



December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent
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With God's grace, we care for the soul for a lifetime and beyond.

CAROL SING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Meredith Kuehl, Liz Raihala

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

We come together in the midst of a busy season to take a breath—to breathe in together the life that God gives us. To listen to the beat of God’s heart and the blessings and lessons this season brings to us.

Each week of Advent we light candles to remember the gifts of the season. With its light comes our prayers and our stories.

The candle of this third week of Advent is a candle of Joy. Today the flame of this candle reminds us of the joy that Jesus brings into this world and his presence with us. Jesus said “Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.”

Light the candle.

Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, enjoy God! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you’re on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute! Don’t fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God’s wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It’s wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. Philippians 4:4-7 (The Message)

WELCOME

Isaiah 6:9

Lori Amundson

THE LEGEND OF THE CANDY CANE

Text by Lori Walburg, illus. by James Bernardin
*Kaitlyn Amundson, Riley Anderson, Carson Wrazidlo,
Coltan Anderson, Ella Karki*

HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
verses 1 and 3

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JESUS!

*Scarlett Prescott, Gwen Prescott, Kate Prescott,
Austan Amundson, Kaitlyn Amundson, Carson Wrazidlo,
Bella Harala Sam Harala*

WHAT CAN I GIVE?

Deb Hoff, Sandy Johnson

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PRAYER

“The Lord’s Light Within”

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**Lord, we reflect with thankful hearts
On the wonder of your birth
The love you expressed when you left
Your glory to come to earth**

For your life was like a beacon, Lord
Shining brightly in the night
Filling the world with the radiance of
The Father's glorious light

**And we too, long to have inside
Your light for others to see
The beautiful reflection of your grace
And the wonder of your majesty**

For as your life indwells our hearts,
We can shine wherever we are
And arise to take hold of each new day
With your light ablaze in our hearts

**So rekindle the flame within us, Lord
So it will not flicker nor dim
Ignite us with the light of your love,
So you will shine brightly within**

Amen

OFFERING

***OFFERING RESPONSE** “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

*Rob West
#204*

***BLESSING**

May the gifts we give be used in every way to bring your compassion and grace to life in a weary world. May all beings enjoy the goodness of God in peace. Amen.

“JESUS SAVES”

*James Prescott, Mary West, Lori Amundson,
Sarah Lawton, Caroline Prescott*

“DON’T FORGET JESUS”

© by M.S. Lowndes
*Robyn Anderson, Kevin Raihala, Lois Witzig
Pete Bergman, Catharine Larsen*

***HYMN** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” #240

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7 *Liz Raihala*
Luke 2:8-12 *Linda Pugliese*

HYMN “Away in a Manger” #217
Verse 1 – Hope Children & Youth
Verses 2-3 - Congregation

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:13-15 *Robyn Christianson*
Luke 2:16-20 *Anita Rixe*

***HYMN** “Silent Night” #239

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**You are invited to stand as you are able*

LARGE PRINT hymnals, bulletins, and Bibles, as well as hearing devices are available from the usher.



A very special THANK YOU to all who participated in our program! We are especially grateful to Lori Amundson for serving as our director!!

AND

a big THANK YOU to everyone who joined us this morning.

You are all invited to join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Kids' Quest

God's richest blessings and MERRY CHRISTMAS to you all.



Finance & Attendance Update:

Amount needed each Sunday to meet budget (2018):	2,615.00
Amount received last Sunday:	2,004.00
Total received to date this year	127,263.08
Amount received last week for Capital Fund :	415.00
Amount received year to date for Capital Fund :	20,125.00
Attendance last Sunday	n/a

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 16

- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship – 3rd Sunday of Advent, Intergenerational Christmas Program
- 11:15 a.m. Trustees Meeting
- 11:15 a.m. Finance Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Grace Korean worship

Tuesday, December 18

- 10:00 a.m. Parents & Pals Playtime
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Book Club

Wednesday, December 19

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Mt. Royal
- 10:00 a.m. Parents & Pals Playtime
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Thursday, December 20

- 9:00 a.m. Painters Group
- 10:30 a.m. Yoga for Parkinsons
- 12:00 p.m. Gentle Yoga
- 1:00 p.m. Music @ 1 Christmas Music with French horn guest musicians
- 1:30 p.m. Exercise

Friday, December 21

- Office hours will be 11:30 am-4:00 pm*
- 4:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service and light supper

Sunday, December 23

- 10:00 a.m. Worship – 4th Sunday of Advent,
- 3:00 p.m. Grace Korean worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***It's time for warm PJ's!** We are collecting pajamas for Myers-Wilkins' first grade students, sizes 6x-10. Bring any Sunday or any time; thank you!

***Music @ 1 Thursday music program offered by Sam Black.** This week- "Beethoven Matters"
****Blue Christmas: A Service of Hope and Healing for the Holiday Season" is offered Friday, December 21 at 4:00 p.m.** A gentle, contemplative service for those who are carrying pain or loss during this season of celebration. Join us for a service on this longest night of the year, and share in a simple supper of soup and bread following. *Offer to accompany a friend, neighbor or family member who may be struggling this holiday season with loss, grief or pain.*

***Healing Group for Those Dealing with Grief:** Catharine Larson, licensed psychologist, will guide a small caring, loving community of those experiencing grief of any kind, towards acceptance and new life. **First session: Monday, January 7, 5:30-7 pm** in the Mathison Room. Three additional sessions will be set by the group to accommodate all schedules. \$25 for all four sessions. **RSVP Catharine or the church office.** And please share about this opportunity with any friends, neighbors or family members who may find it helpful!

STAFF

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Amy-Dressler
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Kids' Quest Director: Anita Rixe