December 21, 2014
Fourth Sunday in Advent
Music: Arlys Willis

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Lord,
Let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there. In His name 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 who prefer non-alcoholic communion wine.

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Hymns: (Sunday School Children), 349, 347
Text: Luke 1:26-38
Theme: "Ready for Christmas"

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE:

Sunday December 21, 2014	**119**
Holy Communion	**84**
Sunday school	**69**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bible verse to memorize this week: Psalm 50:15 – Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.

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.

We congratulate Wayne McCormick and his new wife Patty (nee Riebe) on their wedding which took place here at Peace on December 13, 2014. We wish for God's rich blessing in their life together.

The Portals of Prayers for January – March are on the table in the narthex; please take one.

The total amount given to the Union Gospel Mission this year is $667.00 Thank you again for your generosity.

In January we will begin an "Adult Inquirers' Class". This is a good basic review of the Christian faith, which is useful for all our leaders, as well as interested members. Those who are interested in membership are invited, and new members are strongly encouraged to attend. We will meet at 7:00 pm on Tuesday evenings.

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.

CAMP OMEGA WINTER FUN FOR KIDS: Winter Escape – Senior High Retreat is scheduled for 7 pm Dec. 29th to 4 pm Dec. 30, and Winter Daze – Jr. High Youth Groups. This event will be held from 10 am to 4 pm on Dec. 27th. For all the details please see the notice on the bulletin board.

On December 31st Immanuel Lutheran Church & School will sponsor a "Family Friendly New Year's Eve Party", starting at 6:00 pm with a pot-luck at 6:30 pm. Things happening throughout the evening…open gym, board games, volleyball, cards, movies, pictures to color for the little ones and food, food and more food. Everyone attending is asked to bring a dish to share; beverages and paper products will be provided. For a complete summary of this event please see the bulletin board.

The idea of a special gift for God's work, in response to His gift of Christ at Christmas has been gaining momentum. Thoughts: "As I started the year, I wanted to give a certain amount each week. I missed some weeks, so for my special December offering I'm going to make up for those times I missed. Several people have expressed their willingness to help by saying something like, "I may not be there, but my 50¢ **will** be.

On January 9, 2015 from 3:30 – 7:00 pm Immanuel Lutheran Church, 20200 Fairlawn Ave., Prior Lake will host a fish fry. The proceeds will go to benefit Chloe Settle, daughter of Pastor Rance & Leslie Settle. Matching funds from Thrivent Financial. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board regarding this event.

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, and the K-1st grade Christmas program.**
	10:30 a.m.	**Fellowship**
Wednesday	**6:00 p.m.**	**Children's Sunday school Christmas Service**
	7:30 p.m.	**Christmas Eve Candlelight service**
Thursday	**9:30 a.m.**	**Christmas Day Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Sunday	**9:30 a.m.**	**Worship Service**
	10:30 a.m.	**Fellowship**

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THIRD ARTICLE

SANCTIFICATION

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on each, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to e and all believes in Christ.