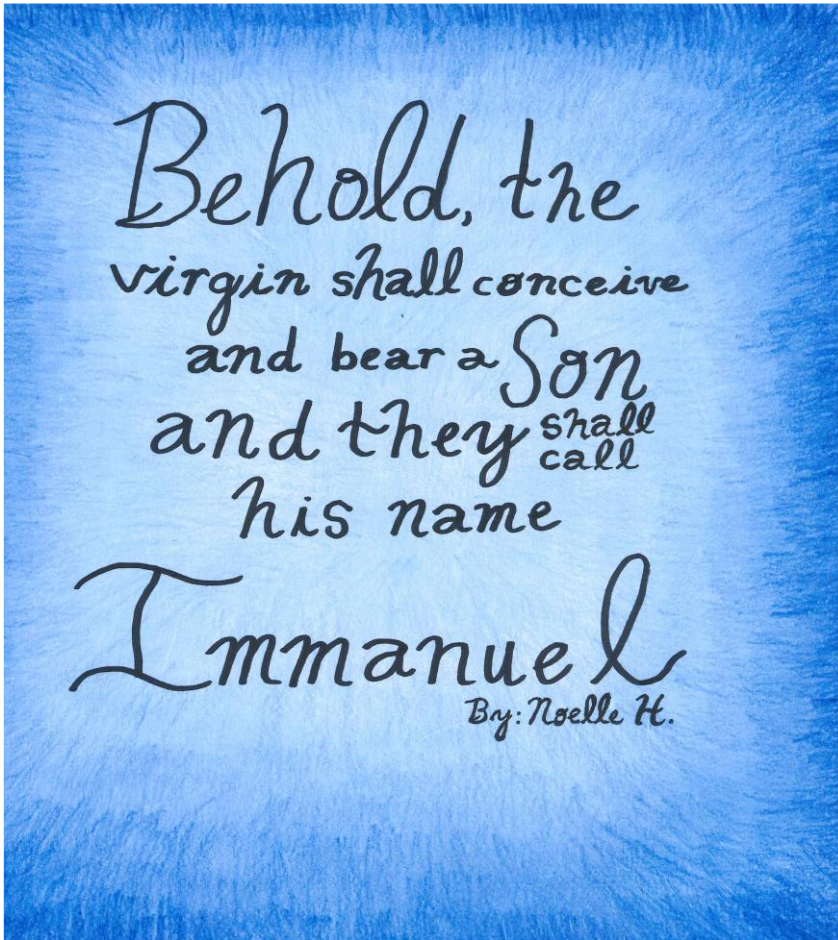


# *TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH*



December 3, 2017 8:00 am

2163 MAYHEW LAKE RD. NE  
SAUK RAPIDS, MN 56379

# Welcome

## *Those Serving Today*

Officiating Today	8:00am &	10:30am	Rev. David Hinz
Organist	8:00am		Daniel Reineke
Musician		10:30am	Ruth Immerfall
Screen Team	8:00am		Mona & Neal Hanson
		10:30am	Eric Hansen
Lector	8:00am		Tim Meemken
		10:30am	Joanne Walen
Acolyte	8:00am		Nick Lindquist, Collin Fuchs
		10:30am	Noah Ripka, James Johnson
Visuals	8:00am &	10:30am	Daniel Reineke
Altar Guild			Jolyn Antonsen, Evora Sorokie
Information Desk	8:00am	Zone – 2	Craig Cooper
	10:30am	Zone – 3	Sue Kulzer
Greeters	8:00am	Zone – 2	Diane Gooch, Donna Esselman
	10:30am	Zone – 3	Shirley Skuza, Lori Zipp
Ushers	8:00am	Zone – 2	Dave & Bev Grose, John Sprengeler, Ken Knafla, Jim & Carol Truenow
	10:30am	Zone – 3	Wayne Smolnik, Loren Tvrdik, Fred Joesting, John Heintze, Jon Roesch, Mark Thompson
Lay Minister	8:00am		Kyle Dusing, Delano Schultz
		10:30am	Justin Hackett

*Trinity is a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association  
and the Good Shepherd Community.*

# The First Sunday in Advent

## Divine Service I

December 3, 2017

8:00 a.m.

