1st Sunday of Advent
November 29th, 2026
Order of Worship – 9:00am

Welcome
Ministry Highlights
Opening Song *"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"* ELW #256
Lighting the Advent Wreath
Greeting
Kyrie & Hymn of Praise *ELW Setting 6* ELW pg. 165
Prayer of the Day
Scripture Reading *read responsively* Isaiah 40: 1-11 (NRSV)
2 Peter 3: 8-9 (NRSV)
Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia - ELW Setting 6* ELW pg. 171
Gospel Reading Mark 1: 1-8 (NRSV)
Sermon **Time to Prepare** **Pastor Sue**
Hymn of the Day *"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"* ELW #249
(Offering will be collected during the Hymn of the day)
Offertory Prayer
Apostles' Creed
Prayers of the People
Holy Communion:
The glory of the Lord is revealed! Come & taste God's presence.
"Lamb of God" from ELW Setting 6 ELW pg. 174
"*O Come, O Come Emmanuel"* ELW #257
"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" ELW #241
Post-Communion Prayer
Blessing
Sending Song *"Prepare the Royal Highway"* ELW #264
Pastor: Go in peace. Bring good news to the brokenhearted.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Readings for December 6th, 2026 will be from Hebrews 1: 1-3a, Psalm 85: 7-13, Mark 1: 1-9, 14-15, Key Verses: Mark 1: 15 .

We pray today for those who need healing in body, mind or spirit. Especially Rod, Kari, Sara, Brianna, Sharon, Joel, Mona, Myron, Beverly, Diane & Joe. With unending love, give to each according to their needs.

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

GriefShare will be meeting again on the 3rd, 10th & the 17th of December at 6:30 in the classroom downstairs.

Today we pray for the families & friends that have recently lost loved ones. We pray especially for Kathy Block. Please keep all of them in your thoughts & prayers.



Summary of Attendance
November 22, 2026 164
November MTD 511
Care & Share Offerings for November go to the Rape & Abuse Crisis Center

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK of November 29th – December 6th, 2026

Today		**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
	9:00am	Trad. Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00am	Cont. Worship with Holy Communion
Mon	6:30pm	Boy Scout Troop #213
	7:00pm	AA - Fellowship Hall
Tue	10:00am	Lectionary Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	5:15pm	Lectionary Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Boy Scout Pack #232
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Wed	9:00am	Piecemakers
	9:00am	Staff Meeting
	5:30pm	Advent Supper served by the Youth
	5:30pm	Faith Formation Team Meeting
	6:30pm	Advent Service
Thu	11:00am	Faith & Conviction Meeting
	1:00pm	Retired Rostered Ministers Open House EaND Synod
	6:00pm	Arts & Environment Team Planning Meeting
	6:30pm	GriefShare
	6:45pm	Dakota Vocal Union Practice
Fri	1:00pm	Christmas Coffee/Tea Set up
Sat	9:00am	Christmas Coffee/Tea in the Fellowship Hall
Sun	9:00am	Trad. Worship with Holy Communion - Choir Sings
	Commissioning of Communion Deacons at both services	
	10:00am	Family Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall
	11:00am	Cont. Worship with Holy Communion

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.

All are welcome at the Revised Common Lectionary Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10am or 5:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bible study is cancelled for Nov. 22 & on Dec. 15 there will be Bible Study at 10am but the 5:15pm study is cancelled.

There will be ONE service on Sunday, December 13th at 10:00am. Come enjoy the Family Sunday School Christmas program & the Faith Journey Choir!

We will be collecting "new" items for Cully's Cabin at Sanford Children's Hospital. Items to donate are NEW Baby rattles, teething items, small 'washable' dolls, matchbox cars, board books, graphic novels & chapter books. All items must be 'NEW' & in original packaging. Donated items can be placed in front of the barn in the main window bay.

Today marks the beginning of Advent! Wednesday Advent services start on Dec. 2 at 6:30pm. Come at 5:30pm

The Piecemakers donated quilts to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This organization builds beds for children aged 3-17 yrs. The beds are given to children in Cass County who are in need. The Piecemakers meet on Wednesdays 9-3pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you can thread a needle, we need you!

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

Worship Assistants: 9:00am
Ushers: Keven Kercher Larry Anderson Pam Anderson Willie Schacher
Reader: Jolanda Anderson
Communion Assistants: Sonia Sandvig Jenean Baumann Jolanda Anderson
Greeters: Sonia Sandvig Keven Kercher
Cantor: Tom Whaley

Our Christmas Tree Challenge starts today & will go through Dec. 13th. You can vote for your favorite tree by placing a dollar or two in your favorite tree's jar. All donations will go towards our Cully's Cabin gifts. The trees will go to families at Grace Gardens. Thank you so much to all the teams participating this year! Have fun voting!

Lefsa making in Dec. is cancelled – but let's have Power Hour on Dec. 6 at 12:15. Bring a favorite Christmas dish to share! Bring an ornament to exchange. See you there!



The X-Tra Blessing stewardship emphasis kicked off last Sunday If you're new to our congregation, members are encouraged to give an X-Tra gift during Advent. You can see on the slide behind me, our goal this year is to raise $60,000. To date we have already received pledges and lead gifts along with new gifts of $27,500. Last year we received gifts anywhere from $5-$5,000 so all gifts are so welcomed. Giving is easy. Simply fill out a giving envelope as shown on the screen. Just write X-Tra Blessings on the envelope and fill in your name. If you give electronically, simply go to our website and go to the giving section where you'll find a drop-down box titled X-Tra Blessings. Don't forget to vote for your two favorite nonprofits as we'll tithe what is given. In your bulletin is a bright orange ballot with 5 local nonprofit organizations. Vote for two and if you are sharing a bulletin, put multiple check marks on the same ballot. We'll vote again next week as well. Members can vote each week. Each should give as he or she has decided in their heart. Take time to reflect on your many blessings and stay tuned for weekly updates.





Faith Journey Lutheran Church **1st Sunday of Advent**
Sunday November 29th, 2026 **9am**
WIFI Guest: Faith-Guest Password: FaithJourney
Ministers: All members of Faith Journey Lutheran Church
Pastor: Sue Koesterman - skoesterman@growinfaith.org
Parish Business Manager: Katie Berg - kberg@growinfaith.org
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Creative Worship Coordinator: Jane Whaley - jwhaley@growinfaith.org
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 24 – Sept. 13)*
6:30pm – Wednesdays *(May 27 – Sept. 9)*
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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Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 4:00pm
Friday 9:00 – 12noon