



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE I)
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 21, 2014
10:00 AM

*The prelude music offers a time for prayerful preparation for worship.
Please silence all devices.*

THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY

Come, Savior of the Nations

J.S. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Reader People of God: prepare! God, above all, maker of all, is one with us in Christ. Maranatha!

People **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Reader God, the mighty God, bends down in love to earth. Maranatha!

People **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Reader God with us, God beside us, comes soon to the world he has made. Maranatha!

People **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Reader We are God's children, we seek the coming Christ. Maranatha!

People **Come, Lord Jesus!**

CHIME TOLL (3 times) (*please stand, if able, at the tolling of the chime*)

***OPENING SENTENCE AND RESPONSE** (*said by the Celebrant from the back of Nave*)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

***HYMNAL #66** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

STUTTGART

***COLLECT FOR PURITY** (*said by the Celebrant*)

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

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* = standing, if able

COLLECT OF THE DAY(said by the Celebrant)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy Spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son Jesus Christ cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**
(congregation is seated following the collect)

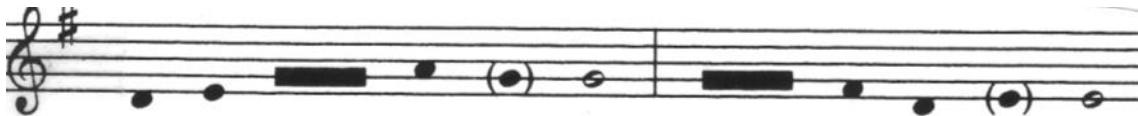
FIRST LESSON II Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 *(seated)*

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

ANTHEM*The Angel Gabriel*

Trad. Basque carol



Soloist: 1. Your love, O LORD, for ever will I / sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your / faithfulness.

All: 2. For I am persuaded that your love is established for / ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly / in the heavens.

3. "I have made a covenant with my / chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David / my servant:

4. 'I will establish your line for / ever, *
and preserve your throne for all gen- / erations.'"

19. You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful / people: *
"I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of / the people.

20. I have found David my / servant; *
with my holy oil have I a- / nointed him.

21. My hand will hold him / fast *
and my arm will / make him strong.

22. No enemy shall de- / ceive him, *
nor any wicked man / bring him down.

23. I will crush his foes be- / fore him *
and strike down those / who hate him.

24. My faithfulness and love shall be with / him, *
and he shall be victorious / through my Name.

25. I shall make his dominion ex- / tend *
from the Great Sea to / the River.

26. He will say to me, 'You are my / Father, *
my God, and the rock of my / salvation.'"

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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

(*Please stand, if able, for the Gospel procession*)

***HYMNAL #56** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI, VENI EMANUEL

(*stanzas 1 and 6 sung before the Gospel reading; stanza 8 sung after*)

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

6. *O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

8. *O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**Gospeller*

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

**People*

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

***GOSPEL**

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

**Gospeller*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People*

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

(congregation may be seated following the Gospel procession and concluding hymn stanza)

SERMON

(a moment of silent reflection follows the sermon)

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.

* = standing, if able

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*standing or kneeling according to your custom*)

Reader
People

COLLECT FOR ST. JOHN'S *(said together by the congregation)*

Gracious God:
by your love you have called us to proclaim with joy the good news of your Son:
So build us up in the knowledge and love of Him
that we may welcome all people into this community of faith,
and show forth our service to you in our service to others;
through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

CONFESSİON OF SIN (*standing or kneeling according to your custom*)

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

(silence is observed)

(congregation recites together)

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him,
Have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

(please stand, if able, and greet one another with signs of God's peace)

*THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(seated)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to share at the Lord's Table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate so by crossing your arms. Please note: gluten-free wafers are available on request of the minister distributing bread.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE *(said by celebrant)*

