

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Opening Hymn: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

LSB 344

**Divine Service Setting Three**

LSB 184

**Confession and Absolution**

**Introit**



In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;\*  
make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.

**Seek the LORD | and his strength;\***

**seek his presence con- | tinually!**

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\*  
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,

**O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,\***

**children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!**

He is the | LORD our God;\*  
his judgments are in | all the earth.

**He remembers his covenant for- | ever,\***

**the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.**



**G** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**Kyrie**

LSB 186

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1–10

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.  
<sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
<sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,  
<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.  
<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.  
<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder’s den.  
<sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.  
<sup>10</sup>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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**G Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 15:4–13

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.  
<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,  
and sing to your name.”

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said,  
“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup>And again,  
“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol him.”

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,  
“The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>13</sup>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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**G Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190




**G** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1–12

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,


“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear

good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.  
<sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Children’s Message	
Sermon Hymn: Prepare the Royal Highway	LSB 343
Sermon	
Response Hymn: Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding	LSB 345
Nicene Creed	
Offering & Offertory	LSB 192
Prayer of the Church	
Lord’s Prayer	
Collect for the Word	
Benedicamus & Benediction	LSB 202
Closing Hymn: Sing Praise to the God of Israel	LSB 936

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December 7, 2025 –Second Sunday in Advent

By the Preaching of Repentance, We Are Prepared for the Coming of the Lord

“John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent!’” (Matt. 3:1–2). His preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins prepared people for the coming of Christ into the world. St. John’s work was historically complete with the incarnate advent of Jesus, but his vital ministry continues in preaching Law and Gospel. The Son of God has come in the flesh, “a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots” (Is. 11:1), and continues to bear the fruits of righteousness. His good tree of the cross is “a signal for the peoples” (Is. 11:10), by which He calls the nations to repentance. “With the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips” (Is. 11:4), He slays the wicked and brings the dead to life, making sons of Abraham out of lifeless stones. So also the “root of Jesse” comes to us, “even he who arises to rule the Gentiles” (Rom. 15:12), that “we might have hope” and be filled “with all joy and peace in believing” (Rom. 15:4, 13).



**WE WELCOME ALL** who worship today, especially guests and visitors, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Guests are invited to sign our guest register. Please include your phone number and address in the guest book located in the Narthex. Thank you for visiting.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today’s altar flowers are provided by the Floral Fund.

<u>IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
11/30/2025 Sunday Service	72	\$2093.00

**MISSIONARIES:** Please remember JP and Aimee Cima, the missionaries that our congregation have adopted, asking God to protect them and use them to spread His gospel.

**CONGREGATIONAL SHUT-INS:** Orgene Reimers.

**CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS:** Ryan Lehmpuhl and Jake Langley

**SITTING AND STANDING IN CHURCH:** It is customary to stand during the worship service when we address God directly (*Confession, Prayers, etc.*) or out of respect (*Gospel Reading, Creed, etc.*). These actions have purpose and meaning; but they are not meant to be painful or difficult. In contrast, Psalm 51:17 says, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." If at any time during the service, it is too difficult or painful to stand, please remain seated. Our Lord knows your heart.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please talk to the Pastor prior to the Sunday service for special prayers.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR: Sick and/or Recovering:**

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| Debbie Ledbetter                   | Rod Willard                    |
| Sharon Martinson                   | Robert Tangkawarow             |
| Lucy Brown                         | Elaine Emery (Snyders' friend) |
| Zoey (Tangkawarow's Family Member) | Nancy Mowers                   |
| Ken Davidson                       | Jerrico Leason                 |
| Evie Langley                       | Bob Huebner                    |
| Cody Atkinson (Dawn's son)         | Orgene Reimers                 |
| Dale Kletke                        |                                |

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you have a prayer concern and would like to send it through a prayer chain, we have 2 options.

- To send the prayer through a phone prayer chain, please contact Mary Richardson at 719-269-1426.
- To send the prayer via email, please contact Sue Poehlein at her email address: [cspoehlein@gmail.com](mailto:cspoehlein@gmail.com).

