December 8, 2013
Second Sunday of Advent
Organist: Arlys Willis

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Loving Father,
Let the assurance of Christ's final victory move us to prepare for His presence even now, in our daily lives. In His mane we pray. Amen

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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". After the offertory and prayer, we begin the communion liturgy with the PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING on page 161.
*White grape juice is available for those that require non-alcoholic communion wine.

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Hymns:	347, 344, 333
Text:	Matthew 3:1-12
Theme:	"Prepare the Way"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bible verse to memorize this week is: John 14:15 – "If you love me, you will obey what I command".

Known to be hospitalized this week from Peace: Marsha Quast, Dave Halquist.

Find your team in the fellowship hall to sign in and record points for worship and for reading chapter 13 of "The Story". The first letter next to your name indicates the team. (Example: B-team Bethlehem). The second letter indicates the section. (Example: J-Joseph).

Our new "church year" (Year A) features the book of Matthew. Most of the gospel readings for this year will be from this book.

The Guild will be selling cards today and for the next few Sundays after Worship service.

Special Project Offering for Christmas bags for Sunday school kids will be today and next week-end.

Special thanks to the people who contributed gifts for the patients at the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center.

A Big Thank-you to Rosie Kauffmann, Mary Kistner, and Alice Bobo for donating the supplies and arranging the cornucopia and the fall display outside of the church.

The offering envelopes for 2014 are finished and on the table in the Narthex. Please pick your envelopes up.

We will be going Christmas caroling on December 18th at 6:00 pm.

Attention Ladies Guild: The Sign-up sheets for the 2014 Altar Guild and Kitchen Committee are on the table in the Narthex. Please sign up.

It's not too early to think about Christmas; Sibley County Public Health & Human Services is coordinating Santa's Helpers Workshop for Christmas 2013 with the assistance of Sibley County Civic organizations. Donations will be joyfully accepted until Monday December 9, 2013. Donations may be dropped off at Sibley County Public Health & Human Services, 111 8th St. in Gaylord between 8 am and 4:30 pm. Volunteers are also needed to sort and wrap gifts, chaperone and clean up. If you have any questions please call 507-237-4000.

Today, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. the community of Arlington will present their annual Drive By Living Nativity. It will be held at the fairgrounds in Arlington. Live actors and animals depict the scenes leading up to the birth of Christ. We invite you to attend. Food shelf donations will be accepted at the gate.

On Sunday, December 15th at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity First Lutheran Church, 1115 E. 19th St. in Minneapolis a Christmas German Communion Service will take place. For more information on this service please call 612-870-9487.

Today at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1407 Cedar Ave N, Glencoe, The Community Strings will perform 2 Christmas shows, at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm. There will be a free will offering, you are also encouraged to bring a donation for the food shelf.

ATTENTION YOUTH: You may wish to plan ahead to attend the gathering on the campus of Concordia University in St. Paul on March 28th & 29th. More details will follow soon.

Please join us today for fellowship after our worship service.

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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**
Wednesday	**3:45 p.m.**	**Catechism**
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**
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