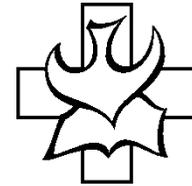


THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ADVENT  
DECEMBER 14, 2025



**DEAR FRIENDS, WELCOME!** May your journey with our Lord Jesus fill your hearts with peace through the promises of His Son. We welcome you in the name of Christ Jesus, the Savior of the world.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Our excitement leaps unbounded, heavenly Father, Giver of every good and perfect gift, for Your unspeakable generosity which assures us peace in time and hope for all eternity in our Lord Jesus Christ; in Your name we pray. Amen.

**WE PRAISE GOD** and thank Him for all the blessings He has given us. We rejoice in the fellowship of the living saints at our church. We thank our Lord for His undeserved forgiveness and continuing love. Bless Harmon and Julie Butler as they continue on a new path. We also pray for those with needs including, Larry Herbic, William Fritts, Tim Songs, Paula Moege, Earl Moege, Evelyn Schmidt, Joyce Mathies, Ruth Tracy, Rev. Chris Kellogg, Rev. David Grouner, Laurie Burbank, Joyce White, and our shut-ins.



**WORSHIP SERVANTS:** Sunday School Teachers: Jim MacGregor, Phillip Theel, Traci Dickens, Lisa Thompson, Cheryl Buttenhoff; Altar Guild: Kathy Cox, Karen Herren, Debbie MacGregor; Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. David Zeckser, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Stuewe; Acolytes: Brogan Stamm, Owen Falk; Ushers: Tim Songs, Charley Gann, Mike Savage, Don Snodgrass, Byron Wenderott, Caden Yonke; Technicians: Bruce Schultz, Whitney Howard; Choir Director: Cheryl Buttenhoff; Children's Message: Orville Altevogt.

**OUR ACTIVITIES FOR CHRIST THIS WEEK**

TODAY	8:30am	Sunday School / Bible Class
	9:30am	Worship Service (FM 88.3; FB Live)
	1:00pm	3 Seasons Concert
	6:00pm	SJLS Christmas Service
		Mr. Butler's Farewell Reception
MONDAY	12:00pm	Pray for Missions Around the World No Choir
TUESDAY	6:15am	Bible Breakfast @ Frank's
	7:00pm	SJLS Parent Meeting
	7:30pm	Theology on Tap
WEDNESDAY	8:15am	<i>Chapel</i>
	1:30pm	LWML Friendship Circle
	5:30pm	Advent Meal – K-3 <sup>rd</sup> Grades
	6:00pm	Confirmation

	6:30pm	JuBellation
	7:00pm	Advent Service
THURSDAY	9:30am	Bible Class
	7:00pm	Book Study @ Becker's
FRIDAY		SJLS Christmas Parties, Dismiss @ 12:55
SATURDAY	6:05pm	Worship Service with Communion
SUNDAY	8:30am	Sunday School / Bible Class
	9:30am	Communion Service (FM 88.3; FB Live)
	3:00 pm	Caroling
	5:00pm-12:00am	Confirmation Lock-In

OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST		DECEMBER 6 & 7, 2025		
<b>Attendance:</b>		Sunday School		30
Advent	53	Livestream	13	Views 297
Saturday	24	Livestream	26	Views 274
Sunday	109	Livestream	26	Views 325
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$9,867.45</b>	<i>Weekly Budget Needs</i>		<i>\$12,684.00</i>

**CONFIRMATION AND WELCOME DINNER TODAY:** Join us in welcoming Valerie Wright, as she professes her faith here at St John, as she is confirmed. We rejoice in the faith God gives His children. Lunch will begin at 11:15. Please bring a main dish and a side, salad, or dessert to share.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** will be during the service today. To be installed are Ray Howard, Jared Schultz, and Jed Swicegood on the Board of Elders; Kody Songs on the Board of Trustees; Dawn Yonke on the Board of Stewardship; Kathy Cox, Carla Johnston, Reagan Whitten on the Board of Christian Education; and Jim MacGregor and Kara Mayer on the School Board.

**THREE SEASONS MUSIC FESTIVAL:** This afternoon at 1:00 p.m. at Peace United Church of Christ, the Alma-area churches are hosting a music festival, with music from Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Choirs and bell choirs from local churches are participating.



**THRIVENT CHOICE:** St. John Lutheran Church received a deposit of \$1,010 thanks to Jennifer Gehrt and Roger Hotopp.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by Larry and Kathy Hendricks for Christmas blessings.

**SJLS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE** is this evening at 6:00 p.m. "Come to Bethlehem and See" the children tell the story of Jesus' nativity, as they recite, sing and play various instruments.

**FAREWELL:** After the children's service tonight, we bid farewell to Mr. Butler, our principal, who has accepted a call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fairmont, Minnesota. The reception will thank him for his service to SJLS, as his time here ends with the end of the semester.

**ADVENT DINNER:** Grades K-3 will serve a meal on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Your free-will offering will benefit various groups in the church.

**CONFIRMATION LOCK-IN:** Students and friends will spend an evening of fun and games from 5:00 p.m. until midnight on Sunday, December 21st.



**CAROLING:** Everyone is invited to go caroling in town December 21<sup>st</sup>. We will meet in Memorial Hall at 3:00 p.m. Supper will be provided for carolers.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Ervan and Pam Stuewe invite family and friends to join them on Sunday, December 28, 2025, as they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The open house will be at St. John Lutheran Church, Memorial Hall, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Ervan and Pam request no gifts.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Holy Family Catholic Church will host a Blood Drive Monday, January 12, 2026 from 12-6pm in the parish hall. All are welcome! You can sign up through the Red Cross or contact Louise Ronnau at 316-706-7060 (leave a message).

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**



- Dec. 14    Luke Ruhnke  
*Fred Johnson & Michelle Neill*  
*Harry & Debra Proffitt*
- Dec. 17    Justin Miller
- Dec. 18    Tim McNamara  
*Charley & Laura Gann*
- Dec. 19    Janelle Schultz  
Jaeden Phillips  
Ellinor Pfannenstiel