

# West Prairie Free Lutheran Church

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent – December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Prelude

## Welcome – Announcements

**Call to Worship**                      Isaiah 52:7-9                      Pew Bible 613

**Hymn**                      Angels We Have Heard on High                      22

## Praises and Prayer Requests

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**                      Patenaude Family

## Confession of Sin

*Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.*

## Declaration of Grace

**Worship in Song**                      10,000 Reasons                      Projected

**Scripture Readings**                      Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11                      Pew Bible 620  
John 1:6-8, 19-28                      Pew Bible 886

**Confession of Faith**                      Apostles' Creed                      Hymnal pg. 32

## Offering

**Hymn**                      While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks                      35

**Message**                      Closing Remarks                      1 Thessalonians 5:12-24  
Pew Bible 988

**Hymn**                      The First Noel                      33

## Prayer of the Church

**Benediction & Doxology**                      Hymn 390

## THIS WEEK at West Prairie (December 13 – December 20)

Today: 6:30 p.m.      Sunday School Christmas Program  
Wed: 5:45 p.m.      Confirmation  
6:30 p.m.      Youth Group @ Nesses  
7:00 p.m.      W.O.W.  
Sat: 9:00 a.m.      Men's Breakfast  
Sun: 9:15 a.m.      Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.      Worship Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** The Sunday School Christmas Program is tonight at 6:30 p.m. We will livestream the performance for those who are unable to attend in person. Please see the church website, Facebook page, or YouTube page to find the livestream.

**ONLINE DEVOTIONAL** Pastor Ryan highly recommends Luther for the Busy Man, a daily devotional that follows the church year. You can find it online and subscribe at [lutherforthebusyman.org](http://lutherforthebusyman.org).

**CHRISTMAS EVE** You are invited to come celebrate with us on Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. We will be celebrating through song, word, and candlelight!

**FLOCK NOTE** You may start receiving occasional text messages from Pastor Ryan from a strange number through a service called Flock Note. This would primarily be for one-way communications. More details to come!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

17<sup>th</sup> – Jan Vangsness

*If you are visiting today, please sign our guest book in the church entryway. If you have any questions or needs, please call or text Pastor Ryan at 701-429-7101.*

Wi-Fi password: Judges12:6  
Reader next Sunday: Stephanie Patenaude  
Ushers next Sunday: Michael & Lynn Strand  
Custodians for December: Richardson & Solseth families

"Will you be without loved ones this holiday season? Will you be struggling with illness or discouragement? Will you feel the pressure to make the holiday season great? You are not alone. You are not on your own. Read John 10, a great chapter about a Good Shepherd. Listen to His voice comfort and strengthen you." *Rev. John Boeder, Martin Luther College – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

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