

# West Prairie Free Lutheran Church

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Advent – December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## 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 O Little Town of Bethlehem 21

### Praises and Prayer Requests

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Confession of Sin Confession #1 Hymnal p. 48

### Declaration of Grace

Worship Song Projected

Scripture Readings Psalm 126 Pew Bible 517  
John 1:6-8, 19-28 Pew Bible 886

Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed Hymnal p.32

### Offering

Hymn What Child Is This? 26

Message Good News Isaiah 61:1-11  
Pew Bible 620

Hymn While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks 35

### The Lord's Prayer

Benediction & Doxology Hymn 390

## This week at West Prairie (December 17 – December 24)

TODAY 5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program  
6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Potluck  
Wed 6:00 p.m. Caroling in Kindred  
Sat 9:00 a.m. Christmas Program Practice  
Sun 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** Come share the love of God through song to our neighbors in Kindred! Mark your calendars for this Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. We will gather at the Kindred Memorial Building for Hot Chocolate and then hit the town.

**CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS** If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Food Baskets, please donate money through Pastor Ryan. Any excess will go to the local food pantry.

**ATTENTION ALL WOMEN** of West Prairie ages 18-118! The Women's Ministry Committee would love your input and feedback regarding the women's ministries at West Prairie. Please take a few minutes to fill out the short survey on the WMF page of our website. If you would prefer to fill out a paper copy, those are available in the narthex. Thank you so much for helping us discover how best to meet the needs of the women of our congregation.

**CHRISTMAS EVE** We will celebrate Christmas Eve with a candlelight service. There will be lots of special music and many of your favorite Christmas hymns.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

TODAY – Jan Vangsness

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

22<sup>nd</sup> – Michael & Melissa Lynnes

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

Wi-Fi password: Judges12:6

Reader next Sunday: David Strand

Ushers next Sunday: The Richardson Family

Custodians for December: Andrew Berge

"I don't know what exactly you expect this Christmas. But I can tell you to set your expectations high as you listen to God's Advent call. Listen to His promises. Look in the manger. And you'll find hope and unity now and into eternity." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

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