

Today's Scripture

Zephaniah 3:14-20

14 Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

15 For the LORD will remove his hand of judgment and will disperse the armies of your enemy. And the LORD himself, the King of Israel, will live among you!

At last your troubles will be over, and you will never again fear disaster.

16 On that day the announcement to Jerusalem will be, "Cheer up, Zion! Don't be afraid!"

17 For the LORD your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs."

18 "I will gather you who mourn for the appointed festivals; you will be disgraced no more.

19 And I will deal severely with all who have oppressed you. I will save the weak and helpless ones; I will bring together those who were chased away. I will give glory and fame to my former exiles, wherever they have been mocked and shamed.

20 On that day I will gather you together and bring you home again. I will give you a good name, a name of distinction, among all the nations of the earth, as I restore your fortunes before their very eyes. I, the LORD, have spoken!"

FLOWERS SUNDAY in the Sanctuary are provided by Ray & Carol Lockhart.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 @12:30-1:30PM IN THE SANCTUARY.

A reflective hour of quiet acoustic music and worship. Feel free to come and go during this hour. A time to quiet your heart and just listen and reflect on God's great love. Led by Josh Corbett.

GREETERS
9:00 Bob & Pat Peterson
10:30 Aaron & Gina Penn

LAY READERS
9:00 Brad Everling
10:30 Deb Basurto

WORSHIP LEADERS
10:30 T Pastor Cindy Gregorson
10:30 C Pastor Brooke Heerwald Steiner

USHERS
9:00 T Jeff Baldwin (*head*), Jamie Cynor, Ed Engen, Jim & Jane Fastle
10:30 T Sherry & John Rawlins, Dave & Marsha Osborn
10:30 C Dennis VanSkyhawk (*head*), Jamey Hansen, Steve Holman, Terry Huddle, Mabel Koroma



Order of Worship
Sunday, December 13, 2009
Contemporary (10:30a)
3rd Sunday in Advent

Gathering "Soon and Very Soon"
"Shout to the Lord"

Welcome
Please sign and pass the welcome pads down the rows; hand to the ushers as they receive the offering.

Lighting of the Advent Candle
"Prepare the Way"

Praise Songs "Jesus, Come/Emmanuel"
"Please Enter My Heart Hosanna"
"Prepare Ye the Way"

Prayer "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Offering Music "The Human and the Holy"

Scripture Zephaniah 3:14-20 (NLT)

Message "Prophets Foretold It – A New Kind of Joy"
Pastor Karen Bruins

Response to the Word

Song "The Lord's Prayer"

Blessing

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Longest Night Service in Sanctuary Dec. 16, 7:00pm, Sanctuary
Cantata "Morning Star" Dec. 19, 7:00pm, Family Life Center
Dec. 20, 2:00pm, Family Life Center
Dec. 20, 4:00pm, Family Life Center
Bluegrass Christmas Dec. 21, 7:00pm, Family Life Center



Christmas Eve Services Thursday, Dec. 24
1:00pm Communion & Candlelighting in Sanctuary
3:00 & 5:00pm Family Friendly Service in Family Life Center
7:00, 8:30, 10:00pm Carols & Candlelighting in Sanctuary

WORSHIP SERVICES
Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Blended
Sunday, 9:00 am – Traditional
Sunday, 10:30 am – Traditional
Sunday, 10:30 am – Contemporary

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Order of Worship
Sunday, December 13, 2009
Traditional (9:00a & 10:30a)
3rd Sunday in Advent

Gathering "Wachet Auf ruft uns die Stimme" J.S. Bach

Lighting Of The Candles

Welcome
Please sign and pass the welcome pads down the rows; hand to the ushers as they receive the offering.

Prelude "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" Chancel Bells

***Call To Worship based on Zephaniah 3**
*(*Please stand if you are comfortable.)*

Leader: Sing aloud, sons and daughters!
Shout with joyful praise!

All: **Rejoice in the Lord always.**
Again we say, "Rejoice!"

Leader: The God of our salvation is near at hand.
Our redeemer is in our midst.

