December 17, 2017
Third Sunday of Advent
Music: Barb Ehlke-Herrmann

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Dear Father in Heaven,
Give us a fuller understanding of Your presence among us through the birth and work of Your Son, Jesus. In His mane we pray. Amen

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The order of Worship is on page 151 in the front of your 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 prefer non-alcoholic wine.

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Hymns: To be Announced (To go with hymn #358 verses)
Text: Hymn 358
Sermon: "From Heaven to Earth – The Story in Song"

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, December10, 2017	100
Holy Communion	66
Sunday School	55

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Ladies: It's that time of the year again to sign up for Altar Guild and the Kitchen Committee. The signup sheets are on the table in the Narthex.

The marriage of Taylor Weber and Tawnya Atkins took place here at Peace Lutheran yesterday. We wish them much happiness as they start their married life together.

Please join us tomorrow for "Feeding of the 500"at 11:30 a.m. The soup of the day will be chicken dumpling.

Peace Lutheran will be caroling today. We'll meet at church at 3:00 p.m.; afterwards we will have a pot luck dinner back at church. Everyone is welcome to join us for some fun and fellowship.

Prayer Partner Ponderings –"For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him." 2 Chronicle 16:9a (*Reminder- Look for our part and God's promise*.)

Thanks to all who helped to decorate our church for Christmas. It looks beautiful!

Your contribution envelopes for 2018 are on the table in the Narthex. Please pick them up. If you did not get envelopes, please let Carl Dykhoff know.

The Usher/Acolyte schedule for January is complete. Please check your distribution box for a copy.

The new Portals of Prayer for January – March are on the table in the Narthex. Please take one.

Sibley County FoodShare has reported that Peace Lutheran has donated 68 pounds of food to the shelf this past month.

The Salvation Army – Sibley County invites you to "Ring the Bell" for Salvation Army to help children and families in need in Sibley County. Please call Stacy at 507-381-7544 to schedule you time slots. Kettle campaign runs from Nov. 17th through Dec. 24th. If you would rather not "Ring the Bell" but would still like to help, you can make a monetary donation. Please make checks out to The Salvation Army of Sibley County and write "kettles" on the memo line. Check should be mailed to Sue Vos at 20473 37th Ave., Green Isle, MN.

Today, at Hilltop United Methodist Church, 108 S. Manitou Dr., Mankato, MN there will be a Children's Memorial Service held for families and friends to honor and celebrate the lives of children who died during pregnancy or childhood. Parents are encouraged to bring a remembrance keepsake or framed photo of their child for display. In addition parents may submit names of children who have died to be included in the printed program for the service.

The Minnesota Security Hospital in St. Peter is looking for items to be given to its men and women for Christmas. Please see the bulletin board for all the details, or call 507-985-2249 for any questions you may have concerning this project.

Please join us today after worship service for the Guild Annual Christmas Brunch.

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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 P-K and Kindergarten, 7th & 8th grade Christmas celebration.
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
Monday	11:30 a.m.	Feeding of the 500 club
Wednesday	3:45 p.m.	Catechism
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	6:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Service
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Christmas day Worship service with Holy Communion

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Participation in THE NOBLE EXPERIMENT is simple. You just write down some things about various areas of life, consciously live for God for a period of time, then write about those same areas and compare the lists. See how an intentional effort to live for God affects your life. A sheet to use for this project is on the table in the Narthex.