

## December 4, 2022 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

### 1st 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 fating 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.

### Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

**Refrain: In his time shall peace and justice flourish.**

Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. **Refrain**

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. **Refrain**

In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds! And blessed be his glorious name for ever! and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen. **Refrain**

### 2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-13

For 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 Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Matthew 3:1-12

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."

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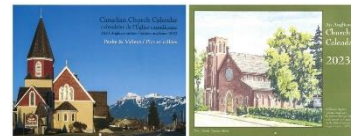
Please pick up your Advent letter in the narthex. There are several unaddressed copies if there is not one with your name on it.

Sunday school will be held during the 10:15 AM service today and on December 18, and January 22 and 29. Our facilitator is Sophie Fuechter-Field.

The Christmas nativity play with lessons and carols is on December 11 at 10:15 AM; the script and costumes are available for pickup today. We are looking for a few more adults and children to take part. The acting roles are non-speaking - to become involved, please call Angela at 403 860 1718. A rehearsal for the actors will be held on December 11 at 9:20 AM.

Christmas In-Reach: The Outreach and Pastoral Care Committees are working together to bring some small Christmas packages (cactuses and bookmarks) to parishioners who are unable to join us in person. We are looking for parishioners who would be interested in writing a card, a note of encouragement, or making a small craft to be included with our packages to add a personal touch. Child-made cards and art are encouraged, and often particularly cherished. If you feel called to contribute, please bring the items to church by December 6th.

Join us following the 10:15 AM service on December 18 for a mincemeat tart and mulled wine. Wanted: five people to bring 1 dozen mincemeat tarts. Please contact the office by December 13 if you wish to provide tarts.



To purchase a BAS or BCP calendar, please put payment in an envelope on the collection plate (envelopes are on the table with the bulletins); write your name on the envelope, the amount of payment, and the number of calendars you wish to purchase. BAS calendars cost \$6 each and BCP calendars are \$9 each. Your calendar(s) will be set out for you to pick up on the following Sunday after payment has been received. The BAS calendars have photographs of churches, while the BCP calendars have watercolour images of churches. If you wish to pay by e-transfer, please send an e-transfer separate from your offering and note in the message section that it is for calendar payment.