

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE	
Today	Advent begins 8:45 Adult class 10:00 Worship with communion 11:00 Fellowship
Monday	3:00 Women of CTS winter gathering/ tree trimming/decorating
Tuesday	6:00 Bible study
Wednesday	5:30 Confirmation class 6:00 Free-will offering meal 7:00 Advent service
Thursday	9:00 PieceMakers quilting 6:30 The Journey
Friday	6:30 Girl Scouts
Saturday	6:00 Rescue Mission meal
Next Sunday	8:30 Adult class 9:00 Sunday school 10:00 Worship with communion 11:00 Potluck

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Pastor Steve Lund	Marsha Burke, organist
Charlie Skoglund, worship leader	Elizabeth Broders, lector
Broders family, greeters	Colin Broders, acolyte
Brian Anderson, sound booth	Wendell Hahne, usher
Dean and Doris Hoffart, coffee	Warren Bennett, usher
Louise Skoglund, communion assistant	
Doug and Pat Witte, offering counters	

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to count offerings once a month.
Training will be provided; sign up in the church office.



DECEMBER 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent

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.

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES begin this Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. Our theme this year is "Arise and Shine" (Dec. 4, Rising Light; Dec. 11, Reflected Light; Dec. 18, Healing Light). A free-will offering meal will be served each week between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. Please join us!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Jeanne Nicholson on Dec. 4.

RESCUE MISSION MEAL is Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. (if attending, plan to arrive at 5:30). We are seeking volunteers to transport guests to/from the Men's Chorus Christmas concert at Our Savior Lutheran next Sunday at 4 p.m. Please let Charlie Skoglund know if you can help and how many you can transport.

THE SALVATION ARMY is again collecting new pajamas. Most needed are children size 5 through Adult medium. Checks payable to Norfolk Salvation Army Pajama Project can be dropped off or mailed to Salvation Army, 112 N. 7th St. New pajamas can be dropped off at Salvation Army or WJAG radio station. Deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 17.

SIGN UP FOR poinsettias on the back table.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Church family: Roger Young, Janet Hrouda, Harold Dunlap, Mona Jean Roberts

Friends/family: Kim Alvarez, Jim Cyboron, Diane DeCamp, Allene Johnson, Darrell Knee, Joe Kotalik, Joe Grosserode, Forrest Jamison; Joe Rystrom and Jared and Sau Man Weich in Hong Kong; Msaranga Mandaka Parish in Tanzania

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LBW #22, "The Advent of Our God"

Confession and Forgiveness pg. 56

Greeting and Kyrie 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

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.

(see insert)

"Light the Candle"

Light the candle as a symbol of the Light that leads the way;

For each candle is a symbol of the hope that's ours today.

As we strike the match and light the wick,

come, Spirit, shine bright.

Grant that all may see from the darkness

Your Gift, Your Truth, Your Light.

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!"

Scriptures

Isaiah 2:1-5	Old Testament, p. 631
Romans 13:11-14	New Testament, p. 162
Acclamation: "Alleluia. Lord, to whom"	
Gospel Matthew 24:36-44	New Testament, p. 27

Message: "Ready or Not"

Hymn of the Day LBW #28 "Savior of the Nations, Come" vv. 1-4

Apostles' Creed pg. 65

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

Offering/Offertory: "Let the vineyards be fruitful" 66

Prayer "Merciful Father, we offer with joy" 67

The Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving 68-69

Words of Institution 69

The Lord's Prayer 71

"Lamb of God" 72

The Distribution

Canticle "Thank the Lord and sing" 72-73

Prayer and Blessing 74

Sending Hymn: "My Lord, What a Morning" (see insert)

Benediction and Dismissal

"Alleluia"