#### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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# **The Gift of Peace**

My peace I give to you. John 14:27

"From heav'n above to earth I come to bear good news to ev'ry home; Glad tidings of great joy I bring, whereof I now will say and sing:

"To you this night is born a child of Mary, chosen virgin mild; This little child of lowly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.

"He will on you the gifts bestow prepared by God for all below, That in his kingdom, bright and fair, you may with us his glory share."

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, prepare a bed, soft, undefiled, A quiet chamber set apart for you to dwell within my heart.



# THE OPENING LITANY

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Every good and perfect gift is from heaven above,
- **C** Coming down from the Father of lights.
- P We gather to celebrate the good and perfect gift of peace.
- **C** How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,
- P Who proclaim peace,
- C Who bring good tidings,
- P Who proclaim salvation;
- C Who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"
- P The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations
- **C** And all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.
- P We trust in this promise
- **C** And we trust in Christ's promise:
- ₽ "Peace I leave with you."
- C "My peace I give you."

# THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long; Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.

P On this third Sunday in Advent we light a candle and call it Peace.

(The acolyte lights two purple candles and one pink candle.)

- P Christ is the image of the invisible God.
- **C** By him all things were created.
- P God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him
- **C** And through him to reconcile to himself all things.
- P By making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.
- **C** We trust in this promise. And we trust in Christ's promise:
- P "Peace I leave with you."
- C "My peace I give you."

He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held. The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.



# THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Let us confess our sins to our forgiving heavenly Father.
- C We confess to you, O Lord—
- P The poverty of our prayers, the weakness of our faith and the restlessness of our souls.
- C We acknowledge before you, O Lord—
- P All of our worries, fears and anxieties that rob us of your peace.
- C We lay before you, O Lord—
- P The way our eyes have become blind, our ears deaf, and our hearts callous to your promise of peace.
- C We declare to you, O Lord—
- P That too often we search for peace in something else or someone else.
- <sup>C</sup> Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.
- P I announce the grace of God to you. Jesus reconciles you to the Father by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure, and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor. We trust in this promise.
- **C** And we trust in Christ's promise:
- P "Peace I leave with you."
- C "My peace I give you."

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim, And heav'n's eternal arches ring with thy beloved name.

# THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

# THE OLD TESTAMENT READING ... Isaiah 52:7-10

# THE EPISTLE READING ... Colossians 1:15-20

# **THE SPECIAL MUSIC**8:20 only

"My Lord, What a Morning" Traditional Spiritual, arr. M. Hayes Rodd Bauck, vocalist

# THE GOSPEL READING ... John 14:25-27

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; Bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**THE SERMON** 

"The Gift of Peace"

Pastor Daniel Barbey

# THE OFFERING

### THE PRAYERS

Each petition ends with the following response:

- P O Source of all comfort,
- C grant us your peace.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

 C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **THE BENEDICTION**

P Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with

thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

# <sup>C</sup> We trust in Christ's promise: "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you." Amen.

The advent of our King our prayers must now employ, And we must hymns of welcome sing in strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son incarnate deigns to be, Himself a servant's form puts on to set his servants free.

O Zion's daughter, rise to meet your lowly King, Nor let your faithless heart despise the peace he comes to bring.

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**Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Third Sunday of Advent!** We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home. Greeting you this morning:

Before Early Service John & Velda Bartel Marrill & Sandy Bales <u>After Early Service</u> Danny & Cheri Adams Dallan & Jackie Hoefener



Before Late Service Harry & Sage Briggs

<u>After Late Service</u> David & Luann Zuercher Julie Linn

**Preaching** at our 8:20 service this morning is Reverend Daniel Barbey, our Intentional Interim Pastor. Reverend Joshua Baumann, our Associate Pastor, is Liturgist at the 9:30 & 11:00 Children's Christmas services.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at our 8:20 service next Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord brings us strength and forgiveness to be about His vision and mission. Those confirmed Lutherans who come to the Sacrament of the Altar today are asked to read the communion side of our information card



found in the pew rack and to sign the bottom of the reverse side so that our communion records might be complete.

