

Third Sunday in Advent

December 11, 2011

Organist: Arlys Willis



PRAYER: O Loving Father,

Help to enjoy the color and excitement of the season, and also see beyond holiday activities to the work of Christ. In His name we pray. Amen



GUIDES FOR WORSHIP

The order of worship begins on page 151 in the front of the hymnal. Holy Communion will be celebrated today, so the Hymn of Praise is "This is the Feast". The offertory hymn is on page 159, followed by the communion liturgy.

Hymns: 354, 345 (verses 1-4), 839

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Theme: "What is the Wrapping Worth?"



Church Attendance:	Saturday, December 3, 2011	4
	Sunday, December 4, 2011	127
	Sunday School	67



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bible verse to memorize this week is: John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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.

Thank you to those who shopped for new decoration for our Christmas tree and those who helped decorate our church.

The Guild would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway, whether it was by decorating or bringing food or cleaning up for the Christmas Brunch. Special thanks to Martha Wavrin and the Bell Choir for their entertainment. It made it a most enjoyable occasion.

Your 2012 contribution envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please pick them up.

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.

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Gaylord will make a decision about building a new school at their January meeting. It would be very helpful to them to know whether our congregation can "partner" with them, and whether individual members would like to participate.

ATTENTION YOUTH There is still time to sign up for the Regional Youth Gathering held at Mayer Lutheran on January 27-28, 2012. [Un]Paved Ministries equips students to become "imitators of Christ" through a life of service. Join us for a week-end of spiritual growth, fellowship, service and fun!

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.

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



THIS WEEK AT PEACE

Today	8:15 a.m.	Sunday school
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship & Youth Group meeting
Wednesday	3:45 p.m.	Catechism
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Bell Choir
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Church Council meeting
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	8:15 a.m.	Sunday school
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship



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)