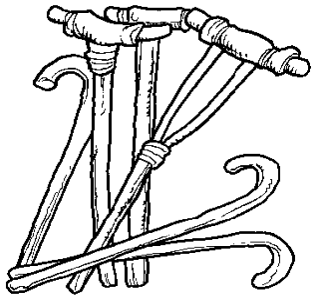


THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12, 2010 A.D.
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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together,
In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



As We Gather It is the Third Sunday in Advent, and we are still waiting. As we prepare to remember our Lord's first coming in flesh to the virgin, we are made ready by His coming in Word and Sacrament to meet Him when He comes again in His glory, at the end of all the ages. Christians must be careful not to judge by what we see, for the promise of the Father is a new heaven and a new earth. What we see around us may seem desolate, but God is at work bringing forth the fulfillment of His promise. It is this grace that sustains us today and prepares us for an eternal tomorrow.

THE WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the blue information card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

THE RINGING BELL CALLS US INTO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST OUR KING

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE

THE OPENING HYMN *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" LSB 341*
(We cheerfully rise and sing)

THE INVOCATION

3

In the name of the Father and of the **T**on and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

3

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.

3

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

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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.

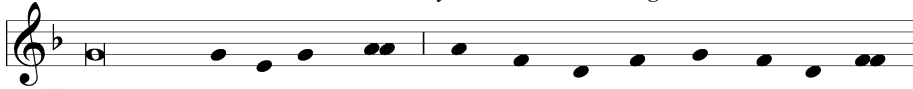
[John 20:19-23]

C

Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory to God in the Highest”

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.




G Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
 For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

THE SALUTATION (*Chanted*)

3

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

THE COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 35:1-10 (The ransomed of the LORD shall return to Zion with singing and joy.)*

THE SPECIAL MUSIC 8:20 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"...arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Faith Bell Choir

THE EPISTLE LESSON *James 5:7-11 (Be patient until the coming of the Lord.)*



C Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



THE HOLY GOSPEL *St. Matthew 11:2-15 (Go and tell John what you see and hear.)*

THE SERMON HYMN *“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord” LSB 352*

THE SERMON *“New World, New Life”
Isaiah 35:1-10
Pastor Levi Willms*

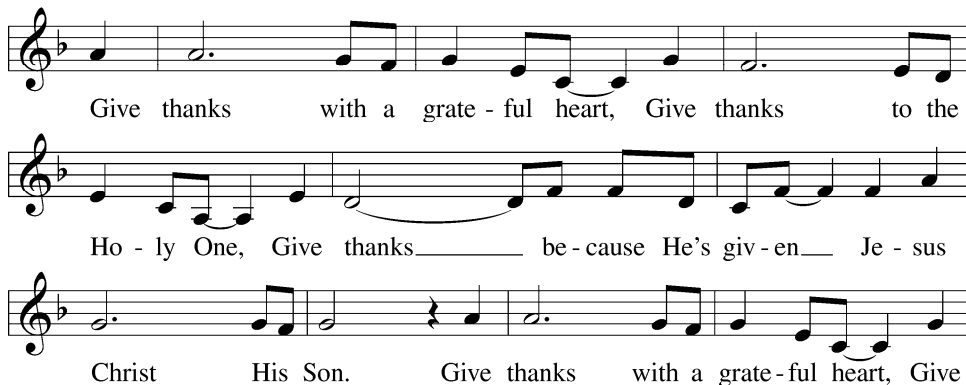
THE APOSTLES’ CREED *8:20 Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

THE OFFERING *We gather our tithes, gifts of love, and our “Building Together in Faith” gifts*

We thank the many, many families who have already returned the Faith Promise “The Lifestyle of Faithful Stewards” cards. We will continue to receive the responses for the balance of 2010 until Sunday, January 9, the First Sunday of Epiphany, when we will dedicate them to God’s glory.

THE OFFERTORY *“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” LSB 806*



thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be-cause He's giv-en_

Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be-cause of

what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

3

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C
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Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C
3

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C
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Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C
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Lord, have mercy.

For our Synodical and District presidents, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C
3

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, our Governor, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C
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Lord, have mercy.

For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C
3

Lord, have mercy.

For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C
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Lord, have mercy.

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C
3

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C
3

Lord, have mercy.

For our Faith family and its friends in the midst of life's joys and struggles...let us pray to the Lord:

C

Lord, have mercy.