Adult Bible Study Sunday morning Bible Class will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Bible stories for adults will start in Genesis. Join us at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School Sunday School is for all children age 3 by September 1, 2016.

**Nursery** Nursery is available during the 11:00 service. Nursery is located in the **F/G Room downstairs**. It is for children ages infant through 5 year olds.

**Nursing Moms** can find a comfortable rocker in the Daycare. This is NOT a Nursery for young children, just a quiet, private place for nursing moms.

#### God Be With You!

**Our Broadcasts** Our Sonrise and Cable Broadcasts are made possible this week by our Faith congregation.

Did you know that "Sonrise" is streamed on KCCR live? If you are away, log on to <u>www.TodaysKCCR.com</u>. The Broadcast schedules are on the traveling Bulletin board, which is in the Narthex. Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website. Take a look at <u>www.faithluth.com</u>. **COST:** You may sponsor the radio broadcast of Sonrise for \$30.00. This radio broadcast is on 1240 AM KCCR at 6:40 a.m. on Sunday morning. The cost of sponsoring the cable broadcast of our worship service is \$35.00. This cable access broadcast is televised on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 8. If you choose to sponsor both, the cost is \$60.00.

**Wed., Nov. 30 Att. 57;** Advent Offering \$125.00; **Sun., Dec. 4 Att. 303;** General Fund \$8,970.21; Building Fund \$3,383.00 (Debt Retirement \$3,383.00); Love Fund \$125.00; Sunday School \$36.90; Thanksgiving \$25.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Thrivent Automatic Withdrawal \$4,470.00 (General \$4,155.00, Debt \$245.00, Utecht Ministry \$70.00); SD Indian Ministry \$200.00; Bible Study \$30.00; Utecht Ministry \$100.00; Flowers \$68.00; Broadcasts \$60.00

Today: Dec. 11 Advent 3 8:20 am Worship 9:30 am N-3 grade Christmas Program 11:00 am 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Program 7:00 pm LWML Christmas Party Mon: Dec. 12 5:30 pm Men's Fellowship Christmas Party Tues: Dec. 13 8:25 am Staff Devotions 10:15 am SOUL SPA Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir
7:30 pm Pickleball
Wed: Dec. 14
6:00-6:30 pm "Mark" Bible Study in Young Conference Room
6:30 pm Advent Worship
6:45 pm Midweek at Aquatics Center
8:00 pm LYF Youth Meeting
Thurs: Dec. 15
8:25 am Staff Devotions

12:00 Forever Young Potluck
6:00 pm Rebekah Circle
Sun: Dec. 18 Advent 4
8:20 am Communion
9:45 am NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 am Worship

1:30 pm Maryhouse/Parkwood Christmas Chapel 7:00 pm Board of Stewardship

# **BUILDING NEWS**



**Thank you for your continued gifts to our Building Fund** – We thank you for your gifts last Sunday to the Building Fund of \$3,628.00. The gifts were designated as follows:

The Debt Retirement Account: \$3,628.00 The Building Account: \$0.00

**Debt Retirement** Thanks to your generosity we have been able to send in two additional payments with our regular December payment. Thus far we have made 168 additional payments which have saved us \$565,266.63 in interest. Our current balance is \$360,293.53.

**Debt Retirement Challenge** A generous family of our Faith congregation has graciously offered to match up to \$10,000.00 for Debt Retirement. The challenge will last the final quarter of our year from October 1 through December 31. *Through the end of November we received* **\$20,454.50 toward the challenge.** Would you please consider joining the *Debt Retirement Challenge*? In the memo line just indicate Debt Retirement Challenge or "DRC" for short. What an opportunity, for which we say, "*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow*," and "*Thank you*!"

All 2016 contributions need to be in no later than December 31. Anything coming in January 1 and following but dated in 2016 will be credited to 2017.

\* **Reminder**\* Please pick up your 2017offering envelopes **today**. Even if you have automatic giving there are special giving envelopes for Missions, holidays, etc. that could be utilized also. We would prefer to save the expense of mailing all the envelopes that are left here beyond December. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Altar Guild is requesting that whoever borrowed the large and small battery operated



white candles please return them to the sacristy. Thank you.



