



St. Peter's Church

Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin

*Providing opportunities for all people to
grow in Faith, Hope, and Love*

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019 | 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program

The Rev. Dr. John Throop, Celebrant

The Rev. Gregory Schultz, Deacon

Barbara Zirwes-Nysse, Music Minister

The Word of God

Prelude

(10:00 a.m.)

Opening Hymn

"Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" v.1-4

Blue #59

The Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(8:00 a.m.)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(10:00 a.m.) Song of Praise

"Glorify Your Name"

Song Sheet

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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 forever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (35:1-10)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!"

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

Psalm 146 (4-9)

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign forever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Letter of James (5:7-10)

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your

hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn

"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" v.1-2

Green #320

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (11:2-11)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn (cont.)

"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" v.3-4

Green #320

8:00 a.m.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. John R. Throop

10:00 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program

The Nicene Creed

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 VI)

BCP #392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; We pray for Donald our president, Tony our governor, Randy our mayor, and for members of the Armed Forces including Ethan, Robert, Amanda, Jake, Justin, Ryan, Kelsie and Ethan.

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Matthew our Bishop, Bishop Godfrey and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Masvingo; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Proclamation of Forgiveness

The Peace

Holy Communion

Offertory Song
The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

"Seek Ye First"

Song Sheet
BCP #367

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant adds a Proper Preface.

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.

(8:00 a.m.)

**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.

(10:00 a.m.)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty.

And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love. Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy.

Glory, Glory in the highest. Glory, Glory in the highest.

And we bring these gifts before You as a token of our love. Glory, Glory in the highest.

Praise and honor, praise and honor, O Most Holy, all praise and honor.

And we come to You in worship as a token of our love. Praise and honor, praise and honor.

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,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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 blessed Peter 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:

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 Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Communion Song

"Spirit of the Living God"

Song Sheet

After Communion

BCP #367

Let us pray. **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

"I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord"

Green #806

The Dismissal: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar this morning are given by the people of St. Peter's Episcopal Church for the many blessings of God.

Server Schedule	Sunday	Greeter/Usher	Reader	Chalice	Acolyte
	12/15	Heather Schneider Raylyn Krauter	Gordie Pribek	Linda Palmer	Linda Palmer
	12/22	Roger Dulmes Sharon Dulmes	Dale Robson	Barb Schultz	Barb Schultz
	12/29	Paul Bartelt	Betty Liddle	Nancy Simenz	Linda Palmer
	1/05	Heather Schneider Raylyn Krauter	Karen Ambelang	Barb Schultz	Barb Schultz

Announcements

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S! We are happy to have you with us today. We invite you to join us for our Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist this morning. If you are visiting, we invite you to fill out a yellow card, so that we can be in touch. During worship, if you have a cell phone or a pager, we ask that you turn it to silent or off, so that we can concentrate on worship. Thank you.

PRAYER LIST: Part of Christian life, and participation in church life, is to pray for the needs of others. We try to keep our prayer list current—you'll find it on the last page of the bulletin. In order to keep the list current, we will include names in the **New and Immediate Requests** for four weeks, unless you ask that names continue on that list after the four weeks. We may move these names to the **Long-Term** list. Please check with Fr. John when you want to have a name included.

VESTRY MEETING: There is a Vestry meeting **today** after the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. Visitors are welcome.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you wish to donate for Christmas Altar flowers, you may do so up until December 22nd.

TERRACE PLACE: Thank you for your generosity of heart and spirit shown to our family in Christ who live in Terrace Place.

Fr. John will lead the monthly Protestant worship service at Terrace Place is **Tuesday, December 17th at 10:30 a.m. in the Party Room**. All are welcome to come to this service. This month, we'll focus on Christmas. Terrace Place is located at 1231 N. Eisner Avenue in Sheboygan.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PETER'S: This Christmas, there are three worship opportunities: on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will offer a **Family Eucharist** at **5:00 p.m.**, a **Christmas Eucharist** at **10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve**, and a **Holy Eucharist** on **Christmas Day** at 9:00 a.m. Please invite family and friends to celebrate this wonderful holiday with us!

COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP: There are Sundays available for any who can help with the coffee hour. We will help with the set-up; all you need to do is bring some food to share (whatever you'd like to bring, however much or little), and help with the clean-up. Thanks for sharing your hospitality! If you can help with coffee hour, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST AND BIBLE STUDY: Please join us this Wednesday for Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. and Bible study at 10:00 a.m. We will continue in our study entitled "Entering Exodus". All are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Bible study on December 25th or January 1st; and no Eucharist on January 1st.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY: Several members of St. Peter's can use a ride to church, particularly on Sunday mornings. Can you provide a ride? There's a sign-up list at the back of the church. One section is for those who need help with transportation; the other is for those who can provide it from time to time. For our Christmas services it may be especially helpful. Thanks for your help with this ministry.

HELPING KIDS: With the holidays coming up, Helping Kids would like to be able to share some extra food blessings with the families they are currently helping. Please consider donating some very much-needed food item. **There will be a basket at the back of the church for non-perishable food items.** If you wish to make a **monetary donation** for the purchase of needed food items, please write your check out to **'Sheboygan Falls Food Bank'** and in the memo line put 'Helping Kids'. Thank you for your support.

Prayer Requests

New and Immediate Prayer Requests: Bret; Charlie; Joanne S.; Maryann; Robin; Tim H.; Todd; Thomas+

Long-term and Ongoing Prayer Requests: Andre; Arlyne; Betty D.; Bill; Dave A.; Florence; Francine; Joan B.; Joan S.; Joey; John W.; Julie; Ken H.; Kevin; Kris; Larry; Leah; Michael; Randy S.; Stephen; Zakary

Our Shut-ins: Carol, Elizabeth, Gertrude, Helen, Joan B., Nancy B., Pam, Sue

The Church: Diocesan Staff and Ministries

In the Anglican Communion: Pray for Sokoto (*Nigeria*)

Companion Diocese: Diocese of Masvingo, Bishop Godfrey Tawonezvi and the clergy and people

For Missionaries and persecuted Christians throughout the world

Peace where there is turmoil; that true and lasting peace will be realized

Members of the Armed Forces: Ethan, Robert, Amanda, Jake, Justin, Ryan, Kelsie and Ethan

Vestry

Fr. John R. Throop & Deacon Greg Schultz

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