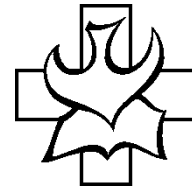


SECOND SUNDAY
IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 7, 2025



DEAR FRIENDS, may God bring gladness to your hearts through the promises of His Son. We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who brings gifts of eternal life, joy, and peace.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Heavenly Father, whose will is that all people be saved, for the heralds of the past and the proclaimers of the Good News in the present we ask Your blessing, that the power of the Spirit move all who hear them to accept Your Son in faith, and so fulfill Your hearts desire; in Your name we pray. Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS we offer thanks for God's grace and mercy in Christ Jesus. We praise Him for His undeserved forgiveness and continuing love. We also pray for those with needs including, Larry Herbic, William Fritts, Paula Moege, Earl Moege, Evelyn Schmidt, Joyce Mathies, Tilden Imthurn, Ruth Tracy, Rev. Chris Kellogg, Rev. David Grouner, Joyce White, and our shut-ins.



HOLY COMMUNION: The people of God are blessed by God, in this life and in the life to come. The Holy Spirit brings unity with all the saints of God through the Lord's Supper. Due to the strict warnings of Scripture (I Cor. 11), we must examine ourselves properly to receive the benefits of this thanksgiving meal, which is a "foretaste of the feast to come." In the Lord's Supper, Christ is present with His Body and blood. Guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service. All may come forward to receive a blessing by placing their hands over their heart.

OUR ACTIVITIES FOR CHRIST THIS WEEK

TODAY	8:30am	Sunday School / Bible Class
	9:30am	Communion Service (FM 88.3; FB Live)
	6:30pm	Adult Information Class
MONDAY	9:00am	Quilt Tying
	12:00pm	Pray for Missions Around the World
	7:00pm	Choir
TUESDAY	6:15am	Bible Breakfast @ Frank's
WEDNESDAY	8:15am	<i>Chapel</i>
	5:30pm	Advent Meal – Big Breakfast
	6:00pm	Confirmation
	6:30pm	JuBellation

	7:00pm	Advent Service
THURSDAY	9:30am	Bible Class
	7:00pm	Book Study @ Schultz's
SATURDAY	10:00am	LWML Brunch
SUNDAY	8:30am	Sunday School / Bible Class
	9:30am	Worship Service (FM 88.3; FB Live)
	11:15am	New Member Dinner
	1:00pm	3 Seasons Concert
	6:00pm	SJLS Christmas Service
		Mr. Butler's Farewell Reception

OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST			NOVEMBER 30, 2025		
Attendance:					
Thanksgiving	43	Livestream	11	Views	203
Sunday	183	Livestream	23	Views	334
Sunday School	30				
Total Receipts:		\$11,749.07	Weekly Budget Needs		\$12,684.00

WORSHIP SERVANTS: Sunday School Teachers: Jim MacGregor, Phillip Theel, Lisa Thompson, Traci Dickens, Cheryl Butenhoff; Altar Guild: Kathy Cox, Karen Herren, Debbie MacGregor; Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Ron Ford, Marilyn Garrison; Acolytes: Elli Pfannenstiel; Haley Shannon, Anna Debler; Ushers: Tim Songs, Charley Gann, Mike Savage, Don Snodgrass, Byron Wenderott, Caden Yonke; Technicians: Kathy Hendricks, Whitney Howard, Mindy Miller; Children's Message: Orville Altevogt.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Candy and Milton Stuewe, Jr. in memory of Laura Stuewe and Bobby Richardson.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are on the tables in the hallway outside the kitchen. Feel free to pick them up after the service this morning.

GIFT CARDS: St. John School's LPTL is once again placing Scrips orders today, December 7th. You will find order forms on the table by the secretary's office or call Gayle Grimm at 765-3607. She will place orders again today.

ADVENT DINNERS will be held December 10th at 5:30 p.m. by Big Breakfast who will serve pancakes, eggs, and sausage. Grades K-3 will serve a meal on December 17th, also at 5:30 p.m. Your free-will offering will benefit various groups in the church.

NOISY SUNDAY: Thank you to everyone who made noise with their coins and also contributed currency. The LWML received \$493.94. Some of this also came from contributions given at Stop 2 Shop and Wright's Liquor Store.

REVITALITY: The first session of **Serving God's Mission** will take place on Saturday, December 13 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Hall. All are welcome to join this discussion on the purpose, nature, and future of our Church and its ministries.

WELCOME DINNER: The elders invite you to join them on December 14th in welcoming Valerie Wright, St John new member, who will be confirmed, as we incorporate her into our worship life. Please bring a main dish and a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS will be during the service on December 14th.

THREE SEASONS MUSIC FESTIVAL: The Alma-area churches are hosting a 3-seasons music festival, with music from Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Choirs from local churches are invited to participate on Sunday, December 14th, at 1:00 pm. We will meet at Peace UCC in Alma.

SJLS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE is Sunday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m. "Come to Bethlehem and See" and listen to the children sing and play handbells and various instruments. Following the service is a farewell reception for Mr. Butler.



Dec. 7	Gary Ringel <i>Turk & Judy Peddicord</i>
Dec. 9	Julie Butler
Dec. 10	Briley Maike Lessly Kraus
Dec. 11	James Heine Kip Meseke Dillon Johnston
Dec. 12	Nicole Savage Ava Viergever
Dec. 13	Kaci Meseke Karli Meseke Russell Torrey <i>Russell & Darcy Torrey</i>