**AS WE GATHER** Sadly, there have been assassinations throughout history. Perhaps the death of Presidents Abraham Lincoln or John F. Kennedy comes to mind. If these leaders had known that death was on the horizon, would they have changed their itineraries? Would Lincoln still have gone to Ford's Theatre? Would Kennedy still have traveled to Dallas? Jesus is different. Jesus knows His death is looming. Yet He still willingly travels the road to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Jesus knows that cries of "Hosanna" will soon be drowned out by cries of "Crucify." Jesus knows the pain He will endure and the sin He will carry. But Jesus still comes. There's no change in travel plans. Jesus has come to earth for this very reason, to suffer and die so that, in faith, you have forgiveness and life.

### **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:** "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" LSB 355

### **INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

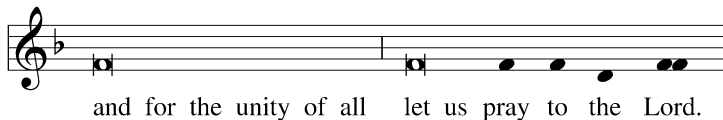
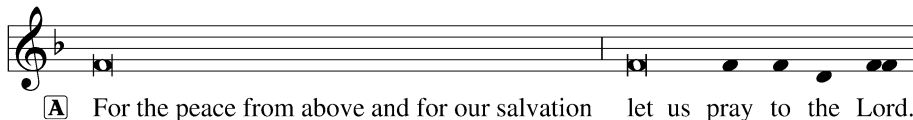
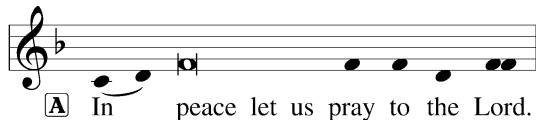
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

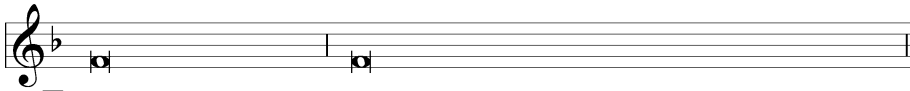
**C: Amen.**

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**HYMN:** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” LSB 357 vs. 1 & 5

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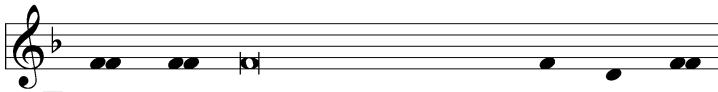
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray... Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

**C:** that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance;

P: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*Sit*

## **OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 64:1-9**

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, O Lord do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look upon us, we pray, for we are all your people.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way--in all your speaking and in all your knowledge-- because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**





**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.



Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Savior of the Nations Come” LSB 332  
(vs. 7 organ only) “From the manger, newborn light...”

**SERMON:** “Jesus” (Matthew 1:18-25)

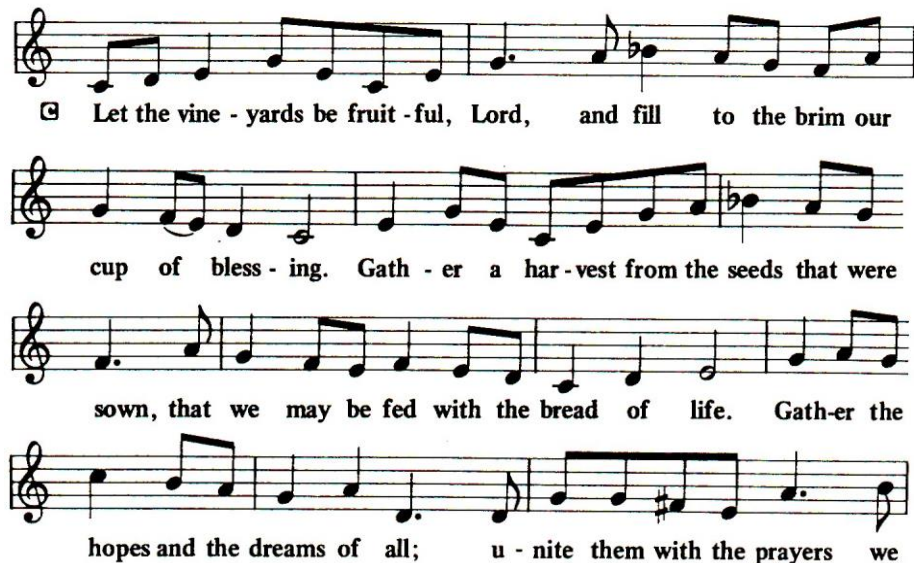
## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**OFFERING** *(Please sign and date the Rite of Friendship pad located in the pew. The children are invited to bring their offerings to the front at this time.)*

