



The Second Sunday of Advent

A Service of Holy Eucharist

Saturday, December 3, 5 pm

Sunday, December 4, 10:15 am

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Childcare for infants through 4 years old is available on Sunday morning on the lower level, near the north entrance.

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Sung Procession

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Opening Hymn

On Jordan's Bank

Gather 344



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
 2. Then cleansed be ev - ery heart from sin; Make
 3. For you are our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
 4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand, And
 5. All praise the Son e - ter - nal - ly, Whose



noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - en,
 straight the way of God with - in, And let each heart pre -
 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; With - out your grace we
 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; Shine forth, and let your
 ad - vent sets his peo - ple free; Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 pare a home Where such a might - y guest may come.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 light re - store Earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 we a - dore And Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.

Text: *Jordanis oras praevia*; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806-1876
Tune: WINCHESTER NEW, LM; adapt. from *Musikalisches Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690

Liturgical Greeting

Priest Blessed are you, holy and living One.
 People You come to your people and set them free.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Watch and wait for Christ's coming.

Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope.

We light this candle in peace.

Trisagion

Hymnal #S102

(Saturday)

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

Collect of the Day

Deacon God be with you.
People And also with you.
Deacon Let us pray together

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.

Children Living the Word Commissioning

At this time, children in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited downstairs to Children Living the Word, returning before communion.

Loving God, who told us that whoever welcomes a child welcomes Jesus himself, bless these children. Guide us as we encourage them in your ways, so that they might become disciples who are your hands and feet and voice in this world. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Reading

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.**

The Second Reading

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.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Hymnal 56, v. 1-3

1 **O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

**Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!**

4 **O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.**

Refrain

5 **O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.**

Refrain

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

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

“Pointing to Jesus”
The Rev. Kyle Carswell

Please stand as you are able.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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,*
who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

* When the Nicene Creed was written at the ecumenical councils of the 4th century, it stated that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father. The now-familiar phrase “and the Son” was added several centuries later by Western Christians without the approval of Eastern Christians, who have continued using the original wording. Debate over this addition became a source of division between the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches. In its ecumenical dialogues with Orthodox churches, the Episcopal Church agreed that future publications of the Creed would drop the phrase “and the Son” in solidarity with Eastern Christians as a sign of the church’s unity.

The Prayers of the People

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, remind us that you are always with us, that we might always be eager to fulfill your will, and be eager to pray:

O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, especially Tom, Denny, Cindy, Zion, Mary Ann, Gene, Dan, Cheryl, and Sioux; that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the blessings of this life:

For those celebrating a birthday, especially Hillary, Susan, Hugh, Madison, Meredith, Gail and Dee; &
For our 2nd Offering Partner in December, the Angel Tree and the Faith & Food Fund.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

For those in service to our country, especially Scott, Jack, Zach, Marshall, Reece, and Parker;
For our Re-Entry Partner, Nancy;
For our Re-Entry Team: Pat, Amy, Karen, Elizabeth, Bill and Jeanie;
For St. Peter in Bettendorf, St. Alban in Davenport, and St. Mark in Maquoketa in the Diocese of Iowa;
For the clergy and all people of our companion Dioceses of Brechin, Nzara, and Swaziland; and
For the victims of war and oppression and for all who seek a just peace.

Concluding Collect

Deacon O Christ, hear our prayers, restore us, and show us the glorious light of your countenance, that we might be saved. Come Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

People Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Priest God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Amen.

The Peace

Priest The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory

Is Your Heart Prepared for a King

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Please stand as you are able for the singing of the Doxology.

Doxology

Hymnal 380, v. 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise, 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim your glory:

Sanctus

**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.**

The musical score is written in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. It consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Communion

You do not need to be a member of this church or of any church to receive communion.

To receive the sacrament, come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The wine is received by intinction, by dipping the wafer into the bowl.

*Please let the clergy know if you require a **gluten-free wafer**.*

*To indicate that you would prefer a **blessing only**, cross your arms across your chest.*

If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.

Communion Anthem

Remember Me

Althouse

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name. Amen.

Canticle of the Turning



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who
 depths of the past to the end of the age to
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing



wait. You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 be. Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 throne. The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 grasp. This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

Text: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney, b.1952
 Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; Irish traditional; arr. by Rory Cooney, b.1952
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Dismissal

Deacon Go forth now to do the work God has given us to do.
 People **We will with God's help.**

Postlude

Please join us following worship on Sunday for coffee & fellowship in the Parish Hall.

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Presider/Preacher

The Rev. Kyle Carswell

Deacon

The Rev. Jeanie Smith

Organist

Don Agee

Acolytes

Lillie McManus, Sang Min Preston, Max Preston

Chalice Bearers

OPEN (5 pm)

John Wheeler, Cameron Wheeler (10:15 am)

Lector/Litanist

Sue Curley (5 pm)

Dan Montgomery (10:15 am)

Youth Lector

Bri Arnold

Oblation Bearers

Kathy & Mark Larson (5 pm)

Amelia Bylund, Bev Blaha (10:15 am)

Ushers

OPEN (5 pm)

Moses Bittok, Marshall Little (10:15 am)

Altar Guild

Jennie McKinney (5 pm)

Amy Rech (10:15 am)

Livestream Coordinator

Colleen Krantz

Offering Counters

Priscilla Sayeed, Bill Smith

Vestry Representative

OPEN (5 pm)

Amy Rech (10:15 am)

2nd OFFERING PARTNER

The Angel Tree & St. Timothy's Faith & Food Fund



We will once again “adopt” six families for whom to purchase Christmas gifts. Individuals and families are encouraged to choose an ornament from the Angel Tree in the Parish Hall or use the qr code below to select a recipient, purchase and wrap the gifts requested and return the gifts on December 18th. On that day, gifts will surround our altar and will be blessed before they are given to the families. It’s a fun time to spread Christmas cheer and, as always, one more opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.

