



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
JANUARY 4, 2026
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
KIM KYLLO, SENIOR PASTOR
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JANUARY 4, 2026

PRELUDE: "O Come All Ye Faithful"..... David Hagerty
"Jesu Bambino"..... Pietro Yon

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: "All My Heart Again Rejoices"..... ELW 273



1 All my heart a - gain re - joic - es as I hear, far and
2 Je - sus' voice from low - ly man - ger soft - ly thus calls to
3 Come, then, let us has - ten yon - der; here let all, great and
4 You, dear Lord, I'll ev - er cher - ish; though my breath fail in



near, sweet-est an - gel voic - es; "Christ is born," their choirs are
us: "You are safe from dan - ger; come and see; from all that
small, kneel in awe and won - der; love him who with love is
death, I will nev - er per - ish: by your side in light e -



sing - ing, till the air ev - 'ry - where now with joy is ring - ing.
grieves you you are freed; all you need I will sure - ly give you."
yearn - ing; hail the star that from far bright with hope is burn - ing.
ter - nal I shall be end - less - ly filled with joy su - per - nal.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
Music: WARUM SOLLT ICH, Johann G. Ebeling, 1637-1676

CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHTING:

P: Dear God, as we wonder at the birth of our Savior, give us the courage to make room for hope

C: Hope for your presence, Hope for your peace, Hope for your promise.

P: Give us the courage to make room for peace

C: Peace in our hearts, Peace in our homes, Peace in our communities.

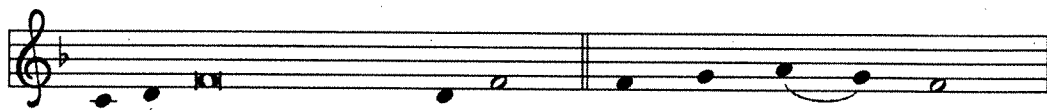
P: Give us the courage to make room for joy

C: Joy in the face of apathy, Joy in the face of sorrow, Joy in the face of uncertainty.

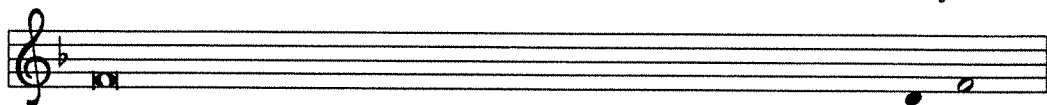
P: Give us the courage to make room for love

C: Love for the unexpected challenge, Love for the vulnerable one. Love for the presence of God. Amen

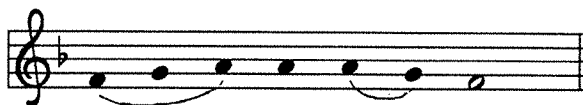
KYRIE: ELW p. 138



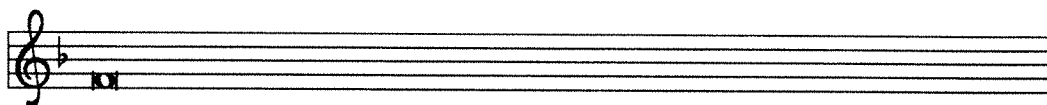
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mer - cy.



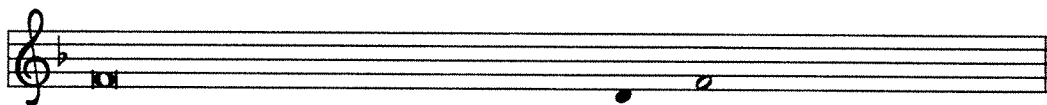
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



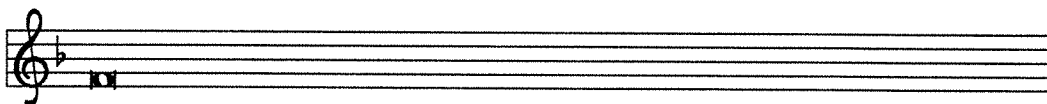
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



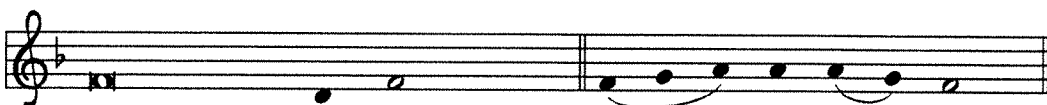
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