## OFFERTORY



☞ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and  
give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## PREFACE

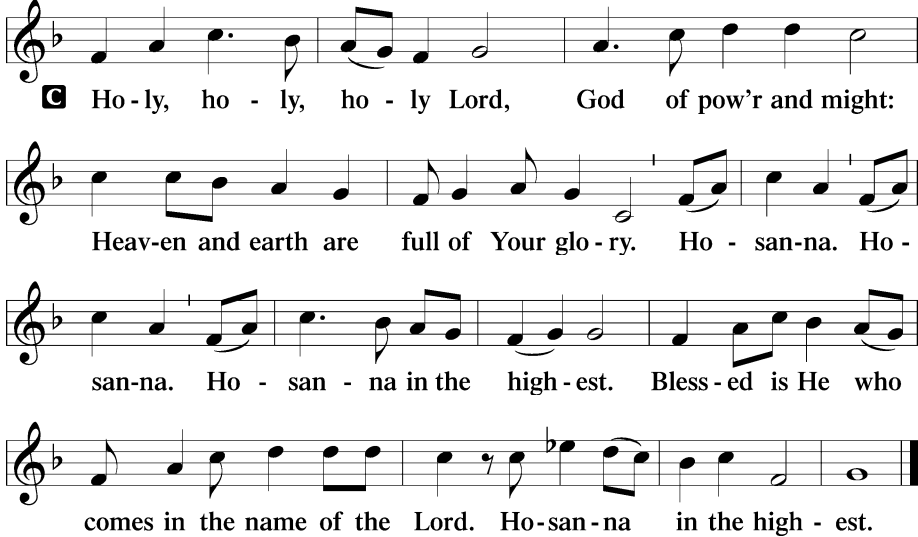
**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

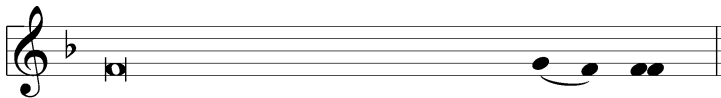
**C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your Holy cross and passion. Your blessed death Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## PAX DOMINI



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

**About Holy Communion**—The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives us as He says, not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If this is your belief, we welcome you to join us at the Lord's table.

Because we are called to examine ourselves before receiving the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 11:28-29), we encourage you to consider the questions on p. 329-330 in the

front of the hymnal. If you are communing with us for the first time, or if you would like a fuller understanding of what we as Lutherans believe about the Lord's Supper, please pick up a copy of "**What is the Lord's Supper?**" at the Information table in the entryway.

Please reserve the white grape juice cups in the center of the communion trays for those who for health reasons are unable to drink wine. If your health requires gluten-free wafers, they are available upon request. Speak to the pastor prior to the service. Our pastors are happy to speak to you further if you have any questions.

