

(Nominations also welcomed from the floor.)

Office	Term	Current	Tenure	Nominees
Elder	3 yrs	Jim Kazemba*	20-25	Ron Strike
		Regan Lueck	24-26	David Schmidt
		Brandt Wendland	25-27	
Trustee	3 yrs	Nathan Voit*	20-25	Josh Zuehlke
		Les Ruthenbeck III	24-26	Monte Rosen
		Duane Voit	25-27	
Chairman	1 yr	Phil Strike	23-25	Ron Strike
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Secretary	1 yr	Christian Kazemba	25	Christian Kazemba
				Craig Ahrens
Treasurer	1 yr	Nathan Albrecht	23-25	David Schmidt
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Education	3 yrs	Rick Gustaf*	20-25	Nathan Voit
		Lloyd Kalfs	21-26	Jim Kazemba
		Steve Winters	22-27	
Finance	2 yrs	Larry Boernsen	24-25	Ron Strike
		David Schmidt	24-25	David Schmidt
		Ron Strike	24-25	Joey Jensen
		Joseph Albrecht	25-26	Rick Gustaf
		Lance Baumann	25-26	Mike Fogelman
		Don Lueck	25-26	Larry Boernsen
Cemetery	3 yrs	Steve DeWall*	20-25	Jim Sullivan
		Craig Ahrens	24-26	Allen Jensen
		Joe Liepold	22-27	

Name = present term is completed

*Six years completed or does not wish to hold the same office in the next term

** Appointed to fulfill another's term

"Only such members as have been voting members of the congregation for at least one year shall be eligible for election to a regular office in the congregation." (St. John's Constitution, Section 5.07)

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 7th, 2025

Liturgy: "O" Antiphons

Organist: Lana Strike



O Wisdom | O King of Nations | Root of Jesse | O Lord and Ruler | O Dayspring | O Key of David | O Emmanuel | O Wisdom | O
 King of Nations | O Root of Jesse | O Lord and Ruler | O Dayspring | O Key of David | O Emmanuel | O Wisdom | O King of Nations | O
 Root of Jesse | O Lord and Ruler | O Dayspring | O Key of David | O Emmanuel | O Wisdom | O King of Nations | O Root of Jesse



Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel. **Rejoice! Rejoice!** Emmanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel. **Rejoice! Rejoice!** Emmanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel. **Rejoice! Rejoice!** Emmanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel.



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Introduction to our Advent Theme: The O Antiphons

The paraphrases of Holy Scripture known as The Great “O” Antiphons of Advent have been cherished for centuries by Christian worshippers as most expressive of the Church’s desire for the Savior. They are each awe-filled expressions of that Advent spirit that is focused on Christ’s coming—His historical coming on Christmas, His continued coming in the Means of Grace, and His second coming on Judgment Day. Each antiphon consists of a title given to Christ in the Old Testament, asking Him to come and fulfill some Scriptural promise or prophecy. They also are the basis of one of our greatest Advent hymns, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.”

✠ Opening Prayer – “O Root of Jesse” ✠

- P** O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage: Come quickly to deliver us. Amen.

Hymn: WS #701

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
G Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** As we wait for the second coming of Christ, the Wisdom of God and Key who opens heaven’s gates, let us prepare our hearts for His arrival by confessing our sins.
- G Almighty and merciful Father, we confess that we have sought knowledge apart from You, that we have heard Your commandments but disobeyed them, that our faith has been easily shaken, that we have closed our hearts to Your mercy, that we have walked in shadows of doubt and despair, that we follow the lead of the devil, and that we have forgotten about Your presence in our lives. Come to us, O LORD, forgive us for Jesus’ sake and restore us according to Your mercy.**
- P** Hear the good news of Advent hope: Jesus, the Wisdom of God, teaches us the way of truth. Jesus, our Lord, delivers us

Hymn: TLH #645

“Behold, a Branch is Growing”

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

G Amen!

Hymn: TLH #74

“Once He Came in Blessing”

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Election Meeting – After church, the voting members of St. John’s are invited and encouraged to attend our annual election meeting. The nomination list has received some changes, an **updated** nomination list is on the back of the bulletin. Nominations will also be welcomed from the floor at the meeting.

The Ladies’ Aid annual Christmas Potluck will be held this Tuesday, December 9th at 6:30 pm.

Advent VBS continues the next two Tuesdays, the 9th and 16th, 3:15-5:15p. Pre-School through 8th grade are invited to join!

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Ushers	12/7	Kendall B, Larry B.
	12/14	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	12/21	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
Cleaning	This Week – The Voits (wk. 4)	
	Up Next – The Ruthenbecks	

☞ I BELIEVE...

that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

Choir

"Daughter of Zion"

Hymn: WS #799

"This Is the Feast of Victory"



Isaiah 11:1, 10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall

bear fruit... ¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples-- of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

The "O" Antiphons: O Root of Jesse

*"O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples,
Before whom all kings are mute,
To whom the nations will do homage:
Come quickly to deliver us.*

The Offertory

TLH #62

**☞ ♪ Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

from sin and death. Jesus, the Root of Jesse, deepens our trust. Jesus, the Key of David, opens to us the kingdom of grace. Jesus, the Dayspring, brings light to our darkness. Jesus, the King of the Nations, unites us in His peace. Jesus, Immanuel – God with us – forgives, renews, and restores.

Therefore, as a called servant of the Word, I proclaim to you: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

☞ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Response: "A Litany for Advent"

Tune of WS #789

**☞ ♪ Lord Jesus, come to us, we pray,
Bring us Your truth, Show us Your way,
As once the prophets did foretell,
Oh, come to us, Immanuel.**

**The universe is in our care,
Help us protect, help us to share,
Send us Your peace, Your glad Noel,
Oh, come to us, Immanuel.**

**Our world is torn in war and sin.
Our people hurt without, within.
Your healing love will make us well,
Oh, come to us, Immanuel.**

**Prepare our hearts, tell all the earth
That we may celebrate Your birth.
Oh, enter in our lives to dwell.
Oh, come to us Immanuel.**

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

☞ P O Root of Jesse, promised Messiah, grow in our hearts as the source of hope and life. Strengthen us to trust in Your coming and bless us as we seek to share Your fulfilled promises with others.

☞ Amen.





Jeremiah 23:1-8

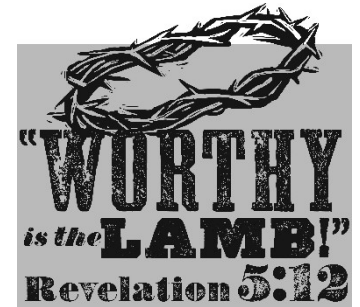
"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³ Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. ⁵ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.' ⁷ "Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' ⁸ but 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' Then they shall dwell in their own land."



Revelation 5:1-14

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴ and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵ And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so

that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." ⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.



Romans 15:12-13

And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.