

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
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The Rev. Raymond H. Phyles Pastor (phone 978-531-2264)	Mrs. Margaret Knowlton Organist
Third Sunday in Advent	December 13, 2009
Service of the Word-III	9:30 a.m.

**Preparation**

Prelude		Enter quietly to worship	
*The Confession of Sins			p. 98
#*The Entrance Hymn	(4)	(sts. 1,4-6)	# 23
*The Greeting	(5)		p. 99
*The Kyrie	(6)		p. 99
*The Hymn of Praise	(7)		p.100
*The Prayer of the Day	(8)		p. 13
The Lighting of the Advent Wreath	(st. 3)		# 34

**#Latecomers may be seated**

**The Word**

The First Lesson	(9)	Zephaniah 3: 14-20	
The Psalm 146			p. 287
The Second Lesson		Philippians 4: 4-7	
The Alleluia			p.103
*The Holy Gospel	(15,16)	Luke 3: 7-18	
The Sermon		Pastor Phyles	

**The Response to the Word**

*The Hymn of the Day	(19)	(alt tune)	# 36
*The Apostles' Creed	(21)		p.106
The Offering and Offertory			p.118
*The Pastoral Prayer	(47)		p.119
*The Lord's Prayer (either version)			p.119
*The Benediction	(48)		p.119
*The Departure Hymn			# 30
A Moment of Reflection			
*The Postlude		Depart joyfully to serve	

**\*Congregation Standing**

**Lay Assistant:** Sue Reed  
**Lector:** Fred Faust **Acolyte:** Timothy Caves  
**Ushers:** Fred Faust & Chip Bott  
**Nursery:** Rick & Cheryl

Please disable all cellphones and other devices upon entering the sanctuary. Thank you

The flowers on the Altar this morning have been presented by the Lee and Waisanen families to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alli Lee and Eino and Mary Kankalo.

We cordially welcome all who are present for worship this morning, particularly you who may be visitors among us. St. John is a congregation of God's people worshipping and serving in the Reformation tradition. Please sign our Guest Book before you leave, and please join us downstairs following the service for coffee and light refreshments.

We shall use Setting III of the liturgy today and through the Christmas season.

Today we shall dedicate our pledges of support of our congregational ministry for 2010. If you have not yet made a pledge, we encourage your prayerful consideration to do so. If you have not received offering envelopes and wish to have them, please let Sue Reed know.

Christmas poinsettias to beautify the chancel for our Christmas Eve celebration are available again this year from Evans Florists for \$11.00 per plant. Please place your order on the sheet posted downstairs by next Sunday. Please pay Raudna Pelletier.

The Flower Chart for 2010 is now posted downstairs. Please sign for the Sunday(s) you wish to reserve. The cost remains \$30.00 per Sunday.

We invite you to send one Christmas greeting to fellow members here to the church, to be displayed downstairs, and to contribute the money saved on postage to World Hunger or any local provider of food for the hungry.

Liturgical calendars for 2010 are available downstairs on the cabinet shelf. Our sincere thanks go to the Conway, Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home for their generous gift of these calendars again this year.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will begin at 7:30 p.m. on December 24<sup>th</sup>. All are cordially invited to celebrate our Lord's birth in this way. Please be sure to invite family and friends to join with us in our celebration.

We shall not celebrate the Eucharist next Sunday. Instead we shall enjoy the annual Christmas pageant presented by our Sunday Church School. We will celebrate the communion sacrament at our Christmas Eve service.

Our WELCA group will meet after the service today to package cookies to be delivered to our sick and shut-in this week. The more hands to help the merrier.

Our annual Christmas caroling through the neighborhood is set for next Sunday, beginning at noon from the church. Voices, young and old, are most welcome.

A sheet is posted downstairs to sign up for snow shoveling as needed and as you are available. Your help is welcome. Please volunteer to help shovel snow this winter.

We ask your prayers and concern for these members and friends of St. John today and throughout the coming week.

Ellen Hepburn	David Fredricksen	Carol White
Anna Snow	Jayne Petitto	

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 We join with those who mourn in remembering before God and one another, those who departed this life in the sign of the faith.  
 Nestor Philip Niemi - 12/17/64