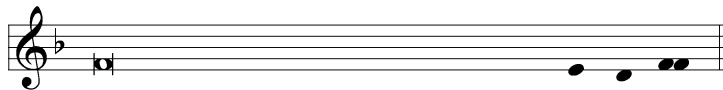
**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:** "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" LSB 624

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray... Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### BENEDICTION



The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**CLOSING HYMN:** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" LSB 341 vs. 1 & 5

# Calendar for the Week

## ***First Sunday in Advent***

TODAY 8:00am Worship Z2 (HC)  
 9:15am SS & Bible Classes  
 9:15am New Member Class  
 10:30am Worship Z3  
 12:00pm Anyuak Worship  
 6:00pm Good News Bible Study

MONDAY

TUESDAY 7:00pm Friends in Harmony

WEDNESDAY 7:00am Men's Bible Study@GS

8:30am Finance Team Meeting  
 5:00pm Advent Dinner  
 6:00pm Advent Worship Z4  
 6:45 Confirmation Classes  
 6:45 Handbell Rehearsal  
 7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY 9:00am Sewing and Crafts  
 6:00pm Worship Team Practice

FRIDAY 9:00am Parish Workers  
 6:00pm Narcotics Anon.

SATURDAY 9:00am Altar Guild  
 1:30PM St. Cloud Bible Study  
 6:45pm Traditional Worship Practice

## ***Second Sunday in Advent***

Angel Tree Deadline

8:00am Worship Z5  
 9:15am SS & Bible Classes  
 10:30am Worship Z1 (HC)  
 New Member Reception  
 12:00pm Potluck  
 12:00pm Anyuak Worship  
 4:00pm Creative Crafts

## ***Scripture Lessons:***

*Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14  
 Mark 1:1-8*



## **Church Office Hours:**

M-F 8:30am-2:30pm  
 Open during the noon hour.  
 Church Office Phone 252-3670

WEEK OF	TIME	ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS	
11/26/17	8:00am	134	General Fund Offerings	\$7,012.96
11/26/17	10:30am	165	Building Debt Offerings	\$1,031.00
	Total	299	Total	\$8,043.96
Missions this Week		\$635.00	Weekly Need:	\$11,938.00
Received to-date		\$21,947.25		
Annual Funds Promised		\$27,500.00	Challenge Fund (Including match)	\$112,911.60

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**Today's Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Marjean Keehr in memory of her husband, Lloyd. We thank her for her generosity. We have openings in February and March. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast please complete a form and turn it in. Forms are available in the church office. The radio transmission enables our shut-ins, as well as others in our community to hear and participate in our worship. The service airs on WVAL 800 on the AM dial, at 8:00am, and live on the internet at [www.800wval.com](http://www.800wval.com).

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**Sunday Morning Fellowship** In December our hosts are Sandy Molitor and Karen Petron-Broda. Members who have last names beginning with the letters "W & Z" are asked to bring treats for our fellowship time. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.



**Christmas Bake Sale** Looking for Volunteers to make cookies, candies, etc. for a Homemade Bake Sale. 9:00am to 1:00pm on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Price is \$5.00 per Dozen or as priced. Any number of cookies would be appreciated. Proceeds will be divided between Social Ministry, Prince of Peace and the Trinity Sunday School. See the signup sheet on the kiosk for instructions.

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**Advent** has long been a time of preparation, preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Yet the road to Christmas is anything but easy. In our culture, people prepare for Christmas either by an escape from life or by an excess of it. Even for the believer, preparations for Christmas twists and turns, and we meet many strange figures along the way. Prophets cry out in visions. John the Baptizer preaches in the desert. Angels appear whether you are asleep or awake. The voices are varied, the places are strange, but one thing is certain: in each encounter, God is preparing us for the celebration of the greatest encounter of all, the birth of Jesus, His Son, our Savior, the Redeemer of the world. Come join us each Wednesday evening at 6:00pm to hear the voices on the edge and prepare your lives for the single greatest encounter of your life. ***Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13 and 20 at 6:00pm, with a meal to precede at 5:00pm, and Confirmation Classes to follow from 6:45—7:45 pm. If you would like to provide a dessert for the meal, sign up on the kitchen door.***

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**Our Youth Group Needs Leaders!** Please prayerfully consider helping to guide our youth as they maneuver through their teen years. This is a critical time for young people to remember their Savior is with them!