ANTHEM *Rejoice in the Lord Alway* attributed John Redford

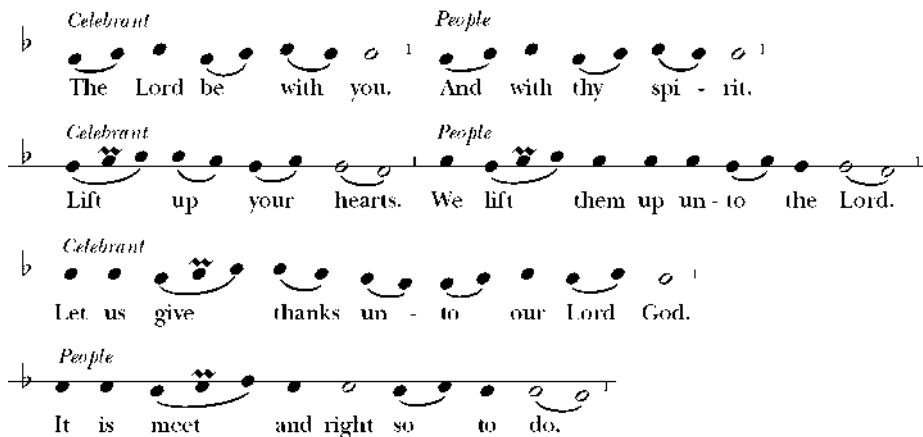
DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #380, stanza 3) *(standing, if able)*

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 340



(Celebrant continues)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, an in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

(continued on next page)

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

Healey Willan

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The lyrics are as follows:

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full
of thy glory.
Glor -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

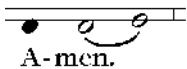
(please stand or kneel, according to your custom)

(The Celebrant continues)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God . . .
For in the night in which he was betrayed . . .
Likewise, after supper, he took the cup . . .
Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of they
dearly beloved Son . . .
And we most humbly beseech Thee, O merciful Father . . .
And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully
to accept this our sacrifice . . . And here we offer to present unto thee, O God, . . .
And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins . . .
But pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost,
all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People



Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

LORD'S PRAYER

(said by all)

**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

*KYRIE ELEISON

Healey Willan

The musical notation consists of five staves of music. The first four staves are in common time (indicated by a 'C') and the fifth staff is in 2/4 time (indicated by a '2'). The key signature is one sharp (G major). The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are several fermatas (dots over notes) and a double bar line with repeat dots at the end of the fourth staff.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

HYMN

Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

SAMANTHRA

1. I - sa - iah the pro - phet has writ - ten of old how
2. Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world. And

God's earth - ly King-dom shall come, In - stead of the thorn tree the
con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the

fir tree shall grow: the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The
sweet - ness of earth: the briar and the thorn grow wild. Lord.

moun - - tains and hills shall break forth in - to song. the
has - - ten to bring in your king - dom on earth. when

peo-ples be led forth in peace,
 no one shall hurt or de - stroy.
 For the earth shall be filled with the
 When wis-dom and jus - tice shall

knowl - edge of God as the wa - ters co - ver the seas.
 reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth in joy.

Words: Joy F. Patterson (b. 1931)
 Music: *Samanthra*, American folk melody, arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

HYMNAL #264
HYMNAL #268
HYMNAL #75
HYMNAL #444

The Word Whom Earth and Sea and Sky
Ye Who Claim the Faith
There's a Voice in the Wilderness
Blessed Be the God

SONG 34
 JULION
 ASCENSION
 THORNBURY

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*said by all, standing or kneeling according to your custom*)

Almighty and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us,
in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby
of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate
in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope,
of thy everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

HYMNAL #54

Savior of the Nations, Come NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Deacon Our worship here has ended.
Our service in the world begins.
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Savior of the Nations, Come

Johann Walther

(you are invited to listen to the concluding music up in the front choir stalls)

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS—DECEMBER 21, 2014 AT 10:00 A.M.

CELEBRANT	The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller
PREACHER	The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson
DEACON	The Reverend Margaret Thor
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST	Jayson R. Engquist
ST. JOHN'S ADULT CHOIR	
ALTAR GUILD	Diane Power, Paige Hagstrom, Heather Joyce, Sarah K. Smith, Sabine Krall Joan Potter
VERGER	
READERS	Shirley Sailors, Keith Davis
ACOLYTES	Eli Weinkauf, Rachel Clark, Ailsa Schmidt, Elliot Wall
USHERS	Jay Debertin, Alden Drew, Mimie Pollard, John MacBain
GREETERS	Jeff Olsen, Peggy Olsen, Don Weinkauf
COFFEE HOUR	Alden Drew & Mimie Pollard



THE PRAYERS

PRAYER REQUESTS

John, Annie, Anna, Ian, Sarah, Evan, Pat, and Patti.

THANKSGIVINGS

For the life of Steve Van Dam, brother of Laurie Arbes; for the life of Evan Karges.

ONGOING PRAYERS FOR

Pat, Millie, Peter, Ginny, Jack, Camille, Susan, Terry, Shepherd, Christopher, Marge, and Amy.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

The Middle East, including Gaza, Israel, Syria, Pakistan and Iraq; for all victims of the Ebola virus; Ferguson, MO; refugees and those who serve them; for all killed and injured in the Pakistani school massacre.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In thanksgiving for the life of the Right Reverend Robert Marshall Anderson.

