

1st Sunday of Advent

November 30th, 2025

Order of Worship - 11:00am

Gathering Songs *"Better Is One Day"*
 "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Welcome

Ministry Highlights

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

Greeting

Opening Song *"All the People Said Amen"*

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading Romans 13: 11-14 (MSG)

Gospel Acclamation *"Come As You Are"*

Gospel Reading Matthew 24: 36-44
(MSG)

Sermon **Evidence of a Break in** **Pastor**

Sue

Offering *"Soon and Very Soon"*

Offertory Prayer

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion *"God of Wonders"*

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song *"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"*

Pastor: Go in peace. Keep awake.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.



Thanks to your generosity, the
Noisy Offering collected today,
Dec. 7 & 14th Response for
Jamaica. Thank you!

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

Dates: November 23

Last Week **Month to date**

Attend: 201 801

Care & Share Offerings for November 2025 go to the
FM Emergency Food Pantry

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK of November 30th – December 7th, 2025

Today	9:00am	Trad. Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00am	No Launch Family Sunday School
	11:00am	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion
Monday	6:30pm	Boy Scout Troup #213
	7:00pm	AA - Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Common Lectionary Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	6:00pm	Cub Scout Troop #232
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	9:00am	Piecemakers
	5:30pm	Advent Supper served by the Youth
	6:30pm	Advent Service
Thursday	11:00am	Staff Retreat
	6:00pm	Arts & Environment Team Planning Meeting
	6:30pm	GriefShare
	6:45pm	Dakota Vocal Union Practice
Saturday	9:00am	Christmas Coffee/Tea in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday	9:00am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
		Commissioning of Communion Deacons @ both Services
	10:00am	Launch Sunday School Program Practice
	11:00am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	4:00pm	Cub Scout Pack #232
	4:00pm	Fargo Moorhead Gay Men's Chorus Tech Rehearsal

We are so happy you are with us today! If you are visitor, please stop by the Welcome Desk after worship & look for me. We have a gift for you.

Memory Café schedule for November 2025

Dec. 3rd – 7th Annual Intergenerational Community Service Project: '90 Blankets in 90 Minutes' Hope Lutheran South Campus

Dec. 10th – Education: Why Neuro Testing is important & What are the Benefits? With Dr Bess Martin Hjerkomst Center, Moorhead

Sanford Hospice invites our congregation & community to a Blue Christmas

Service on Tuesday, Dec. 9th at 5:30pm in the James Carlson Public Library Community Room, 2801 32nd Avenue South, Fargo. This will be a gentle, reflective gathering that honors the reality that Christmas can be both beautiful & bittersweet. This service offers a quiet space for remembrance, hope & healing.

The Kings Men monthly breakfast at Deaner's Diner falls on Christmas Day in December. See you in January!

There will be 1 service on Sunday morning, Dec. 21st at 10am. Launch Sunday School will present their Christmas program & the choir will sing. The service will be followed by fellowship with Christmas goodies in the Narthex.

The final GriefShare for 2025 will be on Dec. 11th. Please watch for updates on the 2026 sessions.

Worship Assistants: 11:00am

Ushers: Jennie Bigalke Jen Grund Kim Grund Paul Grund

Reader: Lynda Hammer

Communion Assistants: Bonnie Christianson Lynda Hammer

Greeters: Helga Bennett Linda Lyman

Hospitalized or needing a Pastoral Visit: If you or a family member has been hospitalized, please contact Pastor Sue.

Prayer Concerns: If you or a family would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact the church office.

All are Welcome for a time of fellowship & study at the Revised Common Lectionary Bible Study. The study meets on Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

99th Annual Concordia Christmas Concert tickets are on sale! Experience the region's grandest musical tradition performed by nearly 350 student musicians. "Welcome All Wonders!" will feature 3 choirs & a 90-piece symphony orchestra & will be performed in front of a magnificent 140'-wide mural. Concert dates are Dec. 5, 6 & 7. For tickets, visit concordiachristmas.com

We are in for a real treat this Christmas season! We are hosting 2 Christmas Concerts that are a must see!

Saturday, Dec. 13 at 4pm – Fargo Moorhead Gay's Men's Chorus will present "Peace on Earth". The concert will be followed by a free will dinner of foods from around the world.

Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3pm – Dakota Vocal Union will be presenting a "Community Christmas Concert. Goodies will be served following the concert. Please plan to join!

We will be holding a **Blue Christmas Service at 6:30pm on Sunday, Dec. 21st.** Not everyone feels hopeful or likes celebrating during the Advent & Christmas season. This service may provide a time & place of solace surrounded by a loving & caring community.

Here are the results from the first week of the X-Tra Blessings. We are more than halfway to our goal with over four weeks to go. To be counted for 2025, your gifts need to be received no later than December 31. Look for another update next week. Don't forget to select your two local organizations for our tithe. Ballots are in your bulletins. If you need more simply raise your hands and ushers will pass one to you. Once again, we will tithe 10% to an organization selected by the congregation, 30% will go towards the outdoor electronic reader board and 60% will go to our general fund. Thank you all for your gifts to our X-Tra Blessings emphasis.

Advent Services begin this Wednesday night with a meal served by the Youth from 5:30pm to 6:15pm. The menu is Taco in a bag & a freewill offering will be taken for future youth events. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to donate needed ingredients for the meal. Please have donations to the church by the Monday prior to each Wednesday night meal. **The worship service will follow at 6:30pm.** Please join us to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.



Faith Journey Lutheran Church

Sunday November 30th, 2025

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11am

WIFI Guest: Faith-Guest

Password: FaithJourney

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Church Council President: Ali Farstad - Olson

Worship Sunday 9:00am Traditional *(September – May)*

11:00am Contemporary *(September – May)*

10:00am - Rotating Traditional & Contemporary May - August

Launch Family Sunday School for 4 years - Grade 5

Sunday, 10:00am - Fellowship Hall (During the school year)

Compass Confirmation for Grades 6 - 8

Wednesdays, 7:00pm - Worship Center (During the school year)

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