

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Order of Worship - 11:00am**

**Gathering Songs**      *"Christmas Offering"*  
                                  *"Holy Spirit"*

**Welcome**  
**Ministry Highlights**  
**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**    *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*  
**Greeting**  
**Opening Song**                                *"Blessed Be Your Name"*  
**Prayer of the Day**  
**Scripture Reading**                                Romans 15: 4-13 (MSG)  
**Gospel Acclamation**                                *"Breathe On Me"*  
**Gospel Reading**                                Matthew     3:     1-12  
 (MSG)  
**Sermon**                                **Major Reconstructing**                                **Pastor**  
**Sue**  
**Offering**                                *"Change My Heart Oh God"*  
**Offertory Prayer**  
**Prayers of the People**  
**Holy Communion**    *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*  
**Post-Communion Prayer**  
**Commissioning of Communion Deacons**  
**Blessing**  
**Sending Song**                                *"Grace Like Rain"*  
**Pastor:** Go in peace. Keep awake.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

The readings for December 14 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent will be from  
 James 5: 7-10 (MSG) & Matthew 11: 2-11 (MSG)

**Please sign the Christmas cards in the Narthex for our inbound**



**SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE**

Dates: November 26 & 30

<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Eve</b>	<b>Month to date</b>
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Attend: 155	31	987
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Care & Share Offerings for December 2025 go to the  
 Central Cities Ministries

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

**WEEK of December 7<sup>th</sup> – December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

<b>Today</b>	9:00am	Trad. Worship with Holy Communion
		Commissioning of Communion Services at both services
	10:00am	Launch Christmas Program Practice
	11:00am	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion
	4:00pm	Fargo Moorhead Gay Men's Chorus Tech Rehearsal
<b>Monday</b>	6:30pm	Boy Scout Troup #213
	6:30pm	Fargo Moorhead Gay Men's Small Group Chorus Group Rehearsal
	7:00pm	AA - Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	Common Lectionary Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Landscaping Team Meeting
	6:00pm	Cub Scout Troop #232
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00am	Piecemakers
	5:30pm	Advent Supper served by the Youth
	6:30pm	Advent Service
<b>Thursday</b>	1:00pm	Caring Ministry Team Meeting
	6:30pm	GriefShare
	6:45pm	Dakota Vocal Union Practice
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00pm	Fargo Moorhead Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Concert
	6:00pm	Fargo Moorhead Gay Men's Chorus Free Will Dinner
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00am	Launch Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
	11:00am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	3:00pm	Dakota Vocal Union Christmas Concert

**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 December 2025

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

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Concert with Sarah Morrau & Rebekka DeVries Hope Lutheran South Campus

**Sanford Hospice invites our congregation & community to a Blue Christmas Service**

on Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the James Carlson Public Library Community Room, 2801 32<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**There will be 1 service on Sunday morning, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 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. 11<sup>th</sup>.** Please watch for updates on the 2026 sessions.

**Worship Assistants: 11:00am**

**Ushers:** Jen Grund Kim Grund Paul Grund Ryan Rued

**Reader:** Suzi Hanson

**Communion Assistants:** Lynda Hammer Eileen Stangeland

**Greeters:** Harryette Bartron Wes Bartron

**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.

**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. 21<sup>st</sup>.** 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's week two of the X-Tra Blessings emphasis.** We are climbing closer to \$30,000 but there is still plenty of time to be part of this year end emphasis. Don't forget to vote for your two finalists for the 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. Your support will help so many.

**Advent Services continue 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.

**Happy Holiday's from our men's group, The Kings Men.** It's great to do projects around our church. Join us for breakfast the fourth Thursday of each month at Deaner's Diner. Anyone can join us! Just ask Pastor Sue. No meetings in December. Happy Holidays from your Kings Men.



**Faith Journey Lutheran Church**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**11am**

**WIFI Guest: Faith-Guest**

**Password: FaithJourney**

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**Contemporary Worship Coordinator: Jamie Thompson**

**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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