

# Rejoice

## Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave

7:30 am Bible Class, 8:00 am Worship Service

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## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

1107 14<sup>th</sup> Street

10:00 am Sunday School, 10:15 am Bible Class, 11:00 am Service

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3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2014

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 27 (front of the hymnal p. 109)

Personal Prayer: *Lord God, heavenly Father, send Your Son into our hearts by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we, being strengthened by the Sun of Righteousness, may walk before You in fervent faith and all holy obedience. Watch over our little flock, and by Your Word strengthen our faith and renew in us a rejoicing spirit in our Advent and Christmas worship. In Jesus name, Amen.*

## TODAY'S ORDER OF SERVICE

### Opening Prayer

### Hymn 387:1-6

*(Congregation stands)*

### INVOCATION

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C:** Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,  
 Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:  
 We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,  
 Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

P: Let us pray...  
 ...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*(Congregation is seated)*

**FIRST LESSON**

Zephaniah 3:14-18 Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! 15 The LORD has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; You shall see disaster no more. 16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. 17 The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." 18 "I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly"

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

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**SECOND LESSON**

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## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## HYMN 73

### SERMON

Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

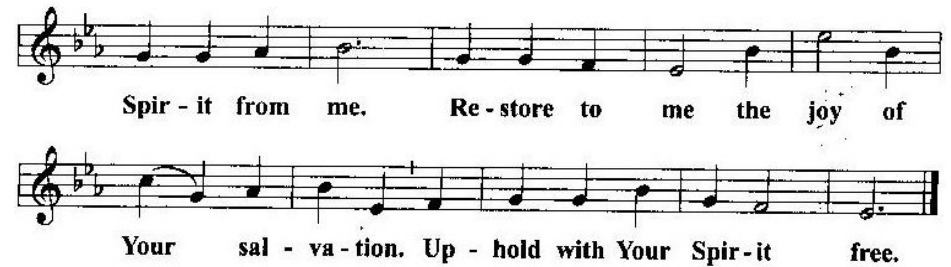
Theme: "FAITH'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS"

I. Joy (4); II. Gentleness (5); III. Prayer (6); IV. Peace (7)

### OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me  
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

### OFFERINGS *and offering hymn:*

*As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King!*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - (Pastor)

#### LORD'S PRAYER - (All)

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

## HYMN 88

*Congregation stands for:*

### BENEDICTION

**P:** The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN 87:1-2

*Personal Prayer at the close of service*

*Grant, I beseech You, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Your grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. Amen.*

# **Announcements**

*"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15*

**WELCOME EVERYONE!** We are glad you are here today and pray that God's Word and songs of praise sung to His glory will help you prepare your hearts for Christmas. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book, and come back and worship with us again soon. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Just ask our Pastor about the free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, confess, and practice. The LORD's richest blessings to all!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT PEACE IN OROFINO**

**Wednesday** – 3rd Midweek Advent Service at 5:00 pm

**Next Sunday Dec. 21** - No morning service. 1:00 pm Christmas Eve service with potluck following.

**CHRISTMAS DAY** – 8:00 am service

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S IN CLARKSTON**

**Today:** All are invited to our Christmas Lunch Party (pizza!) with a "white elephant" gift exchange (optional). After that please join us for caroling!

**Wednesday** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Midweek Advent Service at 7:00 pm

**Christmas Eve** – 7:00 pm service **Christmas Day** – 11:00 am service

**CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE** Held in place of Sunday School at St. John's.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S BIBLE READINGS** To help you prepare your hearts:

Micah 5:2-4 – A Ruler will come out of Bethlehem

Hebrews 10:5-10 – Christ came to do God's will (sermon)

Luke 1:39-45 – Mary's song of praise

**Christmas Eve Children's Goodie Bags** At St. John's there is a box set out in the kitchen for items for the treat bags given to the children on Christmas Eve. This box will be set out for the next 2 Sundays.

**Poinsettias for the altar** You are welcome to bring poinsettias to decorate the front of church, or you may contribute to the Ladies Aid toward their purchase.

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES THIS WEEK** The last of three midweek services is scheduled to begin Wednesday at 5:00 pm at Peace and 7:00 pm at St. John's. You are invited! **"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18**

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** Boxes are still available at St. John's in the back of the church. The prices are on each box. Payments to "St. John's Ladies Aid."

**CLC Mission Helper Trip to East Africa** – the application deadline is quickly approaching for this coming Summers' trip to East Africa. If you are interested in

participating, please apply no later than January 5, 2015. You can find information and apply online at: [www.mht.lutheranmissions.org/](http://www.mht.lutheranmissions.org/)

## **WHO'S READY TO START THINKING CAMP?!?**

Due to the fact that we have been reaching capacity for our ILC Youth Camp, we are going to try something new. Instead of one camp session, we will be running two youth camp sessions. The dates for both camps have been set. Be sure to mark your calendars, the first camp session will run June 21-27 and the second session will run July 19-25. **How is this going to work?** Each camp session will have a maximum capacity of 80 campers per session. This means we will have a smaller number of campers per camp, but will allow us to be able to take more campers between the two camp sessions. Since we are doing this to make sure no camper is left behind, we will only allow you to register for one camp session. **How will I make sure I end up in the camp session with my buddies?** We're leaving that up to you. Start thinking, planning, calling, emailing, texting now to figure out when is the best session for you, your family, and your buddies. While we would love to be able to have everyone together, due to the nature of this undertaking, we will not be able to switch campers around after registration. Of course, in an emergency situation we would do our best to make something work. **So, how do you register?** Registration will open on March 13<sup>th</sup>. When you register your camper(s) you will have the choice to pick which camp (June 21-27 or July 19-25) your camper(s) will attend. However, once one of the dates fill up you will only be able to attend the other date. So, make sure you know what dates you want to register for before registration begins! Since this is something new to our staff, we know there is going to be some trial-and-error along the way, so please bear with us as we work on this new undertaking! Lord willing, we won't have to turn away any kids for camp. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Also, please continue to watch for information in regards to our Pre-Camp program. Jessica Sydow 952-905-9981 [jessicasydow10@gmail.com](mailto:jessicasydow10@gmail.com)  
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**CLC NEWS** The Rev. Wayne Eichstadt, co-pastor at Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has returned the call to Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood WA. <> Calvary Lutheran, Marquette MI, has called the Rev. Frank Gantt, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD. <> The Rev. Burgess Huehn has accepted the call to Trinity Lutheran, Millston WI. <> PULPIT VACANCIES: 1)Mt. Olive, Lamar CO; 2)Calvary, Marquette MI; 3)Redemption, Lynnwood WA; 4)Resurrection, Corpus Christi TX; 5)Shepherd of the Valley, Weslaco TX; 6) Resurrection, Calgary AB Canada

## **WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE**

"The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save;  
He will rejoice over you with gladness,  
He will quiet you with His love,  
He will rejoice over you with singing."  
Zephaniah 3:17

## FIRST BIBLE LESSON for the 3rd Sunday in Advent

*Here the words Zion, Israel, and Jerusalem, are all names for God's Holy Church – you and me and all believers of all time. We sing, shout, are glad and rejoice for the great things God has done through Jesus Christ, who came first as the child of Bethlehem, and is coming again soon to take all our sorrows away forever. We read...*

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