All: **With shouts of joy, we sing to God.**
Again we say "Rejoice!"

Leader: Make known God's deeds.
Proclaim Christ's love for all to hear.

All: **With hearts filled with laughter and love.**
Again we say "Rejoice!"

***Hymn** "Prepare the Way of the Lord" #207

Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle

Leader: Today we light the third candle on our Advent wreath. This is the candle of joy.
The prophets foretold the coming of the Messiah. They spoke of a new day and a new world where love, hope and joy would reign. Isaiah said, "You will live in joy and peace. The mountains and hills will burst into song and the trees of the field will clap their hands!" (Isaiah 55:12)
Let us pray,
Holy God, Your prophets foretold a kingdom in which all of creation, even nature itself, will sing your praise. We look to the coming of Your Son Jesus with joy. O come, Emmanuel, come. Amen.

Scripture Zephaniah 13:14-20 (NLT)
Message "Prophets Foretold It – A New Kind of Joy"
.....Pastor Karen Bruins

Unison Prayer (based on Zephaniah 3, Luke 3)

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come quickly into our lives and into our hearts.

Renew us with your love.

Help us bear fruit worthy of repentance.

Where there is hatred, heal us with your love.

Where there is discord, calm us with your peace.

Where there is sin, cover us with your grace.

Where there is despair, strengthen us with your hope.

Baptize us with the fire of your Holy Spirit,

that we may be refined and cleansed of our sins.

Gather us into your midst,

that we may be your people. Amen and amen.

**Hymn* "You Are Mine"#2218 (*The Faith We Sing*)

Offering

Invitation

Music during the Offering

9:00a "Awake and Greet the New Morn" Mark Sedio

10:30a "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt"Craig Courtney
Ruth Lekander - Flute

Doxology #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Hymn* "Lift Up Your Heads" #213

Silent Prayer, Prayers for the People

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

Announcements / Share A Greeting

**Closing Hymn* "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"(see insert)

Blessing

And now, may the peace of God that passes all understanding be with you now and forevermore. Rejoice in God, always! Again, I say rejoice!!

Postlude "Wake, Awake"Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome! We're glad you're here today.

FIRST TIME GUESTS... are invited to stop by the Welcome Desk for a coupon for a free cup of coffee at one of two local coffee shops. We're glad you're here!

SUBSCRIBE TODAY...to receive the Monthly Newsletter and news items, go to www.rosemountumc.org. At the top of the screen go to red "Subscribe" button, click on "Subscribe to Newsletter", enter your information, click "Subscribe".

REMINDER . . . THIS IS BLOOD PRESSURE SUNDAY. Readings will be taken from 10 until 10:30 in Pastor Brooke's office.

THANK YOU...for the beautiful poinsettia plant delivered to us by the Caring Ministry Team. Bob & June Korthauer

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS USHERS, GREETERS, and WELCOME DESK: Many volunteers are still needed to usher, greet, host the Welcome Desk & serve communion during all the Advent & Christmas services. Please sign up on the clipboard at the Usher Stand near the Sanctuary. Thanks to those who filled out the purple forms and handed them in.

OFFERING REMINDER...Please be sure your offering is always in an envelope with your name on it regardless of whether or not you have an envelope number.

SUPPORT THE ROSEMOUNT FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER...On Sunday, Dec. 20, there will be a bake sale right outside the Family Life Center from 8:30am-12:30pm to support the Rosemount Family Resource Center. Non-perishable food items will be accepted and encouraged, and will be able to be traded for a plate of treats. All proceeds will go **directly** to the RFRFC.

POWER GREEN GRANT...We will continue to collect clean, twist-on bottle caps. i.e. caps on shampoo, water, soda, milk, flip-top caps, laundry detergents and some jar lids such as peanut butter. (These will be sent to Aveda who repurposes them into new caps or containers) indefinitely. See the box in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your participation so far - we have sent one large box of caps already - keeping them out of the landfill. Pick up information at the POWER grant table in the Fellowship Hall on ways to recycle other materials.

BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS! - December 20th during the Fellowship Time. Join the Missions Team for coffee, cookies and treats between services. Please bring baby items (formula, diapers, baby food etc.) in honor of Baby Jesus at any time during December. These items may be placed in the manger. The shower continues through Christmas Eve. All donations will be distributed through the Rosemount Family Resource Center.

SERVICE IN OUR COMMUNITY

FAMILY PLACE...Please save the day of Sunday, Jan. 17 to help serve an evening meal to homeless families at The Family Place. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Tom or Linda Montgomery at (tlmontgomery@frontierner.net) or 651-423-3721. Thanks!

THE ANGEL TREE PROGRAM still has two children to "adopt". If you are willing to support this very important ministry please contact Deb Basurto at 952-985-5824 or via email deborah.basurto@rudyluthertoyota.com

LA PUERTA CHRISTMAS There are 113 names to 'adopt' for Christmas from La Puerta Abierta UMC in W. St. Paul. In order to serve their needs, we ask that you purchase a \$25 gift card plus a fun item for a child or a \$50 gift card for an adult (Cub, Rainbow, Wal-Mart, or Target.) Questions? Contact Meredith Johnson meredith.johnson@thomsonreuters.com

TICKETS FOR THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CANTATA are on sale in the narthex today or during the week in the church office. Ticket prices are \$5, with a \$20 cap for each family. The cantata will be presented on **Saturday, Dec. 19 @ 7p and Sunday, Dec. 20 at 2p & 4p. (Note the new times!)** Seating is limited for each performance, so get your tickets early. Childcare will be provided. Contact Nick Klemetson at nklemetson@rosemountumc.org with any questions. *Regular morning worship services will be held at 9a & 10:30a on Dec. 20.*

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING... 1/2 hour slots are still available to ring bells for the Salvation Army. We will be at the entrance door at the Cub Foods in Rosemount, Saturday, December 19th from 10:30 - 5:30. The sign up sheet is on the Service bulletin board on the wall in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Todd or Chris Bishop. bishop5@charter.net

ADULT MINISTRIES

COME JOIN AN ADULT BIBLE STUDY on Sundays from 10:15 to 11:00 in the conference room. This is a Bible Study that has restarted. Books are furnished. The lessons involve reading 4 to 5 pages ahead of time with some scripture. We then have a class discussion on what we have read. Winter units are: The Promised Birth Fulfilled, Evidences of Jesus as Messiah, and Testimonies to Jesus as Messiah. Dick Barnes and Dennis Lund teach the Bible Study. All are welcome.

ZONE 56 - Students Grades 5 & 6

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR CAMP SERVE, a day camp of mission and fun. Dates are August 2 - 6. A \$40 non refundable deposit is due by December 31st. Don't delay, sign up today! More info available on the Camp Serve registration form found at the bottom of the stairs by the main entrance.

ELEVATION YOUTH MINISTRIES - Students 7th-12th Grades

NOOMA NIGHT - Tuesday, Dec. 15th from 6-7pm upstairs in the ATTIC. This meeting is for 8th & 9th grade confirmation students and their mentors.

SENIOR HIGH MICHIGAN SKI TRIP - January 15th - 17th - Contact Josh if you are interested! Cost - \$210/person - includes transportation, lodging, six meals, lift tickets, program. *Rental equipment is extra.

June 12th - 18th, 2010 - **SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP** to Benton Harbor, Michigan! More information and sign up materials are available! See Josh

July 14th - 17th, 2010 - **SR. HIGH TRIP TO SONSHINE** Music Festival in Willmar, MN. More details and cost will be coming soon! Mark your calendars for this awesome event!

August 2nd - 6th - **CAMP SERVE FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-7!** Join us for a Mission Trip Day Camp. Cost of the week is \$125/person. There are just 20 spots available! Please turn in your non refundable deposit of \$60 to Josh Corbett or Karen Klekner at Rosemount UMC! We will be participating in serving people in the Southwestern Suburbs of Minnesota!