For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C
3

Alleluia.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C To You, O Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

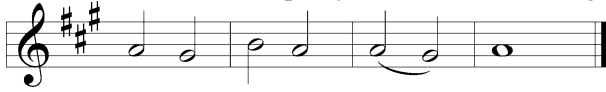
THE BENEDICTION *(With Sung Amens)*

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

THE CLOSING HYMN “Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding” LSB 345 (Tune TLH 60)

THE 11:00 SERVICE

God Loves Me Dearly

A Christmas Program for Young Children

The theme for this year’s program comes from the well-loved children’s Christmas hymn “God Loves Me Dearly.” Originally written in 1852 by a pastor who was working with homeless and disadvantaged children, this hymn delights in the personal nature of our heavenly Father’s love—He loves *even me*. Because of our inherited sin and our own sinful choices, we were “in slavery, sin, death, and darkness,” but “God’s love was working to make me free.”

St. John wrote, “In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him” (1 John 4:9). Jesus was born to “save

His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). Jesus “paid all I owed” through His birth, suffering, death, and resurrection and so “set me free.” Because of Jesus, God’s Son, coming to save us, everyone can joyfully say, and sing, “God loves me dearly, loves even me.”

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN “*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*” LSB 341
We Rise

THE INVOCATION

3

In the name of the Father and of the **T**on and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE SALUTATION (*Spoken*)

3

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

THE PRAYER

O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*LSB Altar Book, p. 845*)

THE READINGS

WE SING “*Angels We Have Heard on High*” LSB 368
Stanzas 1-3

Children

1. *Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.*

*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

All

2. *Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav’nly song? Refrain*

3. *Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;*

Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. Refrain
THE READINGS

WE SING *“Silent Night” LSB 363*

THE READINGS

THE HYMN *“God Loves Me Dearly” LSB 392 Stanzas 4-5 Children*

4. *Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. Refrain*

*Refrain: Therefore I’ll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.*

All

5. *Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You All my life long. Refrain*

The children may now go and be seated with their family.

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THE PRAYERS

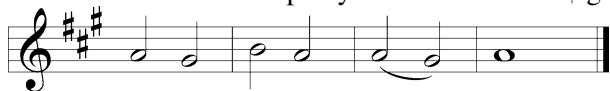
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Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Third Sunday of Advent!

We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home. Greeting you this morning:

Before Early Service

Terry & Clareen James
Loren & Sue Schaefer

After Early Service

Bill & Liz Markley
John & Carlene Barber



Before Late Service

Brent & Sheri Adney
Randy & Jodi Hartmann

After Late Service

Jeff & Caitlin Logan
Dorothy Rausch

Preaching this morning is Pastor Levi Willms who will also preach at Trinity Lutheran in Blunt between our morning services. Pastor Brad Urbach is our Liturgist and will lead our Sunday morning Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew.



Altar Flowers The white Poinsettias on the Altar for Advent are given by Fred & Anita Marso in loving memory of their son, Frederick Marso, Jr. (1970-1972).

Morning Fellowship Join us for a fresh cup of coffee in the Christian Family Life Center after our 8:20 service this morning.



Sunday School Sunday School continues today at 9:45. It is for all children age 3 by September 1, 2010 through our High School, who meet in the Great Room. You can register for Sunday School in the Narthex, it is especially important in early years to make sure kids are in the same class as they are in school.

Sunday Morning Adult Class will continue with a great verse-by-verse study of the Gospel of Matthew in the Fellowship Hall.

Nursing Moms can find a comfortable rocker in the Daycare. This is NOT a Nursery for young children, just a quiet, private place for nursing moms.

Nursery Nursery is located in the Preschool Room during our 11:00 service. It is for children ages infant through 5 year olds.

God Be With You!

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Our Broadcasts Both our Sunrise and Cable Broadcasts are made possible this morning by our Faith congregation.

Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website which Dennis and Carolyn Ryckman keep very current for us. Take a look at www.faithluth.com. **COST:** You may sponsor the radio broadcast of Sonrise for \$30.00. This radio broadcast is on 1240 AM KCCR at 6:40 a.m. on Sunday morning. The cost of sponsoring the cable broadcast of our worship service is \$35.00. This cable access broadcast is televised on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 8. If you choose to sponsor both, the cost is \$60.00.

Dec: 05, 2010, Att. 414; General Fund \$10,466.50; Building Fund \$4,850.33; Sunday School \$34.04; Christmas Eve \$5.00; Christmas Day \$5.00; New Year's Eve \$5.00; Thrivent Automatic Withdrawal \$2,495.10 (General \$1,880.10; Building Fund \$515.00); Love Fund \$215.00 (\$140.00 in memory of Susan Wold); Utecht Ministry \$200.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Susan Wold \$25.00; Homes for Haiti \$50.00.

2010 Gifts A reminder that all gifts for 2010 need to be given by December 31, 2010. All gifts after the 31st will be credited to the 2011 year of giving.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Dec. 12

8:20 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
 11:00 am N-2 Sunday School Christmas Program
 4:00 pm Midweek 3-8 Grade Christmas Program
 7:00 pm Board of Stewardship
 7:00 pm Faith Women's Christmas Party

Tues: Dec. 14

8:25 am Staff Devotions
 11:00 am-6:00 pm Blood Drive
 6:30 pm Choir
 7:30 pm Pickleball in the Gym

Wed: Dec. 15

6:50 pm Midweek Christmas Party at Y
 6:30 pm 'Christianity-1st Three Centuries' at

Church in the Preschool Room

7:55 pm Advent Worship

Thurs: Dec. 16

7:00 am Men's Study – Weighing Anchor
 8:25 am Staff Devotions
 Lutheran Communion
 1:30 pm Maryhouse
 2:00 pm Goldenliving Center
 1:30-3:00 Afternoon Pickleball
 6:00-9:00 pm Open Gym Family Night
 7:00 pm Adult Inquirer's Class

Sun: Dec. 19

8:20 am Communion
 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
 11:00 am Worship
 1:30 pm Maryhouse Christmas Service



Building News

Gifts – We thank you for your gifts last week of \$5,365.33 to the Building/Debt fund.

New T.V. We thank Mike & Ann Shoup for a new television for the Great Room and thank the three other families who graciously offered updated TV's.

Bank West Loan Our Board of Stewardship will meet tonight and hope once again to make a decision to further reduce our short-term Building loan with Bank West.

Electrical This past week we have roughed-in electrical wall boxes in the St. Luke, St. John, and St. Paul rooms.

Insulation We thank Norm Neilan who volunteered to take all the left over insulation to further insulate the walls in the St. Luke, John, and Paul rooms.

Air Hockey We thank the Tronvold family, Jeff, Paula, Gerrit, and Kassie for the donation of an Air Hockey table for our Youth game room.

Music Room Border Our 1961 Fellowship Hall has been cleaned up and has taken on a new look. We have provided neat and well arranged storage for our Boards and special events like Mardi Gras. The Christmas decorations will now be placed in this area also so every year we don't have to go to the staff apartment on what always seems to be a bitter cold day.

This is also the area where our Sunday Schoolers practice music and our choir warms up. The Capitol City Barbershop crew also meets in this area on Monday nights.

We thank Jay Fredrich for putting up a new musical border on the North and East walls. Karen Lindbloom, our Music Coordinator will be adding some attractive musical posters.

Sunday School rooms, the Holy Trinity Room, the Great Room, Jon's Place, Faith Lutheran Preschool, a music room and great organized storage, our 1961 part of our campus still serves us very well!

On September 18th we will celebrate our 50th anniversary of our 1961 move to 714 North Grand Avenue.

Different Gifts/Equal Sacrifice

THE STARS TELL THE STORY



Midweek Advent Worship

This Wednesday

7:55 p.m.

The Promised Stars • Christians

Pastoral Call Pastor Willms has been called to Zion Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin to serve as its Pastor. He has also received a call from Bethany Lutheran in Kaukauna, Wisconsin. We remember Pastor Willms in our prayers.



Faith Lutheran Women's Christmas Party The LWML will host a Christmas Party for all the women of Faith Sunday, **tonight** at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Activities include a program, lunch and fellowship. There will be a gift exchange of something inexpensive or home made. There will also be a free will offering and ingathering for the Food Pantry.

Youth Christmas Programs Today, December 12th, the Nursery- 2nd grade Christmas Program will be at the 11:00 service. The theme is "God Loves Me Dearly."

The 3rd-8th grade Christmas Program will be at 4:00 and is entitled "Christ is the Heart of Christmas."



YOUTH NEWS

Midweek Christmas Party We will have our Midweek Christmas Party at the YMCA Aquatic Center on December 15th from 6:50-8:00. Meet at the YMCA and bring your swimsuits. Admission for non-members will be paid for by the church and members can check in like normal. Juice and cookies will be provided by Board of Education.

A Service of Thanksgiving Monday, December 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 601 North Cliff Avenue, Sioux Falls for the faithful service of *Reverend David E. Schwan*, serving as Executive Secretary of the South Dakota District – LCMS from November 2005 through November 2010, and also for *Mr. Jerald Wulf*, serving as Treasurer of the South Dakota District – LCMS from 1991 through February 2011. An informal time of fellowship will follow. You are cordially invited to attend.



