

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Today

8:45 Sunday school
9:00 Adult study
10:00 Worship with communion
Annual congregational meeting

Tuesday

6:30 Board of Administration
6:30 Board of Spiritual Oversight

Wednesday

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

Thursday

2:00 Card Club
6:45 MOPS/MOMSnext

Friday *Pastor out of office*

Next Sunday, Dec. 24

10:00 Worship with communion (no Sunday school)
5:00 Candlelight Christmas program
11:00 Christmas Eve candlelight service

Monday, Dec. 25

Church office and Little Servants childcare center CLOSED

**No Sunday school Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.
Wednesday Night Alive will resume January 10.**

WELCOME TO CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

1100 East Benjamin Ave., Norfolk

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Dec. 17, 2017 — Third Sunday of Advent

Hymn #36 *“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”*

Confession and Forgiveness pg. 56

Greeting and Kyrie pp. 57-58

Prayer of the Day: **Lord, hear our prayers and come to us, bringing light into the darkness of our hearts; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Third Candle — PEACE

R: We light the third candle for God’s gift of peace. Soon we will celebrate the birth of our Savior and Lord, the Prince of Peace.
(three candles are lit.)

melody: “Savior of the Nations, Come”

***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: During this season of peace, we often create quarrels and strife.

C: Forgive us, Prince of Peace, and rule in our hearts.

R: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace,

C: who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

R: The voice of your watchmen — they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;

C: for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

R: Break forth together into singing, you waste places of
Jerusalem,

**C: for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed
Jerusalem.**

R: Through the death and resurrection of our Savior, our sins
are forgiven and we have peace with God.

**C: The angels sang of peace the night our Lord was born. We
too have a message of peace for the world.**

*Unto us, on Christmas morn,
Christ, the Prince of Peace, was born.
Angels praised the holy birth,
Bringing news of peace on earth.*

Children's Message

Scriptures Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (Old Testament, pg. 691)

1 Thess. 5:16-24 (New Testament, pg. 205)

Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28 (New Testament, pg. 91)

Sermon "The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Us"

Hymn #379 "Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word"

Apostles' Creed pg. 65

Prayers of the Church pg. 65

Sharing of the Peace pg. 66

Offering/Offertory pp. 66, 67

The Lord's Supper pp. 68-72

Post-Communion Canticle and Prayer pp. 72-73, 74

Hymn #35 "Hark, the Glad Sound"

Benediction and Dismissal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the third Sunday in Advent. During this season of the four Sundays before Christmas, we have four banners. We began with the banners "Watch" and "Prepare." Today we add the banner "**Rejoice**" – the musical note in the flame suggests we rejoice on Jubilate Sunday.

Join us Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. for our mid-week Advent service. Our theme is "Call His Name Jesus." This week our name for Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, where we will celebrate that in Jesus, God is with us! That is the meaning of his wonderful title, Emmanuel. He is the promised, virgin-born Son, God in human flesh. The worship service is preceded by a free-will offering soup supper beginning at 6:15 p.m.

Annual congregational meeting today after worship in the fellowship hall to pass our budget for 2018.

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.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the holidays, you'll find the sign-up sheet on the back table (cost is \$8.00).

Volunteers: check your mailbox in the fellowship hall for the January-February schedule. Volunteers are still needed, especially offering counters (two teams of two). Sign-up sheets are on the table at the back of the sanctuary (turn in to office).

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you to the ladies of Agape Circle for the Christmas cookies.

Connie Atkinson