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**Playhouse Childcare has openings!** If you mention this announcement, Playhouse will waive the \$50.00 registration fee. Call 320-230-9116 and ask for Kelly.

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**There will be a Voter's Assembly** Meeting on Sunday, December 17 at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The primary purpose is to discuss and approve the budget for 2018. The Leadership Team

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**SISTER ACT** January 3rd is our trip to see SISTER ACT at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre. Shepherd charter tours are open to the public and with 19 available seats left we have room for you! Makes a great gift to give or receive! All details are in the brochure on the kiosk. Please join our fun! Janette, Shepherd Tours, 320-258-9365

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**POP Holiday Bazaar** Looking for just the right holiday gift? Prince of Peace Lutheran School invites you to their Holiday Bazaar, Saturday, December 9th from 9am-1pm. Shop with 25+ vendors and crafters including many home-based businesses such as Thirty-One gifts, Juice Plus, Premiere Jewelry, Scentsy, Norwex, Young Living and more. Enjoy a bake sale and made-to-order specialty coffee plus SCRIP gift cards will be available. Spread the word and bring your friends for some holiday cheer. See you Dec 9th at Prince of Peace School, 4770 Co Rd 120, St. Cloud.

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**New Member Reception & Congregational Pot Luck Lunch** We will receive new members at the 10:30am worship next Sunday, December 10th. Following the service (approximately noon) we will have our congregational pot-luck lunch. You are invited to bring a dish to share. Bring food as indicated according to the first letter of your last name; A-K Hotdish, L-R Salad, S-Z Dessert.

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**Prayer Shawl Ministry** If anyone is interested in crocheting or knitting prayer shawls to be given to shut-ins, the ill, or anyone who needs comforting, please feel free to call the office 252-3670. You can then get information on a few that meet to do this, generally on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00am. or just donate a shawl to be given. You may also give a monetary donation which will go toward purchasing yarns to make shawls. It is a great blessing to you and the receiver!

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**Thank you to all who so generously contributed to the food shelf!** We are well stocked up and many folks will have help this season. Bless you all!

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**Adult Choir Notes** We will meet this Wed., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm. We will begin to work on the music for Christmas Eve. Join us to praise our Newborn King!

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**POP SCRIP** Have you started your Christmas shopping? Do you know what to buy for that one family member you can never find the right gift for? How about a gift card for iTunes, Groupon, Shutterfly Marcus Theatres, Ulta Beauty or a \$5 stocking stuffer to Barnes & Noble, Panera or Starbucks. We also have \$10 cards for multiple places around town like Target, Walmart/Sam's, Pizza Hut, and Caribou, Chipotle to name a few. SCRIP will be at Trinity on Sunday December 17th. If you are worried we won't have the card you need, place an order by December 10th and we can ensure you have it on December 17th. Questions - call, text or chat with Jenny Sprengeler (320-309-5952). Thank you for supporting our school!!

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Have you wondered about the candles in the Advent wreath? What they mean, what the colors represent? Here is some information!

1. Hope — *expectation of what is to come and sometimes prophecy*
2. Love — *sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle*
3. Joy — *this rose candle is often called Mary's Candle*
4. Peace — *it can often be called the Angel's Candle*

May our journey through this season be an opportunity to reflect on all our Savior did for us when He came to earth as a little child.

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**Angel Tree Gifts** The time of year to reach out and help others through the Angel Tree Program is upon us once again. Our Church is pleased to continue to participate in Angel Tree, a Prison Fellowship program that provides a pathway for incarcerated parents to restore and strengthen relationships with their children. Gifts will need to be returned wrapped and under the tree by Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to deliver gifts, please contact me Jennifer Kranz @ 320-290-3498. Thank you for helping make this Christmas special for these children.

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**Thank you** to everyone who donated pies, cool whip or clean up time for our fabulous thanksgiving pie fest....it was a tasty treat and fellowship was joy filled!

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**Advent Devotionals are available in the Narthex.  
Please pick one up today!**

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