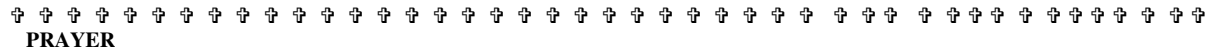


First Sunday of Advent  
 December 5, 2010  
 Organist: Arlys Willis



**PRAYER**

God our Father,  
 As we wait for the celebration of Jesus' birth, help us to sense the excitement of sharing His message of salvation.  
 In His name we pray. Amen.



**GUIDES FOR WORSHIP**

The order of worship begins on page 151 in the front of the hymnal. We will sing the "Hymn of Praise" on page 154.  
 There is no Holy Communion today, so please turn to page 166 after the offertory hymn to continue.

Hymns: 344, 349, 711

Text: Matthew 3:1-12

Theme: "That Advent Feeling"



Church Attendance:

|                              |     |
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| Wednesday, November 24, 2010 | 17  |
| Thursday, November 25, 2010  | 63  |
| Saturday, November 27, 2010  | 19  |
| Sunday, November 28, 2010    | 146 |
| Sunday School                | 57  |



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Bible verse to memorize this week is: Ephesians 2: 8-9 – For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.**

**Known to be hospitalized this week from Peace: Allen Weckwerth.**

**ATTENTION PEACE LUTHERAN MEMBERS: Anyone (Adult or Youth) interested in riding in the Arli-Dazzle parade Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> please meet at church at 4:30 p.m. We will be singing Christmas carols along the parade route.**

**We would like to express our thanks to Rosie Kauffmann for the vegetables and gourds which were used in the cornucopia and for her help in setting the display up. Recognition and thanks also goes to Mary Kistner, Karen Neubarth and Alice Bobo for their help with this project.**

**The Guild will be selling cards and napkins starting November 14<sup>th</sup> thru December 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**During November and December we will make a special effort to match the \$10,000 challenge grant for our general fund. Special offering envelopes are available in the narthex. If anyone uses a matching grant envelope please include your name. Check out the thermometer on the bulletin board, we're over half way to our goal! May God inspire us to complete this project.**

**Today and next Sunday we will be having our "Christmas Bag" offering for the children.**

**We are looking for volunteers for help with decorating the Christmas tree on December 8, 2010 beginning at 5:30 p.m.**

**Winners of the gift certificates from Thrivent are: Steve Ziegler, Karl Neubarth, and Kerry Klaustermeier.**

**The Sibley County Choral Society presents 30 Years of Music and Memories on Friday, Dec. 10, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at United Church of Christ, Gaylord, Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Green Isle, Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Creekside Church, Arlington and Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, North Mankato.**

**A note was received from Lutheran Disaster Response; "Thank you for the gift to Lutheran Disaster Response for the floods in southern Minnesota. Your gift will allow us to bring help, hope, and healing to those affected by disaster." Our contribution was \$269.00**

**The Board of Education is still in need of helpers and teachers for Sunday school.** If you are willing to help please contact one of the board members.

**Our theme for funding the mission is "Where your treasure is..."** the rest of the verse reads, **"...there your heart will be also."** We are challenged to put our treasure into God's mission, and watch our hearts follow.

**On Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church in Arlington will host a Blue Grass Christmas with the Kingery Family Musicians.** The free will offering will go towards the Community Emergency Fund.

**Trinity Lutheran Church, 1115 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis will host their annual Christmas German Communion Service on Sunday, December 12, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.**

**The Drive by Living Nativity will be presented in Arlington on Sunday night, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** at the fairgrounds. Please see the bulletin board for further details.

**We are still collecting gifts for the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center until next Sunday, December 12, 2010.**

**Sibley County Human Services is coordinating Santa's Helpers Workshop for Christmas 2010 with the assistance of Sibley County civic organizations.** This is a program to help disadvantaged families in Sibley County. We are looking for donations of new toys, games, mittens, quilts, money and wrapping paper to meet our goal to make the holidays brighter for those less fortunate. Donations will joyfully be accepted until Monday, December 6, 2010. The program will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> 2010. We are also in need of volunteers to sort and wrap gifts, chaperone and clean up. Any donation or assistance will be greatly appreciated.

**Handel's Messiah will be presented Wed. December 8<sup>th</sup> through Sat. December 11<sup>th</sup>** at various locations in Minneapolis and St. Paul. For locations, times and ticket information please see the bulletin board.

**The National Lutheran Choir** presents its annual Christmas Festival concerts at the Basilica of St. Mary in downtown Minneapolis for two performances on Friday, December 10 (4:30 and 8:00 p.m.) and one on Sat., December 11 (8:00 p.m.). For ticket information please see the bulletin board or call 612-722-2301.

**Rev. Al & Laura Luehmann, Gaylord are going to Hawaii** in February and cordially invite you to join them. Call them at 507-237-2656 for information and a brochure.

**Please join us in the fellowship hall after worship for food and fellowship.**



|           | <b>THIS WEEK AT PEACE</b> |                                     |
|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Today     | 8:15 a.m.                 | Sunday school                       |
|           | 9:30 a.m.                 | Worship Service                     |
|           | 10:30 a.m.                | Guild Christmas Brunch              |
| Tuesday   | 10:00 a.m.                | SAGES Board meeting at Peace        |
| Wednesday | 3:45 p.m.                 | Catechism                           |
|           | 5:00 p.m.                 | Youth Bell Choir practice           |
| Thursday  | 10:00 a.m.                | Circuit Conference at Peace         |
| Saturday  | 5:00 p.m.                 | Worship Service with Holy Communion |
| Sunday    | 8:15 a.m.                 | Sunday school                       |
|           | 9:30 a.m.                 | Worship Service with Holy Communion |
|           | 10:30 a.m.                | Fellowship & Youth Group meeting    |



A nursery is available for parents with small children while attending our worship service. If you need to use it, please ask one of the ushers and they will direct you to it. Today's helper is Austin Kube.