

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH- MISSOURI SYNOD

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 21, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service Setting 3, page 184

HYMNS: 332, 337, 781 v.1, 621, 934, 352, 359

SERVICE OF THE WORD: Psalm 24 (read responsively)

LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-17, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

THEME: St. Joseph the Guardian: Called by Grace and to Action

WORSHIP LIFE: 96

WELCOME: We are happy to have you worship with us today. It is our prayer that you will receive spiritual profit from your fellowship with us. If you have no church home, you are welcome here.

HOLY COMMUNION

- **If you are a member of St. John's**, see page 329 for help in preparing to receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins.
- **If you are a guest**, welcome! Communion at St. John's is reserved for members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations. Please speak with the Pastor about Communion before participating.
- **Didn't have a chance to talk with Pastor about Communion before church?** If you're a member of an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to Communion, but please let Pastor know where you go to church when you come to the Communion rail.



REQUESTING UPDATES

Please review your current information in the 2024 Annual Report. If you have any updates or changes to your information and have not already returned the MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM, please contact the church office or call us at 218-927-3170. Thank you for your attention in helping us ensure information accuracy.



LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION

If you would like to subscribe to *The Lutheran Witness*, please let Greta, in the office know by the end of January. Your name will then be added to the list. The cost is \$27.65.

APPOINTMENTS WITH GOD – WE SERVE IN LOVE

Sunday, Dec 21	9:00 am	Worship / Communion Coffee & Fellowship NO Sunday Bible Study
	11:00 am	“Away in a Manger” Christmas Service
	11:30 am	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, Dec 23		NO Women’s Bible Study
Wednesday, Dec 24	5:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
		Office Closed
		No Men’s Bible Study
		No Confirmation No ACT
Thursday, Dec 25	9:00 am	CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP Office Closed
Sunday, Dec 28	9:00 am	Worship / Communion Coffee & Fellowship
	10:30 am	Sunday Bible Study NO Sunday School NO Bell Choir

WE PRAY FOR...

Those battling cancer – Lisa Baty, Pam Collins, Rev. Robin Collins, Ruth Ferguson, Darlene Horvath, Shirley Klitzke, Fritzie Lamke, Marcus Marsh, Jeff Moe, John Pearson, Carol Stevens, Tim Wegner and Ray Williams.

Those dealing with other health issues – Maggie Borseth, Marilyn Boucher, Betty Bulhmann, Lois Du Chane, Yvonne Erdman, Rowan Grage, Lori Hawkins, Claire Hill, Linda Hollingsead, Ian Hughes, Rodney Larson Jr., Ardis Lillestol, Jordin Mae, Jake Mehr, Michele Messetler-Mondry, Ginger Peterson, Shirley Renstrom, Clark Sadlo, Deborah Sergot, Joseph Schuelke, Pat Scott, Colton Blake Shoemaker, Clyde Swanson, Roy Van Horn, Chuck Virginia, Adah Williams, and Connor Wood.

Our sister congregations in Puerto Rico: Prince of Peace in Mayaguez, Fountain of Life in Ponce and Lamb of God in San Juan and Our Together in Mission Missionaries, Rev. James & Deaconess Christel Neuendorf, and Lutheran Island Camp.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: #332 - *“Savior of the Nations, Come”*

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION – page 184

PSALM 24: read responsively

KYRIE – page 186

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 7:10-17

EPISTLE: Romans 1:1-7

ALLELUIA – page 190

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

NICENE CREED – page 191

CHILDREN’S LESSON

HYMN OF THE DAY: #337 - *“The Night Will Soon Be Ending”*

SERMON: St. Joseph the Guardian: Called by Grace and to Action

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING: #781, v.1 - *“We Give Thee But Thine Own”*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – page 194

LORD’S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI AND AGNUS DEI – page 197

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #621 – *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”*

#934 – *“My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord”*

#352 – *“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”*

NUNC DIMITTIS - page 199

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CLOSING HYMN: #359 – *“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”*

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
invites you to

LCMS

Away in a Manger



**a Christmas Story
shared by the youth**

TODAY at 11:00 am

Dinner to follow

ALL ARE INVITED TO EXPERIENCE
GOD'S LOVE THIS CHRISTMAS AT
St. John's Lutheran Church

Love

HAS A NAME

ANYONE WHO DOES NOT LOVE DOES
NOT KNOW GOD, BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE

1 JOHN 4:8

CHRISTMAS
EVE
5:00 PM

CHRISTMAS
DAY
9:00 AM



Year-long
BIRTHDAY
Celebration

Join us as we kick off a year long celebration of St. John's 100th Birthday.

BIRTHDAY **SUNDAY**
BREAKFAST **JAN 4** **FOLLOWING**
WORSHIP

Freewill offering to raise money for the big event on September 13, 2026