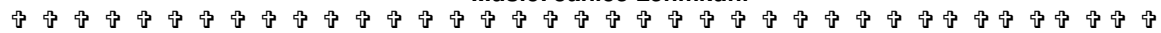


**December 7, 2014  
Second Sunday in Advent  
Music: Janice Lehmkuhl**



Loving Father,  
As we prepare for Christmas celebrations, help us to prepare for spiritual growth as well. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen



The order of worship begins on page 151 in the front of the hymnal. There is no Holy Communion today, so after the offertory we will conclude with the prayers and the benediction.



Hymns: 332, 344, 412

Text: Mark 1:1-8

Theme: "Preparing for the Mightier One"



<b>CHURCH ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>Thursday, Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>73</b>
	<b>Sunday November 30, 2014</b>	<b>135</b>
	<b>Sunday school</b>	<b>63</b>



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Bible verse to memorize this week: **John 15:5** – I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

The Special Project offering for December will be today, December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. It is for the Christmas bags, which go mainly to our Sunday school students.

If any members have dish towels or dish cloths from the kitchen that they haven't returned lately, please do so as the supply of these items has been disappearing quickly. We are also missing a few of the stainless steel coffee pots. Please check your cupboards.

Thanks to Rosie Kauffmann and Mary Kistner for putting together the cornucopia for Thanksgiving. Also thanks go to those who helped take it down.

The "Cup Runneth Over" donations were in the amount of \$243.51. Thank you for your generosity. This money will help the needy families of Sibley County as the money goes to the Sibley County FoodShare.

The Ladies Guild will be selling cards before and after worship service today and every Sunday until December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**ATTENTION COUNCIL MEMBERS:** The Council meeting this month has been changed to the 16<sup>th</sup> of December due to several members having conflicting schedules. Please mark your calendar so you don't forget.

Sibley County FoodShare, Inc. would like to thank Peace Lutheran for contributing 49 pounds of food this past month to the food shelf. Your generosity continues to provide emergency assistance to the hungry of Sibley County. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Please continue to support our Youth group by saving "Our Family" UPC labels. To date we have gotten approximately \$275.00 from the Nash Finch Company from your efforts.

The Drive by Living Nativity will be presented in Arlington at the fairgrounds on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Many costumed actors and live animals depict the Nativity story with Bible verse signs. Food Shelf donations and monetary contributions are accepted. Come and view this extraordinary event!

Sibley County Public Health & Human Services is coordinating Santa's Helpers Workshop for Christmas 2014. Donations will be accepted until Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see the bulletin board for all the details.

The Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers to work at Jerry's Home Quality Foods in Gaylord and Arlington. All proceeds stay in Sibley County. To be a bell ringer, please call Kim at 326-5017. To send a donation: Mark your donation check as Kettle donation 2014 in the memo. Feel free to mail it to Kim Schwich, P.O. Box 182, Green Isle, MN 55338 or drop it in the kettle at either location.

Plan ahead, and clear your schedule to go caroling on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. We will gather at the church at 6:00 pm. Each family will bring a dish to pass. As soon as we finish eating we will go caroling. We should be finished with everything by 8:00 pm, so that all may return home.

Zion Church Women's Community Christmas, 814 W. Brooks St, Arlington will take place on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Please see the bulletin board for all the details.

If you have suggestions for improving the way that our congregation does its work, please speak to your president or your pastor directly, or write a note (with your name included) so that we can follow up properly.

The Sunday school children will be practicing in the worship area on Sunday mornings, so the doors will not be open until 9:15 am for people to come in and be seated for worship.

Trinity First Lutheran Church, 1115 E. 19<sup>th</sup> St, Minneapolis will be having a German Christmas Communion Service on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30. Everyone is welcome.

The idea of a special gift for God's work, in response to His gift of Christ at Christmas has been gaining momentum. Ideas: "I think I will give back to God 10 percent of what He gives me in December." "I am going to treat the church like one of my kids, and add the amount I spend on a Christmas gift to my offering." (Your thoughts may show up in the next bulletin if you share them with someone in the church office.)

Please join us today for the Guild's Christmas Brunch after our worship service.



**THIS WEEK AT PEACE**

Today	8:15 a.m.	Sunday school
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
Wednesday	3:45 p.m.	Catechism
	6:00 p.m.	Christmas caroling
Sunday	8:15 a.m.	Sunday school
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship