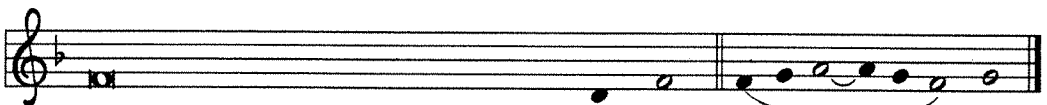
C: Lord, have mer - cy.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mer - cy.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. C: A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

C: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

L: A Reading from Ephesians

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON Amanda Boe

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p. 142

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: John 1: 1, 10-18

L: A reading from the Gospel of John

C: **Glory to You, O Lord**

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMONPastor Kim Kylo

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Let Our Gladness Have No End" ELW 291



1	Let	our	glad - ness	have	no	end,	Hal - le - lu - jah!
2	Proph - e	- sied	in	days	of	old,	Hal - le - lu - jah!
3	See	the	love - liest	bloom - ing	rose,		Hal - le - lu - jah!
4	In - to	flesh	is	made	the	Word,	Hal - le - lu - jah!



for	to	earth	did	Christ	de - scend.	Hal - le - lu - jah!
God	has	sent	the	one	fore - told.	Hal - le - lu - jah!
from	the	branch	of	Jes - se	grows.	Hal - le - lu - jah!
our	true	ref - uge	and	our	Lord.	Hal - le - lu - jah!

Refrain



On this day God gave us Christ, the Son, to

Hymn cont. on next pg. 5



Text: Bohemian carol, 15th cent.; tr. unknown

Music: NARODIL SE KRISTUS PAN, Bohemian carol, 15th cent.

APOSTLES CREED (8:30)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate.
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (10:30).....ELW p. 227

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and
redeeming word to all the world.**

OFFERING MUSIC: *"Musical Selections"*

GIVE WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE please scan this QR code or text "give" to 218-210-7853 and click the link. The pink envelopes in January support The pink envelopes in January support the St. John's Youth Assistance Fund to help kids who need financial assistance go to camp, mission trips, and summer stretch events. Pick up a pink donation envelope from the pew rack while at church and place your check or cash inside and place in the offering plate during service. Or you can give on Tithe.ly too, just choose "pink envelopes" from the dropdown menu and write "Youth Assistance Fund" in the note box.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PETITION RESPONSE:

P: In Light we pray....

C:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION (8:30)

LORD'S PRAYER ELW p. 145

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

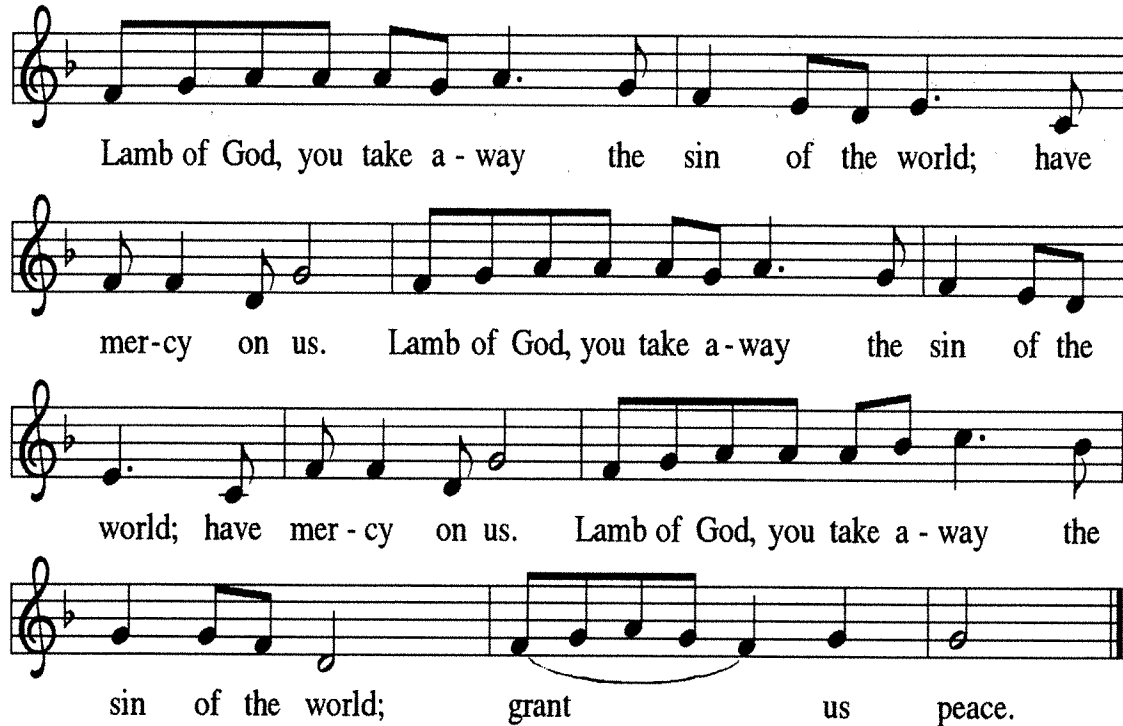
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE (8:30)