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pray for the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; for the Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop; and for the Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota.

IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN MINNESOTA'S CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pray for the foundations that minister to children with special needs, especially for the work of the Sheltering Arms Foundation and for all who work in child protection agencies throughout the State of Minnesota. Also pray for Church of the Nativity in Burnsville; St. Stephen's Parishes in Edina and Paynesville; and for our fellow St. John the Evangelist Parishes in Aitkin, Eveleth, Hallock, Mankato, Onigum, Red Lake, and St. Cloud.

AT ST. JOHN'S

Kayoro Village, Uganda; Holy Apostles, our companion parish; Hearts to Homes families.

WELCOME

GUESTS

We are delighted that you have come to St. John's to worship God this morning. If this is your first time here, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate, or sign the Visitor's Book at the back of the church. We invite you to make St. John's your church home. Join us downstairs in the Gathering Space, directly beneath the church, for refreshments and fellowship after this service.

NURSERY

St. John's welcomes everyone, including children of all ages, to attend the worship service. For children age 5 and younger, parents can also choose to use the nursery. Care is provided starting at 9:00 am in the Undercroft, right beneath the sanctuary. If, for any reason, you and your child need to leave the church during the service, you can still hear the service in the Undercroft and Nursery. Simply ask the nursery attendant to adjust the sound. During Coffee Hour, nursery workers will supervise children who want to play in the gym. To reach the gym, follow the hall past the music room and through the double doors.

RESTROOMS

Located in the lower level Undercroft down any set of stairs.

THANK YOU

For silencing cell phones and other electronic equipment. Please do not use flash cameras during the worship service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please refer to announcement insert for upcoming events.

WEEKLY CALENDAR*

Sunday, December 21—The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist Rite I	8:00 am	Church
Sunday Forum	9:00 am	Fireside Room
St. John's Café	9:00 am	Meditation Room
Children's Choir Rehearsal	9:00 am	Music Room
Adult Choir Rehearsal	9:00 am	Chancel
Godly Play	9:45 am	Classrooms
Sung Eucharist Rite I	10:00 am	Church
Coffee Hour	11:15 am	Gym
Lessons and Carols	4:00 pm	Church

Monday, December 22

Men's Alanon Meeting	6:00 pm	Meditation Room
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Tuesday, December 23

Evangelist Preparation	9:00 am	Fireside Room
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Wednesday, December 24

Festival Service	3:30 pm	Church
Potluck Dinner	6:00 pm	Gym
Festival Service	9:30 pm	Church

Thursday, December 25

Office Closed		
Festival Service	10:00 am	Church
Stories AA Meeting	6:00 pm	Fireside Room
Big Book AA Meeting	7:30 pm	Fireside Room

Friday, December 26

Memorial Service for Gail Strom	11:00 am	Church
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Sunday, December 28

Holy Eucharist Rite I	8:00 am	Church
St. John's Café	9:00 am	Meditation Room
Children's Choir Rehearsal	9:00 am	Music Room
Adult Choir Rehearsal	9:00 am	Chancel
Godly Play	9:45 am	Classrooms
Sung Eucharist Rite II	10:00 am	Church
Coffee Hour	11:15 am	Gym

*Please visit www.stjohnsstpaul.org/news-events/calendar/ for a full calendar of events.

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Ivan Holguin, <i>Building Assistant</i>	612-246-6774
Mary Kay Knapp, <i>Children's and Youth Choirs Director</i>	515-991-8757
The Reverend Barbara Mraz, <i>Writer in Residence</i>	651-228-1172 x12
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Chris Tegeler, <i>Building Manager</i>	612-961-0063
Longkee Vang, <i>Youth Ministry Assistant</i>	651-503-0450
Elizabeth Watkins, <i>Communications Assistant</i>	651-228-1172 x10
Dunfa Weretti, <i>Building Assistant</i>	612-545-7816

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

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Dorothy Ek, <i>Music Librarian</i>	651-228-1172 x38
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Don Postema, <i>Senior Warden</i>	651-489-3062
Joan Potter, <i>Liturgical Coordinator</i>	651-228-1172 x10
Diane Power, <i>Altar Guild Coordinator</i>	651-222-1031
George Power, <i>Columbarium Coordinator</i>	651-222-1031
Jill Thompson, <i>Lay Reader Coordinator</i>	651-330-2601
Jerry Woelfel, <i>Junior Warden</i>	651-225-1237