

*3rd Sunday of  
Advent  
December 14, 2025*



*Our vision:*

*"Joy is a spiritual community sharing the  
love of Christ in a challenging world."*

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*Our mission is to share  
the Good News of grace and love with  
all through worship, service, and fellowship.*

***Worship text is on the screen.***  
***\*Indicates Congregation Stands if able***

***Items in Italics are only for the service indicated***

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**Prelude—**

***(8:15)-"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"-arr. Mark Hayes***  
***(11:00)-"As A Deer"-Martin Nystrom***

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

**\*Gathering Hymn: ELW #263-vv 1-3 "Savior of the Nations, Come"**

**\*Greeting**

**\*"Advent's Holy Night"- vv 1, 2, 3— Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**\*Kyrie-"Kyrie"**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

***Children's Lesson —(11:00)***

**First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10**

***(8:15 ) Psalm 146:5-10***

**Second Reading: James 5:7-10**

**Special Music:**

***(8:15)-"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"-arr. Mark Hayes***

***(11:00)-"Celebrate the Coming of the Lord"-JOY Choir***

**\*Gospel Acclamation: -"Alleluia"**

**\*Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11**

**Today's Message is Given by: Pr. Art Wuertz**

**\*Hymn of the Day: ELW #715-"Christ Be Our Light"**

**\*Nicene Creed**

**\*The Prayers of the People**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory: *“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”***

**\*Congregational Offertory: ELW #251-verse 2  
    *“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness Lord”***

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

**\**“It is indeed right.....”***

**\*Sanctus: -*“Holy, Holy, Holy,”***

**\*Eucharistic Prayer**

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*The Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Invitation to Communion**

**\*Lamb of God: -*“Lamb of God”***

**Distribution Hymns:**

**ELW # 482-*“I Come With Joy”***

***“Seek Ye First”***

**ELW # 471-*“Let Us Break Bread Together”***

**\*Communion Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sending Hymn: ELW #248-*“People Look East”***

**\*Sending**

**\*Postlude:**

***(8:15)-“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” arr. Richard Kingsmore***

***(11:00)-“Advent Joy”-Bernard De La Monnoye & Ken Bible***

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Patty Braswell\*-Illness  
 John Caputo\*-Heart Issue  
 Ken Charles-Health Issues  
 John Cobb-Health  
 Robert Cretul\* – Cancer  
 Carol Daruna\*-Cancer Diagnosis  
 Peggy Dietz-Healing  
 Aud Enslow\*-Healing  
 Kim Fintel\*-Cancer Diagnosis  
 Bruce Froeschl-Health Issues  
 Elaine Froeschl-Recovery  
 Violet Frey-Health Issues  
 Grace Hansen-Health Concerns  
 Hardy Family-Bereavement  
 Trudie Herzog\*-Illness  
 Susan Holmes-Health  
 Bruce Hopkins & Family\*-LOMS  
 Billy Hubbard\*-Stage 4 Cancer  
 Bob Irish – Health  
 Jake's Grandfather Bob-Concerns  
 Robyn Johnson\*-Recovery from  
 back surgeries

Ed Mathena-Surgical Recovery  
 Steven Mendez\*-Recovery  
 Abby Owen\*-Cancer Treatments  
 Pam Rodriguez\*-Cancer  
 Dolly Schember-Health  
 Katie Schoenfelder-Health  
 Brian Shull\*-Special Circumstances  
 Nancy Spitzack\*-Family Issues  
 Kristen Spivey\*-Preparing to be a  
 kidney donor  
 Lee & Edie Stewart – Health  
 Helen Vance\*-Cancer  
 Ken Warner\*- Lung Cancer  
 Mary Wilson\*-Illness  
 Mariann Wuertz\*-Recovery  
 John Wuertz\*-Hospitalization  
  
 Bertha Hendrickson-Assisted Living  
 Cynthia Randall-Memory Care  
 Patricia Randall-Sales-Memory  
 Care

