

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 7th, 2025

Order of Worship - 9:00am

Welcome

Ministry Highlights

Confession & Forgiveness

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

"We Are Waiting for Jesus"
#905

ACS

Greeting

Kyrie & Hymn of Praise *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*
#244

ELW

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading Romans 15: 3-13
(MSG)

Gospel Acclamation *"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"* ELW #247

Gospel Reading Matthew 3: 1-12
(MSG)

Sermon **Major Restructuring** **Pastor Sue**

Offering *"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"* ELW
#249

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion *"Now the Heavens Start to Whisper"* ACS
#901

"Hark, the Glad Sound" ELW #239

"Let Justice Flow like Streams" ELW #717

Post-Communion Prayer

Commissioning of Communion Deacons

Blessing

Sending Song *"Prepare the Royal Highway"* ELW
#264

Pastor's Greeting *"Keep smiling"*



SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

Dates: November 26 & 30

Last Week **Thanksgiving Eve** **Month to date**

Attend: 155 31 987

**Care & Share Offerings for December 2025 go to the
Central Cities Ministries**

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK of December 7th – December 14th, 2025

Today	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
Monday	6:30pm	Boy Scout Troup #213
	6:30pm	Fargo Moorhead Gay Men's Small Group Chorus Group Rehearsal
	7:00pm	AA - Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	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
Wednesday	9:00am	Piecemakers
	5:30pm	Advent Supper served by the Youth
	6:30pm	Advent Service
Thursday	1:00pm	Caring Ministry Team Meeting
	6:30pm	GriefShare
	6:45pm	Dakota Vocal Union Practice
Saturday	4:00pm	Fargo Moorhead Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Concert
	6:00pm	Fargo Moorhead Gay Men's Chorus Free Will Dinner
Sunday	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. 10th – Education: Why Neuro Testing is important & What are the Benefits?
With Dr Bess Martin Hjemkomst Center, Moorhead

Dec. 17th – 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. 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.

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: 9:00am

Ushers: Judy Jabs Sonia Sandvig

Reader: Keven Kercher

Communion Assistants: Judy Jabs Sonia Sandvig

Greeters: Paula Kaufman Jenean Baumann

Cantor: Tom Whaley

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. 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'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 Deane's Diner. Anyone can join us! Just ask Pastor Sue. No meetings in December. Happy Holidays from your Kings Men.



Faith Journey Lutheran Church

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9am

WIFI Guest: Faith-Guest

Password: FaithJourney

Ministers: All members of Faith Journey Lutheran Church

Pastor: Sue Koesterman - skoesterman@growinfaith.org

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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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