Second Sunday in Advent
December 4, 2011
Organist: Arlys Willis

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PRAYER: O Loving Father,
Enlighten our minds, so that we may see Your ways and walk in them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

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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, 343, 352
Text: Mark 1: 1-8
Theme: "Piercing the Darkness"

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Church Attendance:	Thanksgiving, November 24, 2011	73
	Saturday, November 26, 2011	25
	Sunday, November 27, 2011	77
	Sunday School	45

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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.

We are looking for volunteers to help with fellowship. If you would like to bring something or help serve, please let Elia know at 964-5861.

Please save the UPC labels from all of "Our Family" food products. There is a container on the table in the narthex to put them in. The proceeds will go to the Youth Group to help defray cost of upcoming projects.

The Door offering this week is for the Children's Christmas bags.

We are collecting gifts for the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center again this year. A list of needed items is on the table in the Narthex. Cash is also greatly appreciated. Last year 70% of the patients who are chronically mentally ill had no contact with family over the holidays. A gift no matter how large or small does make a difference.

NOW IS THE TIME! Many of us are waiting for Immanuel Lutheran in Gaylord to make the final decision about building a new school before making a gift or a pledge. However, the leaders need to know <u>now</u> about the support they can expect, in order to know how large the new facility could be. Give a pledge, or a plan to loan, or to include the school in your will. NOW IS THE TIME!

Do you want to learn Chinese? Ask Amanda Wolter about her class, or check the bulletin board by the office.

Concordia University will present Christmas Vespers Service at Graebner Memorial Chapel , 1259 Carroll Ave, St. Paul on December 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. A light reception sponsored by Concordia University, St. Paul office of Church Relations will follow the Service.

Zion Lutheran Church Women, Arlington invite everyone to attend their annual Community Christmas Event "The Gift", featuring artist and speaker Ann Maca Tristani on December 7, 2011 at 7:00p.m. A free-will offering will be donated to the Community Emergency Fund.

Sibley County Human Services is coordinating Santa's Helpers Workshop for Christmas 2011with the assistance of Sibley County civic organizations. This program is to help disadvantaged families in Sibley County. Donations of new toys, games, mittens, quilts, money, wrapping paper will be accepted until December 5, 2011. Donations may be dropped off at Sibley County Human Services between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. We also need volunteers to sort and wrap gifts, chaperone and clean up. Santa's Helpers Workshop will be held Tuesday, December 6, Wednesday, December 7th and Thursday December 8 at American Lutheran Church, 911 8th St., Gaylord, MN. For more information, please call 507-237-4000.

Sibley County Choral Society presents A Time for Joy. Performance will be Friday, Dec. 9, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Frances de Sales in Winthrop, Saturday, Dec. 10th at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Gaylord at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 11th at Arlington United Methodist Church at 2:00 p.m. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

Please join us in the fellowship hall after worship service for the Christmas Brunch.

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THIS WEEK AT PEACE

Today		
	8:15 a.m.	Sunday school
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Peace Lutheran's Christmas Brunch
Wednesday	3:45 p.m.	Catechism
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Bell Choir
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

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Faith, which receives the "true riches" of heaven,
exhibits itself in the conscientious use of worldly goods.

"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth,
who will trust you with true riches? (Luke 16:11)