

# West Prairie Free Lutheran Church

Third Sunday in Advent – December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Prelude – Welcome – Announcements

### Call to Worship

Isaiah 52:7-9

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.*

Hymn Angels We Have Heard on High 22

## Praises and Prayer Requests

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Berge Family

## Confession of Sin

*Lord, we confess to you that we have sinned against you with our hands, our mouths, and our thoughts. We have failed to love you with all our hearts, souls, and minds and have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. Not only have we done what you prohibit, we have failed to do what you have commanded. We are sorry and ask for your forgiveness. Amen.*

## Declaration of Grace

Worship in Song Projected

Scripture Readings Isaiah 35:1-10 Pew Bible 595  
Matthew 11:2-15 Pew Bible 816

Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed Hymnal p. 32

Special Music The First Noel

## Offering

Hymn While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks 35

Message Establish Your Hearts James 5:7-11  
Pew Bible 1013

Hymn Good Christian Friends, Rejoice 34

## The Lord's Prayer

Benediction & Doxology Hymn 39

*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.*

## THIS WEEK at West Prairie (December 11 – December 18)

Mon 6:30 p.m. Church Council  
Wed 5:45 p.m. Confirmation  
7:00 p.m. Youth Group  
Sat 9:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
Sun 9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. Christmas Program  
6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwiches

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. with a soup and sandwich pot-blessing afterwards! Sign up in the back!

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE**

12/24/2022 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:30 p.m.  
12/25/2022 Christmas Day Communion Service 10:30 a.m.

Note: There will not be Sunday School on Christmas Day

**MISSIONS TIDBIT** Four years ago, a seminary in Ethiopia added Bible Translation to their program. In June, the first 14 Ethiopian students graduated. Pray for them as they begin this important work of translating the Bible into one of the many Ethiopian dialects still without the Bible.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLLING** Share the message of Christ with your neighbors through Christmas carols! Come out this evening for singing and hot chocolate! Meet at the Memorial Building in Kindred at 7:00 p.m.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** Do you like to sing? Join the Christmas Choir! Practice is on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

10<sup>th</sup> - Eugene Klockmann  
11<sup>th</sup> - Michael Klockmann  
17<sup>th</sup> - Janet Vangness

Wi-Fi password: Judges12:6

Reader next Sunday: Michael Lynnes

Ushers next Sunday: Michael & Lynn Strand

Custodians for December: Nathan Solseth & Paula Woodbury

“As sure as Christmas will come again on December 25, our Lord will come again. As we look forward to the Last Day, let’s dress for the occasion, putting on godliness and repentance. Let’s celebrate everything He did the first time He came to assure us of our home of righteousness. Let’s be spiritually awake and alert for His coming again, knowing that we will enjoy God’s perfect paradise, our eternal home.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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