

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Today

8:45 Sunday school
9:00 Adult study
10:00 Worship with communion
Congregational meeting to review budget
Mission & Ministry team meeting

Tuesday

6:30 Childcare committee meeting
6:30 Women of CTS board meeting

Wednesday

1:30 Growing Up small group
5:30 Confirmation class
6:15 Soup supper
7:00 Mid-week Advent service
7:45 Youth group

Thursday

9:00 PieceMakers
6:30 MOPS steering committee

Next Sunday, Dec. 10

8:45 Sunday school
9:00 Adult study
10:00 Worship with communion
11:00 Second Sunday potluck

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
Little Servants Daycare Fundraiser
Chili, Soup & Cinnamon Rolls
Friday, Dec. 15, 5 to 7 p.m.
\$5.00 (\$1 refills)

WELCOME TO CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

1100 East Benjamin Ave., Norfolk

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Dec. 3, 2017 — First Sunday of Advent
Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting One

Entrance Hymn

#25 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" (vv. 1, 2, 4)

Confession and Forgiveness pg. 56

Greeting and Kyrie pp. 57-58

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

First Candle — HOPE — The Prophecy Candle

Melody — "Savior of the Nations, Come"

R: We light the first candle for God's gift of hope. Israel waited in hope for the Messiah, the Christ. As we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, we wait in hope for his return on the Last Day.

(The first candle is lit.)

**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: Advent is a season of preparation and repentance. Jesus, the Child of Bethlehem, was born among us to save us.

C: We repent of our sins and prepare to welcome the savior.

R: The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

C: And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

R: For in this hope we were saved.

C: Now hope that is seen is not hope.

R: For who hopes for what he sees?

C: But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

R: Advent is a season of hope. We rejoice in Jesus' birth and wait in hope for his return on the Last Day.

C: Our Advent prayer is "Come, Lord Jesus!"

**He who ev'ry promise keeps
Newborn in a manger sleeps,
As an angel chorus sings
Of the hope and peace he brings.**

Children's Message

Scriptures Isaiah 64:1-9 (Old Testament, pg. 694)
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (New Testament, pg. 166)

Gospel Mark 13:24-37 (New Testament, pg. 50)

Message "The Advent Watch: Look, Live, Listen" Pastor Steve

Hymn of the Day

#23 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" (vv. 1, 4, 6)

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

Sending Hymn

#28 "Savior of the Nations, Come" (vv. 1, 3, 5, 7)

Dismissal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the first Sunday in Advent. During this season of the four Sundays before Christmas, we have four banners. Today we begin with the banner "Watch" – the flame has a Chi(X) Rho(R), the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ, reminding us that we are to watch for Christ's coming again.

Join us every Wednesday 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 Lamb of God, where we will remember how God saved the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt and how he has saved us, whose sins are washed away in the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God. Our service is preceded by a free-will offering soup supper beginning at 6:15 p.m. before our 7:00 service. Our service is the Holden Evening Prayer.

Today after worship the congregation is invited to gather in the fellowship hall for a time of presentation, discussion, questions, and to seek clarification before our annual congregational meeting to pass our budget for 2018 on Sunday, Dec. 17, after worship in the fellowship hall.

Thank you to Susan Thompson for donating the large Christmas tree on the right in loving memory of Galen.

Today's altar flowers are given by Nell and Mike Finkral in celebration of the Advent season.

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.)

Can't get to the mall to vote for Women of CTS "Tree of Giving"? There is a box here for donations (each food item = 1 vote) with all going to the Norfolk Rescue Mission. There is also a bag here until Dec. 10 to collect new pajamas for those who wish to donate to the Salvation Army's annual "Warmth, Peace & Pajamas" project.