

*Our mission is to glorify God as we seek to make disciples of all nations  
by bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people within and outside  
of the one holy Christian Church.*

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# **ST. JOHNS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## **The Third Sunday in Advent**

December 17, 2023

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**The Sermon: "The Prophet of Joy"**

**The Text:** *John 1:6-8, 19-28*

**The Anthem:** "Christmas Night" - Bell Choir (8:00 a.m.)

**The Prelude:** "While By My Sheep" - Bell Choir (10:30 a.m.)

**Hymns for 8:00 a.m. Service:**

**The Opening Hymn:** "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" LSB 515

**The Sermon Hymn:** "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" LSB 386

**The Closing Hymn:** "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" LSB 352

## **This Week at St. Johns**

Monday	Staff Meeting	8:45 AM
Monday	Stamping Group	5:30 PM
Tuesday	Bible Study - <i>Limping with God</i>	8:30 AM
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM
Tuesday	Worship Committee	10:30 AM
Wednesday	Release Time Classes	8:25 AM
Wednesday	Advent Service/Meal	NOON
Wednesday	Confirmation	3:30 PM
Wednesday	Advent Meal - Tacos	5:00 PM
Wednesday	Advent Service	6:00 PM
Thursday	Scouts	6:00 PM

## **Next Sunday - Christmas Eve**

Worship	9:00 AM
Christmas Eve Services	2:00 PM & 5:30 PM

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given in loving memory of  
Don Town by his family.

**LISTEN** to the Lutheran Hour Sundays on KPRM 870 AM at 9:30 a.m., or KTIG 102.7 and 95.9 FM at 5:00 p.m. You can also listen on Sirius XM Family Talk Channel 133 on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or any time on [lhm.org/sentradio](http://lhm.org/sentradio). Today's sermon is "Life After Landing" (Isaiah 61:1-2) with Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. What happens when a passenger suddenly has to be the pilot? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the power of words to save.

**ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH:** Rev. Timothy Stout, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Sawyer, ND, St. Martin Lutheran Church, Anamoose, ND, and St. John Lutheran Church, Kongsberg, ND, presents the message: "The Lord Comes" based on John 1:6-8, 19-28. *This Is the Life:* "Christmas Is" - The shepherd in a Christmas play learns the importance of Christmas. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRN Fargo-Moorhead or watch online at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), "North (Fargo)."

**COOKIES AND CAROLS:** Join us between services today, we will sing our favorite carols and indulge in our favorite cookies! The Board of Fellowship will make up gift packages of goodies and deliver them to our shut-ins.

**OUR BASKET FUNDRAISER** ends today at 9:30 a.m.

Proceeds will go to the building fund.

**“JOY”** - the Sunday School’s Christmas program, will be presented today at 10:30 a.m.

**LUMINARIES**: Honor or remember a loved one on Christmas Eve with a luminary. Today is the deadline to sign up. Forms are available by the church office. The luminary information will be printed for Christmas Eve.

**USHERS FOR 2024** are needed. Sign up on the sheet by the stairs. Please help with services by selected either a specific month or day that you are available to assist.

**ADVENT SERVICES** conclude this Wednesday with a service at noon followed by a meal served by the Ladies Aid. The youth will serve tacos at 5:00 p.m. with worship at 6:00 p.m. Our theme is “The Emperor’s New Clothes.”

**TOYS** for boys and girls and tiny tots: Thank you, St. Johns parishioners! You donated gifts to help make this a happier Christmas for 52 children in 16 local families. The Evangelism Board thanks you for your generosity and Christmas spirit.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP CHANGES**: The next two Sundays, December 24 and 31 we will have only one worship service at 9:00 a.m. No coffee, Bible study or Sunday School.

**COME CELEBRATE** the birth of Jesus with us at our Christmas Eve services on December 24 at 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. We will have one service with communion at 9:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. Worship Christ, the newborn King!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**: Att. - 20. Offering - \$7.60.

**LAST SUNDAY**: Att.: 8:00 - 115. 10:30 - 62. Total - 177.

Offering: Unified: \$6,420.00. Unified Electronic - \$1,099.86.

Plate - \$345.00. Healthy Balance - \$300.00. Advent - \$150.00.

Total - \$8,314.86.

**ADVENT 12/13**: Att. Noon - 55. 6:00 p.m. - 64. Total - 119.

Offering: Unified - \$430.00. Plate - \$59.00. Advent - \$520.00.

Lutheran Bible Translators - \$10.00. Total - \$1,009.00.