P: Come to the table, for it is God's table and it is God who beckons you here. Come to the table, for it is God who provides this meal, and God who gladly makes room at this table *for you*. Come to the table, for even when the world declares there is not enough room for you, our God delights in extending the table to ensure there is more than enough space, more than enough food, more than enough faith, and more than enough hope for each and every one of us. In sharing this meal together, may we proclaim the abundance of God's goodness for us and for the whole world. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION (8:30)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: (8:30) "Lamb of God" ELW p. 146



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: (8:30) "The First Noel" ELW 300

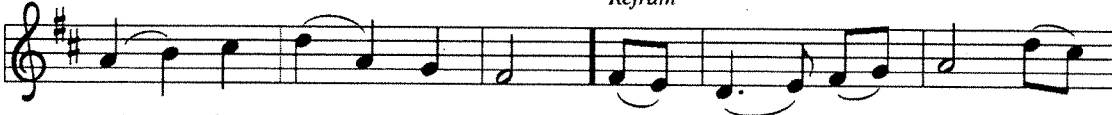


1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .
4 This star drew near to the . . . north-west, o'er . .
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .


cer-tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it
rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

Refrain



night that was so deep.
 tin-ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English traditional
 Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional

BENEDICTION

P: The Light of God,
 which surpasses all understanding,
 keep your hearts and your minds
 in ☩ Christ Jesus.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN: "He Came Down" ELW 253



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
 he came down that we may have peace;
 he came down that we may have joy;

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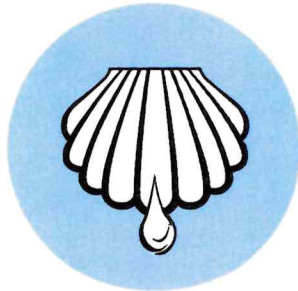
P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

C: **And also with you**

P: We now encourage you to share the Peace of God with others as you leave.

POSTLUDE: *"Noel Basque"* P. Benoit

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Baptized today at the 10:30 service is:

Dawson Frederick Wurst

Son of

Alex and Lauren Wurst

Dawson's sponsors are:

Erin Wurst, Carley Wolter-Buchman
Jacob Buchman and Chloe Buchman

Welcome, Dawson to the family of God

Announcements:

1. **More than Just Lunch has no outings planned until February.**
2. **Thursday Morning Small Groups:**
Paper Crafters Small Group - 1st Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Quilters Small Group - 2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Stitchers Small Group - 4th Thursdays, 9-11 am
3. **Mary Breakfast Bunch Small Group**
Facilitator: Jackie Knauff
Meets: 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next January 6**
Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville
4. **Hannah Women's Study Small Group**
Facilitator: Ruth Weber
Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am from September through June. Contact Ruth for details.
Where: St. John's
Topic: A study of other religions and other faiths, with fellowship and treats. The study group is open to women of all ages and backgrounds.
5. **Dementia Caregivers Support Group**
If you are a family member or caregiver to someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease, join us for this small group, where you'll find an open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia.
Facilitators: Pastor Kim Kylo & Colleen Dupre (of Highview Hills)
Meets: Once/month, 10:00-11:00am on the 2nd Thursday of the month we **meet next on January 8.**
Where: Highview Hills
6. During January Pink Envelope designated gifts will support the Youth Assistance Fund. If you would like to make a financial gift - above & beyond your general offering to support the Open Door, please contribute your gift in a pink envelope in the offering plate or by giving online. If you choose to give online, select "Pink Envelope" under "Give To," and write "Youth Assistance Fund" in the memo line. Your generosity is making a difference!
7. **Men's Monday Breakfast Small Group**
Facilitator: Peter Gudel (contact: pigudel@gmail.com)
Meets: 3rd Monday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next January 19.**
Where: Perkins in Lakeville
Would you like to spend time chatting with old friends or get to know other men from St. John's? Gather with us at Perkins for fellowship and food.
8. **Everyday Bible Conversations (EBC's).** Every week, we look for God in our Everyday Lives with a video and devotions based on the week's Gospel, wherever we happen to be.

