

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Please sign our guest book near the double door front entrance. Restrooms are in the basement near the steps in the back of the church.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and the Sacraments. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of all of our worship

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 279 **Communion:** 165 **Midweek Advent:** 168 (129, 39)

Bible Study: 80 (5, 3, 44, 7, 12, 9) **Youth Study:** 15

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	6:30 p.m.	His Word—My Life Class, basement
Monday	7:00 a.m.	His Word—My Life Class, Cindy’s Café
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study, school
	7:30 p.m.	Worship Committee, church basement
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Outreach Committee Meeting
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class
	7:30 p.m.	Band
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	11:00 a.m.	Mid Week Advent Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Advent Soup Supper
	1:00 p.m.	Fun Day
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Soup Supper
	7:30 a.m.	Mid Week Advent Worship
	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Children’s Christmas Program
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	New Life in Christ Class
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement
	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	7:00 p.m.	Children’s Christmas Program
	11:00 p.m.	Christmas Candlelight Worship



It has pleased our heavenly Father to call the soul of Mr. Ernie Lemke to his eternal home. Mr. Lemke died on Sunday, December 10 and received a Christian funeral on Wednesday, December 13. Please remember all who mourn in your prayers.

After Worship Mr. Humann will update us on Growing, Building Together, In CHRIST.

His Word—My Life Bible Study will continue the study *The Ideal Congregation In the Light of Holy Scripture*. The week we look at “The Ideal Congregation Is a Praying Congregation.” Join us Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at church or Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Cindy’s Café.

Tuesday Bible Study will not meet again until January.

Youth Group It is time for commitments for the Youth Rally in Dallas, July 4-7. The Youth Group will have a special meeting this Monday at 6:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend. At the meeting, we will discuss the cost and the registration process. A \$50 initial payment is requested. Anyone who is serious about going to Dallas should attend this meeting. If there are any questions, or if you are unable to attend but would like to go to the Youth Rally, please contact Mr. Muchka. Bible Study will meet Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the school basement. Open gym will follow.

Midweek Advent Worship will conclude next Thursday. This year’s theme is “*Lead Us To Your Light, Lord.*” This week’s focus is “An Eternal Light.” Worship will be at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Please join us!

Soup Supper If you would like to make soup, bars, help serve, or help set up for either soup supper this Thursday, please talk with Paula Ott.

Adult Christ Light Bible Study Next week we will study “*John Preaches Repentance.*” We meet Thursday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School will not meet the 17th or 24th. Our next class is January 7.

Worship In The Gym When we worship in the gym in January and February we will need help setting up for worship and taking things down after worship. There are sign up sheets in the basement for those who can help set up before worship. We are also looking for an enclosed trailer that we can use to store some of the items we will use in worship.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

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3rd Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2006

Peace Through Jesus
Know it. Live it. Share it.

Prayer before worship

Lord, prepare me to celebrate your first coming to this world as you come to me today in Word and Sacrament. Keep me always watchful and ready for your second coming. Amen.

Lessons are on the back cover

Service

Common Service (p. 15)

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

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Hymns

Light One Candle (choir)
14, 443, 15

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 130 (p. 114)

Prayer of the Day

Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Special Music

O Come Emmanuel Grades 3-5
(after prayer of the day)
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
Tim Ott (offering)

Sermon: Philippians 4:4-7

God’s Peace Brings Joy

As we face our fears
As we deal with others

3rd Sunday in Advent – Series C

The Lord is coming. Rejoice!

First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 130 (page 114)

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Advent Alleluia

Choir: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Cong.: *refrain*

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

"What should we do then?" the crowd asked.

John answered, "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same."

Tax collectors also came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?"

"Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them.

Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?"

He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely--be content with your pay."

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." And with many other words John exhorted the people and preached the good news to them.

Choir: *refrain*

Cong.: *refrain*

Out of the depths
I cry to you,
O LORD.
Lord,
hear my voice!

Psalm 130:1-2

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