psalm 146:4 – 9
Matthew 11: 2 - 11

Parish Statistics (last week)

Sunday 9:30: 57

Parochial: EOP: \$994.04 Givings: \$290.00 Total: \$1284.04
Required to meet our budget: \$1,643.00 per week.

Calendar for the Week

Fri. Dec. 9 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 Study: entitled 'The Jesus Fatwah: Love your neighbour (Muslim) as yourself'. Please speak to Gail Clifton (768-9865) if you are interested in attending.

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

Plans are afoot to send Christmas greetings and cookies & treats out to our shut in parishioners. Volunteers are needed to assist with the delivery. Please speak to Marg Boone if you can help with this.

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.

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

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 – A General Meeting of the Mission to Seafarers will be held on Wed. Dec. 7 at 11:45 a.m. at the Seafarers' Centre, Keefer Terminal, 100 Main St., Thunder Bay. Following the meeting, there will be a St. Nicholas Day Eucharist and lunch; at 12:10 p.m. St. Nicholas is the patron saint of 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.

The **Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Group** - is planning a Daylin James concert on Friday, January 20th, 2017 at Hilldale Lutheran Church starting at 7:00 pm. Tickets \$20, available shortly.

Upcoming Events

please see the posters on the bulletin board for details.

Dec. 4 **Greek Orthodox Ladies' Philoptochos Society** of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church invites you to their Christmas Café from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$4.00.

The Sunday Nite choir is presenting their Annual Christmas Concert on Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Church, 289 North Court St. A free will offering will be taken.

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.