ATTENDANCE			
WEDNESDAY	12/03/2025	5:30 PM	22
SUNDAY	12/07/2025	8:15 AM	52
	12/07/2025	11:00 AM	93



# DATELINE

JOY

**DATELINE LEGEND:** SH= SWENSON HALL; S=SANCTUARY; N=NARTHEX;  
OR= OUTREACH ROOM; MG=MEMORIAL GARDEN; CG=CHURCH GROUNDS; OC=OFF CAMPUS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOC
Tue. 12/16	1:00 PM	Council Luncheon	SH
Wed. 12/17	9:00 AM	Happy Hands Ministry	SH
	9:30 AM	Joyful Hands Ministry	SH
	3:00-4:30 PM	JOY Choir Rehearsal	S
	5:30 PM	Advent Worship Service	S
Thu. 12/18	3:40 PM	Mr. Piano-Instrument tuning	S
Fri. 12/19	10:00 AM	JOY Handbell Choir Rehearsal	S
	2:00-4:00 PM	Cleaning Service	S/SH
Sat. 12/20	2:00 PM	Concert Dress Rehearsal	S
Sun. 12/21	8:15 AM	Advent 3 Worship Service	S
	11:00 AM	Advent 3 Worship Service	S
	3:00 PM	JOY Christmas Concert	S
Ushers	8:15/11:00	GROTH/SPELLMAN	S
Altar Angels	8:15/11:00	All Available Angels-Contact Vicki	S
Fellowship	8:15/11:00	Ethel Kleiner/Dessert First	N
Counters		Carolyn Cummings, Karin Campbell	SH

## **ADVENT WEDNESDAYS**

**DEC. 17TH AT 5:30**

### **“MAKE READY FOR HOLY DISRUPTION”**

**We await again the birth of Jesus and also for him to come  
again to fulfill all things.**

**“Get ready”, the world screams. Plan! Organize!**

**Shop ‘til you drop! Preparing for Jesus doesn’t mean having  
everything under control. Christ’s arrival disrupts injustice, sin,  
and brokenness in this world we are in.**

**Christ, come with holy disruption of what we can’t control  
and that we might struggle to accept.**



### **FLOWERS**

**in the sanctuary today**

**are placed by:**

**SALLY WHEELER**

**In Honor of**

**Her Husband’s Birthday in Heaven**

## **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICES**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th**

**4:00 PM and 6:00 PM**

### **OFFICE CLOSURE REMINDER:**

**Please remember the office will be closed from December 25th, 2025 until January 5th, 2026.**

**Any items for the bulletins for 12/28 and 1/4 are due by 8am Monday, Dec. 22nd.**

**Also January Newsletter articles are due tomorrow, December 15th at 8:00 am.**

### **2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES**

**If you requested numbered envelope boxes, please remember to pick them up.**

**They are available in the Narthex today.  
We will not be distributing these by mail.**

**A reminder also that the initial offering per box is \$8.00.**

## THANKS TO TODAY'S MINISTRY TEAMS

	8:15 AM	11:00 AM
Assistant Minister	Mike Beaver	Terri Feeley
Reader	Jean Beaver	Ken Charles
Cross Bearer	Diane Julian	Don Fields
Communion Assistant	Kurt Cook	Judy Fields
Ushering Team	HEINZEN	OWEN
Food & Fellowship	Sally Hurley	Tasty Treats Team
Altar Angels	ALL AVAILABLE	ALL AVAILABLE
Counters	Judy Spillane, Joe Spillane	

## OUR STAFF

Administrative Assistant	Zsuzsanna Jobbagy
Director of Music	Silas Daniel
Choir Director	Linda Aker
Handbell Choir Director	Melissa Daniel
Treasurer	Terry Owen
Sexton	Carson Faris

### OFFICE HOURS:-

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am—3:30 pm CLOSED ON FRIDAY



### **FOR OUR MEMBERS & GUESTS**

Our bulletin and music for the hymns is available on our website and can be accessed by scanning the QR code on the LEFT.  
It will take you to our Worship Tools : click on **HYMNS**  
You can view the music for the entire service on your phone or i-pad.

*Our Sanctuary is 'hearing aid-friendly'  
and also connects with Bluetooth devices."*



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