

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Today

- 8:45 Sunday school
9:00 Adult study
10:00 Worship with communion
Second Sunday potluck

Monday

- 6:00 Via de Cristo Ultreya
6:30 Welcome & Hospitality team meeting

Wednesday *(Kathy out of office)*

- 5:30 Confirmation class
6:15 Soup supper
7:00 Mid-week Advent service
7:45 Youth group

Thursday

- 9:00 Agape Circle cookie exchange

Friday *(Pastor out of office)*

- 5 to 7 PM Chili, Soup & Cinnamon Rolls fundraiser

Saturday

- 6:00 Christmas caroling to members

Next Sunday, Dec. 17

- 8:45 Sunday school
9:00 Adult study
10:00 Worship with communion
Annual congregational meeting to pass 2018 budget

Join us for one of our Christmas Eve candlelight services at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. Each service includes communion and individually lit candles. (NOTE: There will be **no** Sunday school Dec. 24th or 31st.)

WELCOME TO CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

1100 East Benjamin Ave., Norfolk

402-379-1775

Dec. 10, 2017 — Second Sunday of Advent

Opening Medley

“Lord Most High”

“O Come O Come Emmanuel”

Confession & Forgiveness

ALL: Lord, today we recognize our lack of faith. We have not kept our eyes on You and we have been distracted by the sights around us. We have been listening to other voices which beg us to crawl inward and self-destruct. Today, as we hear Your call to “come,” give us faith so we need not be afraid. Forgive our failures in love and life. Forgive our sin. Amen.

Worship Leader: Today we can celebrate faith because our God gives us faith for every purpose and strength for every need. Our God sent Jesus to the cross to die in our place so that our lives could have eternal value. Our God has forgiven our sin through Jesus, and our response to that love is lives that are grounded in faith and powered by service. Our faith is a gift; our life is a gift; our eternal life is a gift of our loving God. Praise God for the gift of faith.

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Second Candle — LOVE — The Bethlehem Candle

(melody: “Savior of the Nations, Come”)

R: We light the second candle for God's gift of love: “God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

(Two candles are lit.)

**(All sing): Gifts poured out on us in love,
Gifts brought down from heav'n above;
Priceless gifts for us are free—
Placed beneath a cross-shaped tree.**

R: Each Christmas we celebrate God's gift of love, but our words and actions in this busy season are often impatient and unkind.

C: Forgive us, heavenly Father, and teach us to walk in love, as Christ walked.

R: Beloved, let us love one another.

C: For love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

R: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world,

C: So that we might live through him.

R: In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

C: Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

R: Advent Lord, help us to love others as you love us.

C: Make us bold witnesses to the good news of your saving love so others will come to worship you as Lord.

**(All sing): See the love of God made known
In his Son, sent to atone
For our sins upon the tree;
By his love we are set free.**

Sharing of the Peace

Children's Message

Scriptures

Isaiah 40:1-11 (Old Testament, pg. 667)

2 Peter 3:8-15a (New Testament, pg. 238)

Gospel Mark 1:1-8 (New Testament, pg. 34)

Message: "Prepared and Ready for the Chase"

Pastor Steve Lund

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Offering

The Lord's Supper

Post-Communion Blessing

Closing Song

"Days of Elijah"

Blessing and Dismissal

"Alleluia"

Today is the second Sunday in Advent. During this season of the four Sundays before Christmas, we have four banners. We began with the banner "Watch," reminding us that we are to watch for Christ's coming again. Today we add the banner "**Prepare** – the flame has a cross to remind us to prepare our hearts through repentance.

Join us Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. for our mid-week Advent services. Our theme is "Call His Name Jesus." Each week we will be celebrating a different name of Jesus. This Wednesday our name for Jesus is Good Shepherd, where we will praise the Child of Bethlehem, our Good Shepherd, who feeds us with his Word and with his body and blood, and shelters us in his care. He will lead us safely through the valley of the shadow of death because, by his death and resurrection, he has conquered death. Our service is preceded by a free-will offering soup supper beginning at 6:15 p.m. Our service is the Holden Evening Prayer.

Sign up on the back table if you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the holidays (cost is \$8.00).