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## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Health/healing:** Mona Jean Roberts, Rand Petersen, Charlie Skoglund, Roger Young, Lexi Vaipae, Diane DeCamp, Darrell Knee, Dennis Knee, Jim Ruge, Tracy Brandt, Nate Metschke

**Assisted living/skilled care:** Harold Dunlap, Myron Falter, Dorothy Schiermeier, Kay Skovsende

**Other:** Msaranga Mandaka Lutheran Parish, Tanzania

## 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.

**The Salvation Army** is collecting new pajamas until Dec. 17. Most needed are children's size 5 through adult medium. Donations can be dropped off at 112 North 7th Street, Norfolk.



**DECEMBER 2, 2018**  
*First Sunday of Advent*

<b>Today</b>	8:30	Adult study: The Truth Project
	9:00	Sunday school
	10:00	Worship with communion Fellowship Decorate church
<b>Monday</b>	10:00	Women of CTS board meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:30	Childcare committee meeting
	6:30	Worship committee meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30	Confirmation class
	6:00	Advent meal
	7:00	Mid-week Advent service
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00	PieceMaker's quilting
	6:30	MOPS steering committee
<b>Friday</b>	5:30	Girl Scouts
<b>Saturday</b>	12:00	Fellowship hall reserved
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:30	Adult study: The Truth Project
	9:00	Sunday school
	10:00	Worship with communion Second Sunday potluck Youth group
	6:00	Rescue Mission meal (at CTS)

**Birthdays:** Jeanne Nicholson (12/4), Haleigh Roberts (12/8)

**Norfolk Men's Chorus** presents "This Little Babe" **today** at 3:00 at Johnny Carson Theatre. Tickets are \$6 at the door or \$5 in advance at Lou's Thrifty Way and from Chorus members.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Hymn

LBW #22, "The Advent of Our God" (vv. 1-4)

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**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.)

*(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: 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!"**

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

### Scriptures

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Old Testament, p. 738  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 New Testament, p. 204

**Acclamation** "Alleluia. Lord, to whom"

**Gospel** Luke 21:25-36 New Testament, p. 85

### Pastor's Steve's Message:

"Advent: A Time of Hope and Expectation"

### Hymn of the Day

"My Lord, What A Morning" (see insert)

**Apostles' Creed** pg. 85

### Prayers of the Church

### Sharing of the Peace

### Offering

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*"Let the vineyards be fruitful"* 86

### Prayer

"Merciful Father, we offer with joy" 87