

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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| Today | 8:45 Adult class 10:00 Worship with communion 11:00 Fellowship Mission & Ministry team meeting |
| Monday | 6:30 Council meeting |
| Tuesday | 6:00 Bible study |
| Wednesday | 5:30 Confirmation class 6:00 Free-will offering meal 7:00 Advent service |
| Thursday | 2:00 Card Club 6:00 MOPS |
| Friday | 6:30 Girl Scouts |
| Next Sunday | (No adult class; resumes Jan. 12) 9:00 Christmas program practice 10:00 Sunday school Christmas program/ worship with communion 11:00 Fellowship |

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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| Pastor Steve Lund | Cherlyn Hillrichs, organist |
| BJ & Sharon Koeppe, coffee | Richard Hillrichs, lector |
| Mick & Doreen Kullbom, greeters | Delilah Broders, acolyte |
| Brian Anderson, sound booth | Mike & Nell Finkral, ushers |
| Bob Lutz and Lonnie Svitak, communion assistants | |
| Marsha Burke, offering counter | |

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

MEMBERSHIP CARE TEAM is looking for more members.
Contact Doris Hoffart to sign up or for more information.



DECEMBER 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent

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.

NEXT SUNDAY (Dec. 22) during worship, our Sunday school will tell the Christmas story as the Petersen family tells the story in a living room theme. Join us as we prepare for the celebration of our Lord's birth again this year!

MID-WEEK ADVENT services continue this Wednesday at 7 p.m. Our theme this year is "Arise and Shine." In our worship this week, we anticipate with repentant joy the birth of our Savior, listen to his Word, and seek to live according to it until he comes again. A free-will offering meal is served between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. Please join us!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Don Knee (Dec. 14), Marilyn Woolard (Dec. 17), and Shirley Theil (Dec. 19).

BURRITOS FOR SALE—see Andersons, Skoglund, Svitaks, Tara Peters or Mary Weich to purchase.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to dine at Napoli's after the 5:00 candlelight service on Christmas Eve. Let Mary Weich know if you will attend so she can give them a head count for the buffet.

SIGN UP FOR poinsettias on the back table (cost is \$8.50 each).

IN OUR PRAYERS

Church family: Brenda Beaudette, Janet Hrouda, Roger Young, 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: #26 "Prepare the Royal Highway" vv. 1, 2, 4

Confession and Forgiveness pg. 56

Greeting and Kyrie 57-58

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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)

"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: 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.

Scriptures

Isaiah 35:1-10 Old Testament, pg. 663

James 5:7-10 New Testament, pg. 231

Acclamation: "Alleluia. Lord, to whom"

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11 New Testament, pg. 11

Message

"Are You the One?"

Hymn of the Day: #35 "Hark, the Glad Sound!"

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: #25 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" vv. 1, 3, 4

Benediction and Dismissal

"Alleluia"