

Postlude



PIANIST:

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Nancy Scalisi

Gene & Jodi Fjeld

~Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests.~

~Please call or email with your request.~

WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

40041 150th Ave

Leland, IA



Third Sunday in Advent December 17, 2023

Sunday School Program

Mission: To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all through worship, education, outreach, and fellowship.

Communion given every Sunday in Advent

Healing Service December 31st

Please be advised, the service is live streamed and posted on the internet.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*Stand as you are able)

Welcome and Announcements

The third candle is the Shepherds' Candle.

The pink and two blue candles are lit.

R: Let us pray.

C: As we light the third candle of our Advent wreath we give thanks to you, O God, for the shepherds whom your angels visited. May we, like them, be quick to run to Jesus. Cause us to find him in Word and Sacrament. Grant us peace and joy when we find Jesus in these places so that we, like the shepherds, may continue through life rejoicing in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" Verse 3

*Confession & Forgiveness

p. 77

OPENING HYMN "O Come All Ye Faithful" #45 verse 1



Sunday School Program



READING Bristol Swanson Luke 1:26-35

MARY (Tristyn Branstad) **and the ANGEL** (Leah Branstad)

HYMN "The Magnificat" Holden Evening Prayer pg. 7

READING Zeke Reimann Matthew 1:18b-24

JOSEPH (Wyatt Reimann) **and the ANGEL** (Leah Branstad)

HYMN "Good Christian Friends" #55

READING Teryn Branstad Luke 2:3-7

MARY (Tristyn Branstad) **and JOSEPH** (Wyatt Reimann)

"Mary Did You Know"

Lanette Branstad, Pastor Tony, and Sunday School Children

READING Bristol Swanson Luke 2:8-20

SHEPHERDS and SHEEP

(Nova Swanson, Finley Swanson, Leah Branstad, Will Branstad, Tucker Branstad, Leo Colby, Kamden Swanson)

HYMN "Infant Lowly" #44

READING Zeke Reimann.....Matthew 2:1-12

WISEMEN (Waylon Reimann and Brody Reimann)

HYMN "We Three Kings" Grey Hymnal #206 Vs. 1 & 5

READING Teryn Branstad Christmas Prayer

Sunday School Children Songs led by Julie Reimann

*The Nicene Creed p. 84

The Offering

*The Offertory *"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"* p. 86

*Offertory Prayer p. 87

*Words of Institution p. 89

*The Lord's Prayer **Grey book #440**

Communion

Distribution, continuous flow

Prayer after Communion p. 94

*The Blessing p. 94

*SENDING HYMN *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"* #60

Go in peace, serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

Announcements & Activities

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