



St. Peter's Church

Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin

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

Second Sunday of Advent

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

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 *"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

Green #735

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.**

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.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (11:1-10)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

Psalm 72 (1-7, 18-19)

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (15:4-13)

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised, on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore, I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again, he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him;"

and again, Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Sequence Hymn

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Blue #65

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (3:1-12)
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor;' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

"The Retouched Photo"

The Rev. Dr. John R. Throop

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

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Song Sheet

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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

"As the Deer Panteth for the Water"

Song Sheet

After Communion

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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 Song

"You Are My All in All"

Song Sheet

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
	12/08	Roger Dulmes Sharon Dulmes	Linda Palmer	Nancy Simenz	Barb Schultz
	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

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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: will be **next Sunday** during the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. The children will lead us in a carol sing. It's a great Sunday to invite family and friends to join in worship. A reception will follow. Parishioners are invited to bring appetizers to share.

ANGEL TREE: The Salvation Army Angel Tree giving program begins **today**. Please look for an Angel Tree tag on the Christmas tree at the back of the church, and then select the receiving family from the chart near the tree. The gifts are due by **December 12th**. Thanks to Louise Robson for overseeing this ministry. If you have questions, contact her at (920) 918-1438.

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!

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. Thanks for your help with this ministry.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH: **Saturday, December 14th** we will be Greening the Church starting at **10:00 a.m.** Refreshments will be available!

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.; 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; 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: Retired clergy of the diocese

In the Anglican Communion: Pray for the work of the Mothers' Union around the world

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

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