

December 15, 2024

Good Hope Lutheran Church THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 a.m.

The Prelude Ringing of the Bell The Welcome and Announcements

*The Opening Hymn

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" #34

*The Greeting

*The Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

SCUBA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Scene 1: Welcome!

Sunday School Song – "Thanks, God"

Scene 2: I'm So Happy!

Sunday School Song –

"If You're Happy and You Know It"

Sunday School Song - "Jesus is our Friend"

Scene 3: God Is a Friend Who Loves

Congregational Hymn	
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	#41

Scene 4: God Is a Friend Who's Real Sunday School Song – "One True God"

Scene 5: God Is a Friend We Can Trust
Sunday School Song —
"See the Baby Jesus Sleeping on the Hay"
Sunday School Song — "Away in the Manger"
Congregational Hymn "Silent Night" #65

Scene 6: God is a Friend for Everyone Congregational Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #60

Scene 7: God Is a Friend Forever Sunday School Song: "One Big Family"

The Offering will be donated to the Titonka Care Center Hail Mary Fund

Announcements—Parents will pick up students in their Sunday School room. The Noisy Offering collected at the door after the program.

*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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*The Blessing

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, bless and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

"Joy to the World"

#39

*Please stand if you are able.

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THE OFFERING next Sunday is for Current Expenses.

PASTOR JOHN'S OFFICE HOURS: Mon, 9:30-12:30 at Immanuel, Tues. 9:30-12:30 at St. John's, Wed. 9:30 to 12:30 at Good Hope.

<u>THE 2025 SIGN UP</u> sheets for lectors and greeters are on the table in the back of the church. Please sign up to help! Thank you!

PLEASE HELP TO beautify our sanctuary this holiday season. We are asking for donations of poinsettia plants. They add so much to our worship service. Be sure to identify your plant. If you are giving the poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please get that information to Kelly so it can be noted in the bulletin. Thank you in advance for your help!

<u>REPORTS FOR THE</u> 2024 Annual Report book are due NO LATER than December 27th! Please get them to Kelly ASAP! Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Wed., Dec. 18 3:00 p.m. Worship @ The Summit

House

7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Good

Hope

Confirmation students are expected to attend!

Sun., Dec. 22 9:30 a.m. Senior Choir Practice

10:30 a.m. Worship/Holy

Communion

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP in the Chapel before Church. Everyone welcome!

THE WELCA WILL have a short meeting after worship on Sunday, December 29th after our service. All women are asked to attend!

LOST: A pair of black framed glasses that were in the Chapel on the piano are missing! If anyone has seen them or know where they are please put them in Debi Spear's mailbox. Thank you!

THE FRIENDS OF the Titonka Care Center are hosting an Employee Appreciation Snack Buffet for all the staff at the Titonka Care Center on December 17th, 18th, and 19th, from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. It is our way of saying "Thank You" to the dedicated staff and employees at TCC. You can help show your appreciation by donating and bringing your Christmas Goodies to the employee

break room between 8:00 and 10:00 on any one of those three days, and tell them Thank You!

BEER AND CAROLS join friends, family, and neighbors for an evening of Christmas Carols on Sunday, December 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Titonka Brewing Company.

The Legend of the Sand Dollar



There's a lovely little legend that I would like to tell, of the birth and death of Jesus, found in this lowly shell.

If you examine closely, you'll see that you find here, four nail holes and a fifth one, made by a Roman's spear.

On one side the Easter Lily, its center is the star, that appeared unto the shepherds and led them from afar.

> The Christmas Poinsettia etched on the other side, remind us of His birthday, our happy Christmastide.

Now break the center open, and here you will release, the five white doves awaiting, to spread good will and peace.

This simple little symbol, Christ left for you and me, to help us spread His Gospel, through all eternity.

