

The Lord's Supper

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DECEMBER 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

Today 8:30 Adult study: The Truth Project
9:00 Sunday school
10:00 Worship with communion
11:00 Fellowship
11:30 Mission/Ministry team meeting

Monday 6:30 Council meeting

Wednesday 5:30 Confirmation class
6:00 Advent meal
7:00 Mid-week Advent service
7:30 Youth group

Thursday 2:00 Card club
6:45 MOPS

Friday 5:30 Girl Scouts

Next Sunday 8:30 Adult study: The Truth Project
10:00 Worship with communion/
Sunday school Christmas program
11:00 Fellowship

PRAYER REQUESTS

For our church family

Cherlyn Hillrichs • Roger Young • Mona Jean Roberts • Rand Petersen • Charlie Skoglund • Harold Dunlap • Myron Falter • Dorothy Schiermeier • Kay Skovsende

Family and friends of our church family

Kim Alvarez (Greg Moen's sister) • Karen Mass (Korrie Hall's mother) • Arnold Bartak (Linda Shaffer's father) • Lexi Vaipae • Diane DeCamp • Darrell Knee • Dennis Knee • Jim Ruge • Tracy Brandt • Nate Metschke

Ongoing prayers: Msaranga Mandaka Lutheran Parish, Tanzania

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.

Sign-up sheet for poinsettias is on the back table.

This week's birthdays:

Marilyn Woolard (12/17), Shirley Theil (12/19)

Norfolk Men's Chorus presents "This Little Babe" this Saturday, Dec. 22, 3 p.m., at Johnny Carson Theatre. Tickets available at The Abbey, Companion Animal Veterinary Clinic, Lou's Thrifty Way and Chorus members (\$5 in advance, \$6 at the door).

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

"Hark, the Glad Sound" LBW #35

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Greeting and Kyrie 78-79

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

(melody: "Savior of the Nations, Come")

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)

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: 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.

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

Scriptures

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Old Testament, pg. 876

Philippians 4:4-7 New Testament, pg. 198

Acclamation "Alleluia. Lord, to whom"

Gospel Luke 3:7-18 New Testament, pg. 60

Pastor's Message: "Rejoice! God Is In Our Midst!"

Hymn of the Day

"Prepare the Royal Highway" LBW #26, vv. 1,3,4

Apostles' Creed pg. 85

Prayers of the Church

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