Hong Kong Bound Nick Hill, Jeff Logan, and Jared Doud are a part of a February 17-27, 2011 short-term Mission trip with others from our South Dakota District. Our Board of Missions is hosting a Pancake Feed on Sunday, January 23 in the Christian Family Life Center. This is a Fund Raiser to raise significant gifts to assist Nick, Jeff, & Jared in their trip. The cost is about \$2,000.00 per person, which includes their air-fare, lodging, and food while in Hong Kong. They do need to get air tickets soon so we would appreciate any gifts of generosity that could be given now to help

them with that expense.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Thrivent Dollars can be directed to Faith Lutheran or Faith Lutheran Preschool.

Thrivent Financial recently sent a letter saying eligible members may direct Thrivent Choice dollars.

We encourage you to follow the directions on the letter and direct those dollars. Thrivent Choice is a new charitable grant program and a benefit of your membership in Thrivent Financial. You may direct your designated Choice dollars either to your local congregation or to other eligible Lutheran organizations. If you do not direct these dollars, then Thrivent Financial will make the choice for you. As stated in the letter, you may go to Thrivent.com/choicedollars; or call 1-800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice." Again, we encourage you to direct your designated choice dollars ASAP to benefit your congregation or other Lutheran organizations. Questions, contact Rena Ortbahn, Renee Knapp or our Pastors.

The Board of Stewardship has designated the Choice Dollars be placed into the General Fund for the balance of 2010. In 2011, they will be accrued and placed toward a special need or project.

Main Street Living may be seen each Sunday morning at 10 AM on KDLT-NBC Sioux Falls and at 9 AM on KEVN-FOX Rapid City. Mailing address is Main Street Living, 1400 S. Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

Viewers, area churches, and memorial gifts provide the support for Main Street Living. The program is interpreted for the hearing impaired. The program may be viewed on the web at www.mainstreetliving.com. E-mail vicrames@sio.midco.net.

December 12, 2010 - Kid's Crossing – "Red Boots For Christmas," is the German folk tale of Hans, the shoemaker, as he learns that the true meaning of Christmas is found in giving.

The featured speaker is Rev. Samuel Bobby from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD. The sermon theme is "What Did You Expect?" The hymns are The Advent of Our King; Hark the Glad Sound; and On Jordon's Bank the Baptist's Cry. The Main Street Living choir will provide the hymns. The program is interpreted for the hearing impaired.

December 19, 2010 - Kid's Crossing – Join "The Little Shepherd" and his little lamb "Bramble" as they journey to the manger to see the baby Jesus.

The featured speaker is Rev. Curtis Garland from First Lutheran Church in Wall, SD, and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Creighton, SD. The sermon theme is "Prophecy Fulfilled." The hymns are Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love; The Advent of Our King; and Hark the Glad Sound. The Main Street Living choir will provide the hymns. The program is interpreted for the hearing impaired.

Life Quote "Could you use some good news? Can you think of any good news better than that brought by an angel revealing to shepherds – revealing to the world – a mysterious baby who was Lord and Savior? This truly is Good News *FOR* Life!" *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.

Milk Jug Lids When saving the 5¢ milk jug lids *please save the whole lid*. If the 5¢ sticker is taken off the lid we get no credit for them. We have received two sheets of 5¢ stickers that we can not get credit for. It seems to make more sense to just save the stickers, but this is not what the company wants. Thank you for your efforts in this project.

Capital City Children's/Youth Choirs On Sunday evening, December 12th at 6:30 p.m. the Capital City Children's/Youth Choirs are presenting "Twas the Night Before Christ" in the First United Methodist Church. Magnificent pipe organ music, T.F. Riggs Brass Ensemble, adult percussion, string, woodwind, and readers, along with charming favorites by the choirs will fill the sanctuary. Tom Roberts, author and actor from Sioux Falls has written his newest book "Twas the Night Before Christ" and given us permission to read it during our concert. A free will offering will be taken and reception to follow in the Trinity center. Our choristers come from many parishes in the community. Have a blessed Christ-filled season. Barb Newman, conductor

Advent & Christmas Schedule



Sunday, December 12

Sunday School & Youth
Programs

N-2 11:00 a.m.

3-8 4:00 p.m.



Wednesday, December 15

The Promised Stars—Christians

7:55 p.m.



Christmas Eve Worship

The Guiding Star—Bethlehem

5:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship

With Holy Communion

The Morning Star—Christ

10:30 a.m.



New Year's Eve Worship

With Holy Communion

7:00 p.m.