Financial gifts will help fund this effort and our Faith & Food Fund, which allows us to assist individuals with immediate needs throughout the year. If you would like to help support this ministry financially, you can do so at: sttimothyiowa.org/donate



COMING UP

High School Angel Tree Shopping, Wrapping & Holiday Celebration

Sunday, December 4 | Following the 10:15 am service in the Parish Hall



We will divide into shopping teams, create a shopping plan and head out to shop. Following shopping, we will meet back in the parish hall to wrap gifts, enjoy treats and listen to Christmas music or have a holiday movie playing. Please contact Mindy Bylund at mindybylund@gmail.com or 515-371-7067 to sign up your high schooler or let us know if you can assist with driving, oversee wrapping, or co-chair this event with Mindy.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday, December 5

1 pm Casserole Baking
6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, December 7

7 am Advent Formation Series
6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 8

9:30 am Bible Study
5:30 pm YJI

Friday, December 9

10 am BBB

Saturday, December 10

9 am Centering Prayer
5 pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 11

ST. LUCY LITURGY

8:45 am Childcare Available
9 am Formation
9:15 am Joppa Meal Prep
10:15 am Holy Eucharist
11:30 am Coffee Hour
11:30 am Christmas Pageant Practice

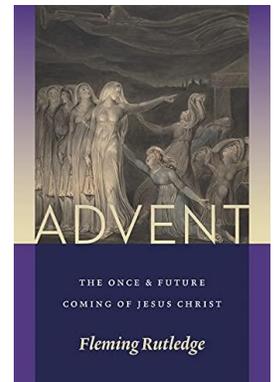
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For those celebrating a birthday: Hillary Gaebler, Susan Vande Haar, Hugh Drake, Madison Nastruz, Meredith Nastruz, Gail Stilwill, and Dee Mable

Adult Advent Formation Series

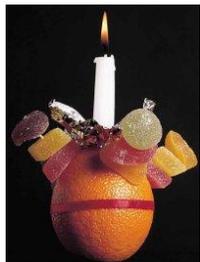
Wednesdays, December 7 and 14
7 a.m. in the Parish Hall

We'll begin our Wednesdays in Advent with breakfast at the church and a chance to dive deeper into the meaning of the season. Helping us on this journey will be the writings of Fleming Rutledge, an Episcopal priest and author. Each week we will read a sermon from her book, *Advent: The Once and Future Coming of Jesus Christ*, then discuss how it might enrich our understanding of Advent and the season's relevance to our lives. No advance preparation necessary. Just come enjoy some food and conversation!



St. Lucy Liturgy - An Intergenerational Service

Sunday, December 11 at 10:15 a.m.



Celebrate St. Lucy, the patron saint of light, in an intergenerational service designed to engage both children and adults. During the 9:00 formation hour, elementary age children will create their own Christingles, oranges tied with a ribbon and holding a candle, as well as four sticks with fruit and candy. The children will process in at the beginning of the service with their Christingles, representing the light of Christ to the world. We hope you'll come enjoy the fun!



Women at the Well Service

**Special Service for Women Incarcerated at ICIW
December 15, 7 PM at St. Timothy's**

With prisons closed to volunteers since March 2020, Women at the Well is continuing this new program of recording services that will be played in the Sacred Place at the women's prison in Mitchellville. These services will be held at various partner churches on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. St. Timothy's will host the service on September 29.

Join us at St. Timothy's to bring good news to people who badly need it!

If you are unable to attend in person, the service will be streamed on our YouTube channel:
[youtube.com/c/SaintTimothysIowa](https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintTimothysIowa)

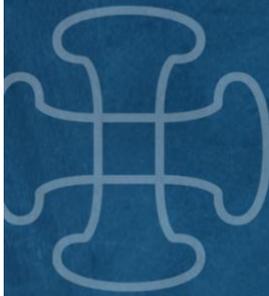
Christmas Flowers & Greens

If you would like to contribute to our Advent & Christmas Flowers and Greens displays this year, please complete the form in your bulletin each week or online at our website DONATE page.

The deadline for your contributions is Friday, December 16th.

To include names you would like to memorialize or give thanks for on the DONATE page, please add them to the special instructions field.





CHRISTMAS AT ST. TIMOTHY'S

Lessons and Carols

December 18 at 10:15 a.m.

Service of Remembrance and Hope

December 21 at 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service with Pageant

December 24 at 5 p.m.

Traditional Christmas Eve Service

December 24 at 9 p.m.

Christmas Day Service

December 25 at 10:15 a.m.



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