

St. John Lutheran Church ELCA

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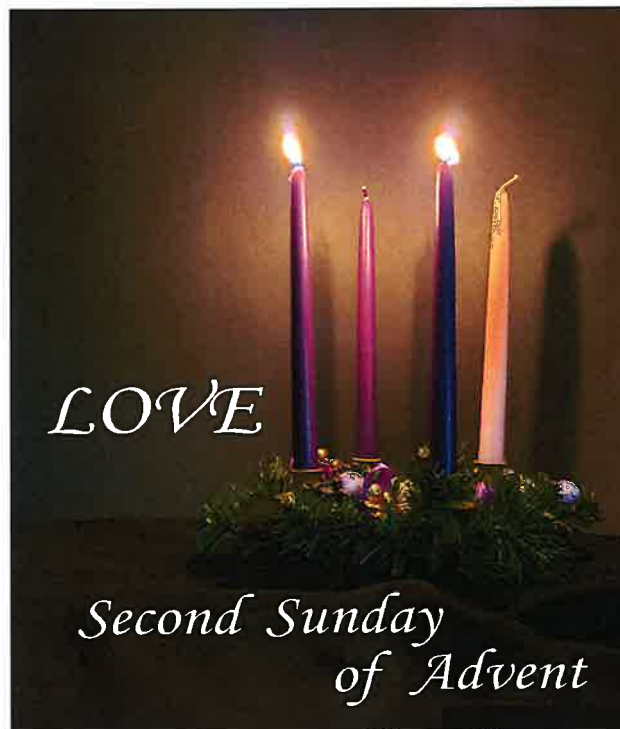
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December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

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Welcome to St. John ELCA



We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning!

*As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:
"A voice of one calling in the desert, "Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him...
And all mankind will see God's salvation."*

Luke 3: 4,6

St. John/St. Stephen Lutheran Parish ELCA, Mission Statement:

*"Saints united to be the body of Christ in the world, freed by grace to
live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully."*

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Keeping in Touch, December 8, 2024

A warm welcome back, and special thanks to Pastor Kristi Ursin who comes to us from Merrill to minister this morning!

S.S. Christmas Program practice in the sanctuary after the service TODAY!

THIS WEEK

Monday, Dec. 9 at 6pm—The first **Handbell Choir** practice at St. Stephen.

Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 1:30pm—COMBINED Women's Christmas Tea/Bible Study at St. Stephen.
Please bring something to share.

Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 1-3pm—Edgar Community Senior Event, Card games, Refreshments,
Snacks at St. Stephen.

6:30pm—Council Meeting at St. John



NEXT Sunday!

We will be blessed by the presentation of the **Sunday School Christmas Program** in the service next Sunday. If you are interested in blessing our young people by donating toward Christmas goody bags, please talk to Bonnie Bargender.



"Cookies for a Cause" will take place after the service next Sunday. Bake some of YOUR favorites to donate, and TAKE home a wonderful variety to enjoy! Cookies will be \$7 a pound, and proceeds will go to the *Stratford Food Pantry*.

Prayer Concerns

Naomi Sebold—Health concerns.

Cody Heidmann—Recovering from a hunting accident.

Elgart Mueller—At home, recovering from leg surgery, building strength.

Jay Zemke—has completed radiation therapy, and is doing well. *Thanks for your prayers!*

Winona—12-year-old granddaughter of Eugene & Millie Borchardt (St. Stephen) has multiple cancers. *Treatments have been completed and she is on comfort care.*



Last Week—Dec. 1, 2024

Attendance: 71

Offering: \$1055.00



Our Christmas Poinsettia Memorial program has two options of how to honor your loved ones. You can either place a (*living or artificial*) Poinsettia in the sanctuary, OR designate a contribution in their memory. Contributions will be going to **Stratford Food Pantry this year**. Slips are available on the table in the Narthex to show your preference and submit it to Rose by **Dec. 17th**. *Checks need to be made out to: Women of St. John and be given to Mary Jo Werner*



For a VARIETY of ways to share your Christmas Joy by giving, check out the bulletin board and OPERATION CHRISTMAS. Pick an ornament off the tree in the Narthex!

December 8, 2024, Order of Service—Rev. Kristi Ursin (Supply Pastor)
ADVENT 2 “LOVE” (Communion)

Announcements, Concerns, Joys (Rick/Steve)

Blessing of the Christmas Tree

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Candle Lighting Song *Hark, the Glad Sound! (Verse 2)* LBW #35
HP #1379

***Confession and Forgiveness** (from Sundays & Seasons, copyright 2024, Augsburg Fortress)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.
Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Silence for reflection)*
God of mercy,

**C: we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.
We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

P: God of might,
**we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted
false promises.**

P: God in our midst,
we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

P: A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have
forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness
of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* LBW #30
HP #77

***Kyrie** (response: Lord, have mercy) LBW p.78

***Prayer of the Day**: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his
coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. **Amen.**

Children will be dismissed to their classes for program practice

Sharing the Peace

Receiving our Offerings of Thanksgiving

A reading from Malachi the 3rd chapter (3:1-4) pew Bible, p.1490
(after each reading, "The word of the Lord." "Thanks be to God!")

A reading from Luke, the 1st chapter (1:68-79) Zechariah's Song (*Psalm*) pew Bible, p.1590

A reading from Philippians the 1st chapter (1:3-11) pew Bible, p.1825

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia!* Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Alleluia!* (Luke 3:4,6)

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter (3:1-6) pew Bible, p. 1593
Before the gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord!** *Read by Pastor Kristi*
After the gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon/Homily

*Hymn of the Day *Let All Together Praise Our God* (Verses 1,2,3) LBW #47
HP #1391

*The Creed LBW, p. 85

*The Prayers of Intercession (Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**)

*Communion

The Great Thanksgiving LBW, p.88
Holy, Holy, Holy LBW, p.89
The Lord's Prayer LBW, p. 91
Distribution of Communion
Lamb of God LBW, p.92

*Blessing

May God give you strength and courage to keep watch for the One who is coming.

May God give us to one another, so we remember we are not alone.

May God give us to the world to prepare the way for the coming kingdom.

In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*Sending Hymn *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel* (Verses 1,2,3,4) LBW #34
HP #76

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel **Thanks be to God!**



THANK YOU TO THE ATTENDEES St John's 2024 Quilting Bee!

We had a great day - lots of fun and fellowship.

It is pretty amazing watching these
quilts come to life!

Thank you so much.





We completed 15 quilts and they are being delivered to Marty's bus - sponsored by Marathon County Community Outreach Task Force.