These weekly messages include a 3–5-minute video (available on St. John's YouTube channel, and through the website and app), as well as a one-page devotional that summarizes the reading, asks a few questions, and encourages an action step for the week to come. If you would like to access EBC, but need help, please ask Candy in the church office. And let's go find God!!

9. Are you looking for community, encouragement, and a place to exhale? MomCo at St. John's is a welcoming space for **ALL moms** — whether you're parenting littles, tweens or teens, — to connect, grow, and be refreshed. We meet on the **second and fourth Sundays of each month from 3:00–5:00 PM**, and **childcare is provided**. Each gathering includes meaningful conversation, practical tools for everyday life, and a chance to build friendships with other moms who understand both the joy and the challenge of the journey. We would love for you to join us!

Upcoming Meetings

January 11 – *Kindness for Your Body*

January 25 – *Building Resourcefulness in Kids*

February 8 – *Prioritizing Your Marriage*

February 22 – *Awkward Friendships*

To learn more about MomCo and what we're about, visit themom.co/home. We hope to see you at an upcoming meeting — there's a place for you here.

Location: Near the kitchen

Childcare provided

Registration: \$80 — includes

- MomCo International membership
- Subscription to *MomCo Magazine*
- Crafts and guest speakers
- Snacks at each meeting
- Childcare

Scholarships are available if needed.

To join, simply **scan the QR code** — and come as your wonderful, awkward, authentic self.



**MAKE
IT
AWKWARD**

10. Messiah Food Shelf is asking for supplies for **Emergency Bags** for our neighbors in need. Please donate what you can, the food shelf will assemble the bags.

- Boxes of cold cereal
- Cans of tuna or other canned meat
- Jars of peanut butter
- Cans of ready - to - eat and condensed soup
- Boxes of macaroni and cheese
- Cans of vegetables
- Jars of pasta sauce
- Boxes of spaghetti or other pasta shapes
- Cans of sloppy joe mix, chili or beef stew
- Boxes of raisins
- Bottles of juice



- Packages of toilet paper
- Packages of paper towels
- Boxes of tissues
- Packages of diapers and baby wipes

Cash donations are also appreciated and accepted. Make checks out to St. John's and put "Messiah Food Shelf" in the memo line. For an online way to donate scan the QR code.

11. **St. John's to Host Luther College's Nordic Choir in Concert - Sunday, January 25th at 4 pm**

We are thrilled to announce that St. John's will be hosting a concert of Luther's Nordic Choir. This is a ticketed event; tickets will be sold directly through Luther College online. During the concert, a free-will donation for Messiah Community Food Shelf will be gathered. This concert will be open to the public - invite your friends and neighbors!

To buy tickets, scan the QR code and select "Nordic Choir Tour Lakeville, MN."



12. **Annual Meeting of the Congregation: Sunday, January 25th, 11:45 am**

Please plan to attend our 2026 Annual Meeting to reflect on St. John's ministry in 2025, look ahead to 2026, and consider a vote on the 2026 Proposed Budget. All confirmed members of St. John's are voting members, and are encouraged to attend. Watch for the 2025 Annual Report to become available by January 16, and plan to attend a Budget Preview session during ACE on Sunday, January 18th between services to become familiar and ask questions. Submissions to be included in the Annual Report are due to the office no later than January 11.

13. With the new year, we have **updated sign up links** for worship helpers and have lots of openings for you to choose from. Please review them and sign up for any that work for you. If you have any questions about any of these roles, please contact the church office.

Readers



Worship
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14. **Today between services: Everyone is invited to join us for a St. John's Service BLITZ!** God's work is in our hands as we serve our neighbors in our community in impactful ways! The fellowship hall will have 4 stations set up with all of the supplies needed to serve our neighbors from the following organizations:

- Blanket making - Tying fleece blankets for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace"
- Sandwich making - Lighthouse Salvation Army
- Emergency food kits for Messiah Food Shelf
- Birthday Kits for 360 communities

If you can help deliver the items to the various locations, please contact Amanda Boe.

