

St. John's Lutheran Church
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
(The green hymnal (LBW) will be used during worship)
*Confession and Forgiveness p. 56
*Entrance Hymn ~ Hark, The Herald Angels Sing! # 60
*Greeting p. 57
*Kyrie p. 57
*Hymn of Praise ~ *This is the feast...* p. 60
Prayers and lessons can be found in Celebrate insert
*Prayer of the Day ~ *in unison*
Lighting of the Advent Wreath ~ congregation sings
Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel Verse 4 # 34
The Lessons
*Gospel Acclamation ~ *Alleluia. Lord...* p. 62
*The Holy Gospel
Hymn ~ *What Child Is This?* # 40
Sermon ~ ***Born of the Virgin Mary***

*Nicene Creed p. 64
*Prayers ~ *see Celebrate*
*The Peace is shared
Tithes and Thankofferings
*Offertory ~ *Let the vineyards...* p. 66
*Offertory Prayer

*The Great Thanksgiving p. 68
*The Preface
*The Sanctus ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy...* p. 69
*Eucharistic Prayer #33 p. 69
The Lord's Prayer p. 71
The Communion Distribution
*Post Communion Canticle ~ *Thank the Lord ...* p. 72
*Post Communion Prayer p. 74
*The Blessing ~ *The Lord bless you...* p. 74
*Closing Hymn ~ *Joy to the World* # 39
*Dismissal
Postlude

Today

Comm: Carol Fultz, **Greeters:** Chelsea and Merritt Reed
Lay Reader: Chelsea Reed; **Elevator:** Joe Kanagy
Sound: Calvin Byler

Next Sunday ~ December 28

Greeter: Lucy Magda; **Sound:** Jay Byler
Lay Reader: Joe Kanagy; **Elevator:** Ed Bilich

Pastor: Rev. Mike Sigler Ph. # 717-437-7007
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St. John's Christian Day Care: 935-2959

Our Mission Statement

We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another in our homes, church, community and the world.

Our Vision Statement

To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
John and Brenda Boring in honor of
the birth of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior.

Please remember in prayer ~ Sandra Metz (now in VV rehab) Gary Fultz, Anne Peachey, Jim Buchanan, Bob Keller, Charlie Murphy, Desa Keiser, Elliana Byler, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Buck Metz (VVH), Patsy Carson and Reba Harmon (Celebration Villa) and Betty Harmon (Greenwood Village).

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY Church office closed/Daycare closing at 1pm
7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
THURSDAY Christmas Day ~ The Nativity of Our Lord
FRIDAY Church office Closed
NEXT SUNDAY Pastor off ~ Ed Bilich leading worship/preaching

Christmas Eve worship begins with the prelude at 6:30pm and service at 7:00pm. Featured this year will be the choir and hand bell choir, led by our organist, Rick Cole, along with guest soloist, Sharon Wyland. Invite family and friends to join us, as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord.

At the congregational meeting last Sunday, an inquiry was made as to the number of daycare employees. There are currently eleven total. Pre-K Counts has two teachers and two classroom aides. The daycare has five full-time employees and two part-time.

For future reference, this information is always available in your monthly newsletter with the council minutes. The daycare provides a written report to the council for each meeting, which contains the current number of staff, number of enrolled children along with other pertinent information.

Thank you to those members who blessed us throughout the year in many, many ways, and with gifts through the staff appreciation envelopes. It is nice to appreciated!

Rick Cole, Calvin and Kelly Byler

The 2026 birthday calendars can be found on the table in the narthex. There is no charge. A box of leftover backs the WELCA ladies used in previous years was found, so instead of paying to have new ones printed, we will use these up first. The information on some may be dated, but they are still usable.

The Social Ministry committee is continuing to collect items for the Shelter Service. Donations may be placed in the boxes located under the table in the narthex.

There are still two dates available to place Altar flowers ~ May 31 and October 11. Sign-ups are in the narthex.

The *Mitten Tree* can be found in the narthex for your donations of new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and slipper socks for children/adults.

Headsets are available for anyone who may benefit from using them to more clearly hear our worship service. Please see one of the sound system operators, if interested.

Last week's attendance ~ 36 Offering ~ \$ 1,780.00

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