**The Mums** by the Altar are in memory of Frederick Marso Jr. son of Fred and Anita Marso. Thanks Anita & Fred for the beautiful remembrance.

# LWML Christmas Party

LADIES....The LWML Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2016 starting at 7:00 pm.

New and current officers will be installed. This year's program is titled "A Mother Remembers".

We will be taking a free will offering to benefit the Southeast Community Center.

There will be an inexpensive gift exchange or in lieu of a gift you may add to



our offering for the Southeast Community Center.

We will have refreshments and a time of fellowship. Come and join us for a fun evening!



**MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held tomorrow at 5:30 pm. Bring your wives and some Christmas goodies. Barbeques and beverages will be furnished. We will have a Christmas devotion lead by Pastor Baumann, eat our goodies, play some dartball. We invite the men of the congregation AND THEIR WIVES to join us December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Board of Missions** will be holding an Oatmeal Fundraiser to support members of the church headed to Hong Kong for a mission trip March 23-April 2. Please join us Sunday, December 18th from 9:20-10:15. There will be a free will offering and any donation is appreciated. Oatmeal will be served with ice cream and peaches. Hope to see you there! At this time, Nick Hill is going from our congregation. Anyone who wants to go on the trip please contact Annette Hill (224-0884).

**Christmas Open House at Pastor Baumann's Residence...** We invite the congregation of Faith Lutheran to please join us at 511 North Evans St. for a Christmas open house on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. No need to bring anything—just show up and let us extend our gratefulness and thanks for all of the love we receive from our church family throughout the year. Appetizers will be warm and ready, so feel free to come and go as you please.



**Aquatic Family Fun Night** The Board of Parish Fellowship is sponsoring a Family Fun Night at the Oahe Aquatics Center on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6:00-8:30 pm. Friends are welcome. There is a sign-up sheet on the information table in the Narthex so they might be able to order enough pizza for all who attend.





**THANK YOU** Thank you to everyone who took the time to donate blood and those that provided the cookies. We were able to collect 58 units of blood. Char Russell & Sandy Bales

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert** featuring Surprise Package will be held on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 18 at 2:30 pm at the First United Methodist Church locates at 117 N Central Avenue. Free admission and free-will donations will be accepted.



**Main Street Living** Did you know the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM Mountain time in Rapid City?

**Kid's Crossing**-Kid's Crossing continues Christmas preparations as they visit "The City That Forgot Christmas".

**December 11,2016**-Rev Gary Jacobson, Pastor at Bethesda Lutheran in Hot Springs, South Dakota delivers this advent message, "Are You the One?", Based on Matthew 11: 2-11. The Main Street Living Choir leads the singing of: Today Your Mercy Calls us; The Advent of Our King; and Go, My Children, With My Blessing. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

**Life Quotes** "Mary and Joseph's hardships serve as a vivid reminder that as God's children, we don't always have it easy either. But because Mary and Joseph followed God's will, countless generations benefit from the presence of this child's life in the world. Let's put that in the context of modern life—a young couple facing an unexpected pregnancy. If they follow God's will, abortion will be averted, and countless generations will benefit, albeit in a much smaller way, from their child's presence in the world." *Bradley Mattes, Executive Director of Life Issues Institute – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org* 





## Acolytes for November

**December 11 Children's Christmas Programs; N-3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:45 & 4-8<sup>th</sup> @ 11** Early: Cassandra Ryckman, Pacen Banuat Late: Kassie Tronvold, Kailee Schultz

# December 18

Early: Rebecca Norris, Kenzie Trujillo Late: Britney Hicks, Bailey Siebrasse

**December 24 Christmas Eve** 5:00 (need 5) Nathan Shoup, Tucker Berens, Joseph King, Daniel Voita, Cassandra VanDeWiele

7:30 (need 5) Hannah Lingle, Megan Pease, Cassie Axtell, Bialey Siebrasse, Samantha Axtell

**December 25 Christmas Day** 10:00 a.m. Kassie Tronvold, Kailee Schultz

**December 31 New Year's Eve** 6:30 Trever Hayes, Adam Schochnemaier

\*An acolyting schedule has been sent to each high school family for 2016/2017. If your high schooler did not receive one please let Pastor Baumann know! This list is complete through the end of June 2017. A sub list with contact information was also included in a golden rod packet of paper. If acolytes are not able to be present for their assigned day, it is their responsibility to call someone else to find a replacement and then notify the church office. Thank you so very much!