**Thank you to all who provided poinsettias for our
Sanctuary this Christmas**

- Bertsch Family in memory of LaVonne Johnson
- Jerry & Leann Bright in honor of our seven grandchildren
- Bring Family in memory of Grandpa Curtis & Grandma Louise
- Don Cross in memory of Mary Cross
- Nancy Cross the Cross family
- The Dunekackes in memory of Grandma Joey
- Doreen Enggren in memory of loved ones
- Jay & Bonnie Fredrickson in memory of Art & Norma Fredrickson, Joe & Ceil Malecha
- Perry & Cindy Fuerniss in memory of Garrett Fuerniss
- Katee Gilmer in memory of Roger Gilmer and in honor of Wesley Gilmer & family, Walter Finn & family
- Alan & Mary Gregersen in memory of our parents and grandparents
- Grove Family in memory of baby Crew & Grandma GG
- John & Jan Hack in memory of Tony, Bergette & Brett Hack
- Paul Hammer & family in memory of Diane Hammer
- Kathy Harter in memory of Phil
- John & Jeanne Hartwig in memory of our departed St. John's friends
- Orpah Johnson in memory of Dick & Lee Johnson
- Jim & Joanne Knutson in honor of our children and grandchildren and in memory of our parents
- John & Debra Kwasek in memory of Jackson Kwasek
- Thomas & Brenda Lardy in memory of Tom's mother, Pat and in honor of our children, Justin & Kate
- Jeff & Kim Larson in memory of Arlys & Ken Larson and Terry Zweber
- Marvin Larson in memory of Darlene Larson
- Doug, Erin, Adam & Sarah Lawler in memory of Nat Svela
- Phyllis Luckman in memory of Robert & Verna Luckman & Mae Barnes
- Jeanne Lygre in memory of John Lygre
- Corey & Nancy Martin in honor of Kathy Harter
- Don & Jan Matson in memory of our son, Brad
- John & Judy Miller in memory of our parents & siblings that have passed and in honor of our children
- Roger & Marilyn Moller in memory of our parents
- Dan & Kris Nelson in honor of Erica

- Marilyn Oxley in honor of family and friends
- Ruth Raible in memory of Joe
- Mark & Teri Renze in memory of our son, Chris
- Bob Rustvold in memory of my father, mother & son and in honor of my children & grandchildren
- Randy & Nancy Schmitz in memory of Joe & Norma Betlach, Nancy's parents and Louie & Jean Schmitz, Randy's parents
- Steve & Laurie Simonsen in memory of Delores & LeRoy Pederson & Joanne & Robert Simonsen
- Gary & Judy Stinar in memory of our parents
- Jonas Sturlaugson in honor of my kids and grandkids and in memory of Nadine
- Theel Family in memory of our heavenly family
- Char Torgrimson in memory of my husband, parents & in-laws, two grand kids & brother-in-law
- Nikki Walsh
- Larry & Liz Westfield
- Steve & Brenda Wurst in memory of Steve's dad, Fred Wurst
- Ed & Tammy Zahratke in memory of Lester & Donna Fredrickson
- Kathy Ziller in honor of my children & grandchildren

Poinsettia are available to pick up after worship.
 The bags for them are at the Welcome Station.
 After today any that are left will be disposed of.

Those Serving Today:

Organist..... Priscilla Thoreen
Lector Jim Buckley (8:30), Jennifer Milbradt (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Paul Johnson (8:30), Lowell Grimm (10:30)
Acolyte Adam Lawler (10:30)
Communion Set Up and Clean Up..... Jeanne Hartwig
Communion Servers John & Jeanne Hartwig, Jim Buckley (8:30)
N/A Baptism (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Danny Barth (8:30), Brandon Wright (10:30)
Clicker Team Katie Henning (8:30), (10:30)
Livestream Team Francine Capasso
Worship Coordinator John Hartwig (8:30), Jennifer Milbradt (10:30)
Coffee Servers Judy Borchardt & Judy Nyssen

Those Serving Next Week:

Organist..... Karen Olson
Lector..... (8:30), (10:30)
Communion Set Up and Clean Up Marce Spies Johnson
Communion Servers..... Amanda Boe, Tom Lardy, Sandy Johnson (8:30),
Susan Van Thomme, Carolyn Metcalf, Erin Boerschel (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Don Knauff (8:30), Andy Schultz (10:30)
Sound Tech Dave Coldren (8:30), Francine Capasso (10:30)
Clicker..... (8:30), (10:30)
Livestream Team..... Francine Capasso
Worship Coordinator (8:30), (10:30)
Coffee Servers..... Mark & Joanne Knutson, Ron Keith

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