



# PLYMOUTH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## *First Sunday in Advent December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023*

Prelude


Announcements

Hymn: "O Worship the King" 245

Advent Candle Lighting Sharon Wahala

Invocation

Scripture Reading: **ISAIAH 64:1-9**  
**MARK 13:24-37**

 Praise Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" 1

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Pulpit Hymn: "Praise Him! Praise Him!" 6

 Sermon Text: **EPHESIANS 1:15-23**

The Sermon Michael Mattinen

The Benediction

Hymn: "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" 3

Postlude



The Congregation stands

\*\*Please turn off cell phones during the service – thank you\*\*

**ON OUR PRAYER LIST THIS WEEK** (Please leave a note in the office of any additions, removals or changes)

- ❖ **For Missionaries:** Nicole & Saul Palazuelos, David & Sharon Matti, Lynton & Iona Silva, Daniel, Denisa & Luna Harcar, Phil, Cindy, Megan & Sarah Read, Trevor Rubenstein, David & Carmen Gunderson, Bill Rogers, Derek Johnson & Family, ALC Foreign Missions, Outpost Ministries.
- ❖ **MILITARY/POLICE OFFICERS—Pray for those Serving Our Communities & Country** –Jesse Maunu, John Saari, Gregg Johnson, Jason Leonard, Ryan Pelkola, Jeff Ritter, James O’Neill, Caleb Hendrickson, Ben Jenkins, Zach B, Rose Stamp, Corey Anderson, Christopher Anderson & Brandon Hietala
- ❖ **The family of:** Lois Johnson (Myrna & Neil’s sister) (12/22), Marlene Walters (12/22), Clayton Matti (1/23), Madeleine Myrmel (Craig’s wife, Kevin’s sister-in-law) (2/23), Joe Pelto (3/23), Pr. & Mrs. Elmer Liimatta (3/23), Pr. Ansten Tretten (3/23), Pr Ivan Seppala (7/23), Dorine Grubb (Anita & Audrey’s sister) (7/23)
- ❖ **Dan Puumala**- Blood supply to right eye/ miraculous healing /infection/ strength; healing of chronic extreme dry eye
- ❖ **Sara Graf** – Relief and healing from Crohn’s Disease and hormonal imbalance
- ❖ **Pastor Charles & Leann Bergstedt** – Continued healing
- ❖ **Roger Larson** – Healing
- ❖ **Ed Puumala** – inactive lymphoma
- ❖ **Cheryl Puumala** – only on immunotherapy; Pray for continued healing, pain control
- ❖ **Ed Pahkala** (Marlene’s brother)-In remission
- ❖ **Bonnie Rentz** (Marlene’s Sister)-heal stroke in eye & benign tumor in frontal lobe of brain.
- ❖ **Mark Fredrickson**-(Lorraine’s Son-in-law) pray for physical & speech Therapy
- ❖ **Debbie Salguero**
- ❖ **Lulu Puumala**
- ❖ **Joe Pelkola** (Patti Olson’s brother)
- ❖ **Lorrie & Mike Kandoll** (Pr. Ryan’s Parents) – Healing
- ❖ **Pastor & Mrs. Lee & daughter Amy** – Healing
- ❖ **Terri Bloomquist** – Praise for Healing from cellulitis; pray for continued healing of skin.
- ❖ **Myrna Maikkula** – Thanks be to God for cancer and the doors it has opened. PTL for healing in God’s time.
- ❖ **Bev Aho** – Peace, healing & Medical Team
- ❖ **Audrey Krutzig** – healing, peace and wisdom for the Drs
- ❖ **Lori Krumholz**—Prayers for the healing of her cancer, and wisdom for her doctors
- ❖ **Carmen Kandoll & Elise O’Neill** – healthy pregnancies & babies
- ❖ **Pray for Pastor of the Week – Pastor Colin Kinnunen**
- ❖ **Pray for our Country;** Peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6-7)/For the Unreached People Groups/Persecuted Church (Heb 13:3), Nigerian Church, ALC Balm of Gilead, Abortion, Sharon
- ❖ **Our Church**-Music leader, Discernment on repairs and upgrades to the building; Silent Prayer

## **PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH**

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it. <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates, And lift *them* up, O ancient doors, That the King of glory may come in! <sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. **Psalm 24:1, 9, 10**



Meditation Scriptures for this Week: Psalm 80

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father

### **Confession**

**Congregation:** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

### **Absolution**

**Pastor:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. Your sins are forgiven in the name and shed blood of Jesus. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun the good work in you, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night @ the Church

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – A Sunday School Christmas Program during the service

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Caroling @ Northridge @ 6:30pm

Dec 24<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Eve Service @ 3:00pm **TIME CHANGE**

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Service @ 10:30am

### **Upcoming:**

#### **Coffee Serving:**

Dec 3 – Stacey

Dec 10 – Evy & Larry

Dec 17 – Janis

#### **Nursery Schedule:**

Dec 3 – Volunteer

Dec 10 – Volunteer

Dec 17 - Volunteer

## NOTICE OF TIME CHANGE

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WILL BE AT 3:00pm**

**There will NOT BE a 10:30am service on Christmas Eve**

**There will be a 10:30am service on Christmas Day.**

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### **Movie Night is Back at PLC**

Join us Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

Movie is "Like Arrows"

**\*Join us for \***

**A Sunday School Christmas Program –**

**"The Birth of Jesus"**

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**at the beginning of the church service**

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### **Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**



**Caroling at The Residence @ North Ridge  
(5500 Boone Ave N, New Hope) @ 6:30 pm.**

There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex desk.

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### **Advent Readers Needed**



If your family is interested in participating in the Advent candle lighting, volunteers are needed for the following Sundays & Christmas Day.

**Dec 17, 24(service @ 3pm) & 25<sup>th</sup>**

Advent Season begins TODAY.

**There is a sign-up sheet on the Desk in the Narthex.**

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**Feed My Starving Children event  
scheduled for**

**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am**

**Sign-up sheet coming soon.**

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# Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesdays from 6-7pm @ the church



In *Love Thy Body*, bestselling author Nancy Pearcey goes beyond politically correct slogans with a riveting exposé of the dehumanizing worldview that shapes current watershed moral issues, arguing that a holistic Christian view sustains the dignity of the body and biology. Throughout the book, Pearcey entrances readers with compassionate stories of people wrestling with hard questions in their own lives--their pain, their struggles, their triumphs.

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**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

**Ushers:**

Larry Walters                      Volunteer  
Brian Bartell                      Volunteer

**Nursery:**

Volunteer

**Counters:**

Kris Walters  
Volunteer

**Greeters:**

Volunteer

**Sound Technician:** Roy Saari

**Driver:**

**Coffee fellowship:** Stacey Wempen

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY**

**Ushers:**

Larry Walters                      Volunteer  
Brian Bartell                      Volunteer

**Nursery:**

Volunteer

**Counters:**

Deb Sunnarborg  
Kris Walters / Volunteer

**Greeters:**

Volunteer

**Sound Technician:** Roy Saari

**Driver:**

**Coffee fellowship:** Evy & Larry

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**TODAY (12/3)**

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**9:15am** Sunday School for Everyone

**10:30am** Worship Service

**11:30am** Coffee Fellowship

**WEDNESDAY(12/6) 9:00am** Men's Breakfast @ Perkins

Hwy 55 & 494

**9:30am** Ladies Bible Study @ the Church

**6:00pm** Evening Bible Study @ the church

**NEXT SUNDAY(12/10) 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**9:15am** Sunday School for Everyone

**10:30am** Worship Service

**11:30am** Coffee Fellowship