# Verse(s) of the Week: (NIV)

Zechariah 9:9 "Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

# $\rightarrow$ PRAYERS of all types and sorts:

In your prayers this week, please pray that God would be merciful to those who are fighting against depression and sadness. We pray that the joy and hope of Christ Jesus shines from God's people to those living in a land of darkness.

### Lord in Your mercy...Hear our prayer.



→ Children's Christmas Programs today at 9:30 for our Sunday School nursery through  $3^{rd}$  grade children's Christmas program, and our  $4^{th}$  through  $8^{th}$  grade children's Christmas program is also today at 11:00 a.m. Thanks to all our volunteers, teachers, and children for their effort and hard work.

\***Reminder to Parents**\* There will be **NO** Sunday School class Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> or the 25<sup>th</sup> of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> for the holidays!

 $\rightarrow$  Advent Services...Please join the congregation for Advent worship on Wednesday evenings Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, and the 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Your worship life will be enriched because of it. Lord, stir our hearts.

**Today in Sunday School** we studied the account "David Becomes King." Just as David reigned over Israel, so the God-man, Jesus, our David, reigns over the kingdom of grace, of which we are citizens. Consider asking, "*How was King David different from King Saul? How does Jesus serve as our King?*"

→ The LYF High School Group is raising funds for youth group activities as they will be selling 200 Kuchen on Sat. Dec.  $10^{th}$  and Sun. Dec.  $11^{th}$ . Some possible flavors that might be available include: peach, apricot, plum, or blueberry. The LYF high school youth group would like to thank you for your support in advance.

→ Advent Services and Midweek Class: This year, the Advent Worship services leading up to Christmas will take a different start time than in years past. On Wed. 14<sup>th</sup>, and the 21<sup>st</sup> Advent Services will begin at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:55 pm and end in roughly 45 minutes or less. We would hope that all parents would take advantage of worship opportunities while their child is in class and then when you're done, you both would go home at 7:30. Aquatic Center pool party will be Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at the Y from 6:45 until 7:45. No Midweek classes on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.

 $\rightarrow$  Kuchen Bake Sale happening TODAY The LYF high school youth group would like to thank you for your support in advance, and would also like to thank our families that donated the ingredients and for all the volunteers for their time and effort for this **fun**draising event which supports our activities and events for the year. Kuchen are \$10 each and made fresh right in the kitchen of Faith Lutheran. Grab yours this morning!

→ Youth in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade... Pastor Baumann invites you to join him on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m. in the gym at Faith Lutheran. We will be having Root Beer Floats, Games, and Tie-dying t-shirts. It's a fun opportunity to get together for some activity and fellowship with those our own age. The only thing you can bring besides yourself... is a white tshirt to tie-dye, oh...and bring a friend too! The rest will be provided. Parents are certainly welcome to come, help out, and stay for the two hours. Can't wait to see you!



→ Swim Night at the Aquatic Center... All our midweek youth here at Faith are invited out for a fun evening of swimming and water activity at the Oahe Aquatic Center Wednesday, December  $14^{th}$  at 6:45 pm. This will be in place of our regular



Midweek class time for that week. The Faith Lutheran staff and teachers are so thankful for all the efforts of our students and parents. This is a small token of our appreciation for all your hard work. Faith Lutheran Church will be paying for all those wanting to come that evening who do not have a Y membership. If so desired, a friend may also join along and the church will pay for that friend to be with us as well. Parents, please drop your son or daughter off at the Aquatic Center between 6:45 and 7:00 and please come get them anytime between 7:45 and 8:00 pm.

 $\rightarrow$  8<sup>th</sup> Graders are welcomed to join HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP please just come Wednesdays at 8 pm in the gym unless directed otherwise!!!

→ HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets every Wednesday @ 8:00 p.m. at faith. Open to anyone in high school and is intended to be a safe place where high school aged youth can come together to spend time and fellowship together as young Christians each week. Pastor Baumann and Michael Shoup co-lead the group and love to spend time with each person that comes. If you have an activity that you would like to do, please let either of us know! Creativity is welcome!

### **Upcoming Youth Dates to Keep in Mind:**

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> → L.Y.F. Kuchen Bake Sale at church \$10 Each!

December 11<sup>th</sup> → Children's Christmas Programs N-3<sup>nd</sup> grade 9:30 service; 4-8<sup>th</sup> grade program at the 11 o'clock service

**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**  $\rightarrow$  L.Y.F. Kuchen Bake Sale at church \$10 Each!

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> → Swim Night at the Aquatic Center for Midweek grades 2-8<sup>th</sup> 6:45-7:45 p.m.

Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1 → No Sunday School Class

Dec. 21 & 28 → No Midweek Classes

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> → Christmas Eve Worship - 5:00 / 7:30

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> → Christmas Day Worship – 10:00 a.m.

**Jan.**  $8^{th} \rightarrow$  Sunday School Resumes

**Jan.**  $4^{th} \rightarrow$  Midweek Resumes

**January 27<sup>th</sup>**  $\rightarrow$  1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade youth tie-dye night 6-8 p.m. (*bring your own white shirt to use*)

# **On the Lighter Side...Puns for Fun**

I've been eating a lot of pasta lately. I think it's becoming a part of my daily rotini!

He knew his lot in life was to create the world's greatest mosquito repellant. He had a deet with destiny.



# TODAY!!!

# 9:30 am Nursery through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

"To Us a Child is Born"

11:00 am 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

"It's Christmas Everywhere"

# **Congregational Prayers**

### Date 12/09/16

Dottie Bossman Martha Vance Ben Shoup Richard Zoller Julian Olson Elaine Phillips Gene Schlichenmayer Mike Youngberg Zoe Jones Signe Gaasch (Urbach's) 5/2/16 Elaine Wagner 6/30/16 Greg Iversen 7/10/16 Jeannette Protexter 7/18/16 David Peterson 8/26/16 Ripley Olson (Alberta Olson) 8/4/16 Doyle Charron (Jochim) 8/8/16 Ron Lawrence 8/14/16 Jim Steele 8/14/16 Red Westall 8/21/16 Jennifer Moser (Darline Fuoss) 9/4/16 Logan Krause (Kenefick-Aschoff) 9/4/16 Phil Baker 10/02/16 Myrna Hartmann 10/02/16 Grace Erickson (Mark Erickson) 10/9/16 Jodi Williams 10/17/16 Betty Fuhrman (Sheri Adney's mom) 10/23/16 Phyllis Barber (John Barber) 10/25/16 Susan Bennett 10/31/16 Richard Adney 10/31/16 Ginger Niemann 11/10/16 Jill Burger 11/10/16 Betty Lindquist 11/10/16 Cliff Thorn 11/16/16 Rene Liegl 12/5/16 Mary Hiller 12/6/16

Meghan Merrill 12/6/16

#### Missionaries

Pastor Andrew Utecht and Pastor Albert Sutton and their families on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations

Pastor Matthew Nix

Pastor Alan Ludwig – Siberia, Russia

Janet Borchard – Papua New Guinea

Pastor Daniel Jastram - Japan

### <u>Birth</u>

Zachary Michael Pickett born to Michael & Angela Pickett. 11/30/16

Kayson William Boyer born to Jesse Boyer & Lindsey Beckwith. 12/5/16

<u>Comfort</u> *Deut. 34:8* Wanda (Erbe) Hughes and family upon the death of her husband Don Hughes. 11/28/16

Marilyn Penrod and family upon the death of her son Richard Penrod. 12/4/16

Rick Newman and family upon the death of his wife Barb Newman. 12/5/16

The Christian Church on Earth that it may grow and prosper and especially for the

safety of Christians in Somalia, Yemen, Pakistan and Afghanistan.