

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14th, 2025

Order of Worship - 11:00am

Gathering Songs *"Be Still and Know that He Is God"*
"The Heart of Worship"
"What the Lord Has Done in Me"

Welcome

Ministry Highlights

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

Greeting

Opening Song *"Because He Lives"*

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading James 5: 7-11(MSG)

Gospel Acclamation *"Just Like You Promised"*

Gospel Reading Matthew 11: 2-11
(MSG)

Sermon **We are Messengers** **Pastor**

Sue

Offering *"Christmas Offering"*

Offertory Prayer

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion *"Holy Spirit"*

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song *"Hear Our Praises"*

Pastor: Go in peace. Keep awake.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

There will be one service at 10am on December 21. The Launch Sunday School kids will be blessing us with a Christmas



SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

Dates: December 3 – 7, 2025

	Sunday	Advent	Month to date
Total Attend:	156	98	254
Care & Share Offerings for December 2025 go to the Central Cities Ministries			

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK of December 14th – December 21st, 2025

Today	9:00am	Trad. Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00am	Launch Christmas Program Practice
	11:00am	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion
	1:00pm	Dakota Vocal Union Concert set-up
	3:00pm	Dakota Vocal Union Christmas Concert
Monday	4:00pm	Cub Scout Pack #232
	5:30pm	Church Council Meeting
	6:30pm	Boy Scout Troup #213
Tuesday	8:00pm	AA - Fellowship Hall
	10:00am	Common Lectionary Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Landscaping Team Meeting
Wednesday	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00am	Piecemakers
	11:00am	Staff Meeting
	5:30pm	Advent Supper served by the Youth
	6:30pm	Advent Service
Saturday	10am-12pm	Launch Christmas Program Practice
Sunday	9:00am	Preparation for Launch Christmas Program
	10:00am	Worship with Launch Christmas Program & Holy Communion followed by Fellowship
	6:30pm	Blue Christmas Service

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. 17th – Christmas Concert with Sarah Morrau & Rebekka DeVries Hope Lutheran South Campus

The Christmas Tree Challenge is underway! Please put a dollar or two in your favorite tree's jar. Voting will conclude today! All donations will go towards helping young mothers with their needs in our area & the trees will go to Grace Gardens families. Thank you so much for keeping this challenge fun every year! Good luck to all teams!

Week three of the X-tra Blessing Campaign is behind us & members have gone over the \$30,000 mark! Thanks for being generous stewards. Continue to vote for your 2 local non-profit agencies listed in your bulletin. The electronic reader shown on the screen will help members & passersby know about upcoming events at our church. Once again, your gifts will be split with 10% to 2 local agencies, 30% to the electronic reader board & 60% to the general fund.

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.

Worship Assistants: 11:00am

Ushers: Mike Foss Karen Foss Betty Hanson Greg Hanson

Reader: Tina Rued

Communion Assistants: Linda Lyman Bonnie Swanson

Greeters: Helga Bennett Linda Lyman

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 afternoon! The Dakota Vocal Union will be presenting a "Community Christmas Concert. Bring your family & friends for music that will warm your heart & is sure to put you in the Christmas mood. You can even stay for some Christmas goodies following the concert.

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.

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.

Our congregation is working to collect Baby items for families in our community as part of our Advent Worship. Donations can be brought now through January 6, 2026.

Items that will be collected are:

Diapers, Sensitive Diaper Wipes

Changing Pads & Covers

Formula (Gentle)

Bottles

Pacifiers

Wash Cloths

Teething Rings

Bibs

Sleepers

Diaper Ointment

Baby Sensitive Wipes

Baby Lotion

GIFT CARDS

Baby Sensitive Soap

Aquaphor

Place your donations in the boxes
in the Narthex.

**THIS IS THE ONE ABOUT WHOM IT
IS WRITTEN: 'BEHOLD, I WILL SEND
MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU,
WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY
BEFORE YOU.'**

- MATTHEW 11:10

Faith Journey Lutheran Church

Sunday December 14th, 2025

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WIFI Guest: Faith-Guest

Password: FaithJourney

Ministers: All members of Faith Journey Lutheran Church

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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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