If you would like to join either prayer chain, please contact Mary or Sue respectively. If you would like a Christian greeting card from St. John sent to your loved one listed on the above prayer list, please contact Mary Richardson with the address where it should be sent.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN – DECEMBER 7, 2025- DECEMBER 14, 2025**

Office Hours: Monday through Friday — 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

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| 9:00 a.m.  | Divine Worship                    |
| Reader:    | Kris Holt                         |
| 10:15 a.m. | Fellowship                        |
| 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School & Adult Bible Class |
| 11:30 a.m. | Elders' Meeting                   |

**Monday, December 8, 2025**

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| 6:30 p.m. | Confirmation |
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*HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY*

*Solveig Booth*

**Tuesday, December 9, 2025**

- Sarah Out of the Office  
Pastor Out of the Office -Circuit Pastors' Meeting

**Wednesday, December 10, 2025**

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| Sarah Out of the Office |                |
| 10:00 a.m.              | Bible Study    |
| 6:00 p.m.               | Soup Supper    |
| 7:00 p.m.               | Advent Service |

**Thursday, December 11, 2025**

- Sarah Out of the Office

*HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY*

*Robert & Sue Tangkawarow*

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Saturday, December 13, 2025

*HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY*

*Beverly Kane*

Sunday, December 14, 2025

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| 9:00 a.m.  | Divine Worship with Holy Communion |
| 10:15 a.m. | Fellowship                         |
| 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  |
| 11:30 a.m. | Council Meeting                    |



**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please send all announcements for bulletins to [office@stjohncanoncity.org](mailto:office@stjohncanoncity.org). Thank You.

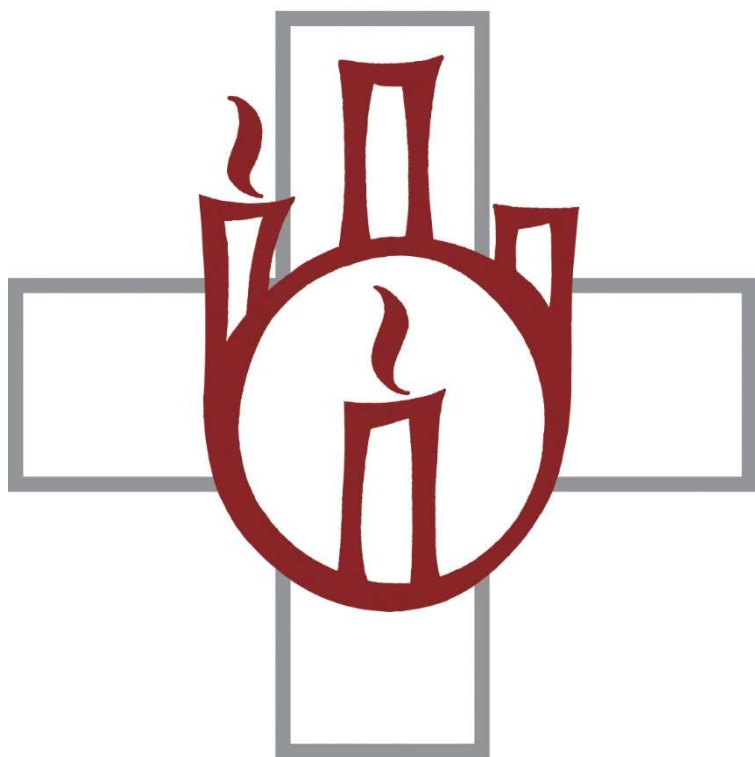
**MEMBER NEWS:** Please notify newsletter editor Gail Kirkegaard of member activities and accomplishments so we can celebrate them in our monthly publication. E-mail [office@stjohncanoncity.org](mailto:office@stjohncanoncity.org). You can also put information and photos in her church mailbox. Please add your name so she can return photos. Make sure to write: "ATTENTION GAIL" for anything you want added to the newsletter.

**ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING:** This meeting is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup> and is for all confirmed St. John members. Adult members of St. John will elect officers to serve as council members and as elders, and we will discuss and vote on the 2026 annual budget for the church.

**CHURCH NURSERY:** Parents may use the nursery in back of the church. Our monitor with remote control has now been installed to watch the service. Changing tables are available in three of our restrooms.

**CHURCH PUBLICITY:** If you have a meeting or event for the St. John website and / or Facebook page please notify Gail at 720-201-8743 or [kirkegaard1998@charter.net](mailto:kirkegaard1998@charter.net). Also let her know if it is changed or canceled so our information is correct. Thank you.

**PARKING REQUEST:** with an aging congregation, our parking lot is short on handicapped parking spots. If you are able bodied, please park towards Greydene or in the gravel so those who struggle have a shorter distance to walk. Thank you.



## Sermon Notes

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