

DECEMBER 7, 2025

THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



MEDITATION

Isaiah 11:1-10

“Lions and tigers and bears...oh my!” Familiar words that make sense when we’re looking into an uncertain future. Danger lurks in the shadows of our minds when, in reality, we are most afraid of the things that we don’t fully understand. Some of our fears fade away as we step into our present reality, while unforeseen events pose new questions for us to contemplate and consider.

When Isaiah the prophet looks into the future to come, he doesn’t see danger but instead shares a vision of restored peace that will exist within the eternity of heaven. Predators like “lions and tigers and bears” don’t devour their prey but instead will live together with them in harmony. “Wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat...and a little child will lead them.” (Isaiah 11:6)

What once looked dead is given new life, much like a new branch growing out of an old stump. When John, the last of the Old Testament prophets, came baptising in the desert with a message of repentance, it appears that death is imminent. “Repent for the kingdom of God is near!” (Matthew 3:2) But out of the waters of baptism comes new life in Christ. We no longer need to fear death because we now live in the newness of Life eternal. True and lasting Peace is ours through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER

Lord God, You are Peace. Though we live in a world where sin and death surround us, we need not fear. You call us out of the darkness into Your marvelous light. Give us a heart of repentance so that our lives become forever changed by the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus. We look forward to the world You’ve promised, where there will be no more sorrow and no more pain. May Your peace be ours through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Snow

THIS WEEK

Monday - December 8

Men’s Bible Study 6:30am

Monday Night Meal 5:15pm

AA 7:00pm

Tuesday - December 9

Mary Martha Guild 6:00pm

Elders Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday - December 10

Moms in the Word 9:30am

Midweek Advent Worship 4:15/6:30pm

MOP Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Thursday - December 11

Time to Grow Christmas Program 6:30pm

Friday - December 12

AA 6:30pm

Saturday - December 13

Colson Fellow Cohort Meeting 8:30am

1st-6th SS Christmas Rehearsal 9:00am

Sunday - December 14

Worship 8:00/9:30/11:00am

Blood Pressure Screening 9:30am

Education Hour 9:30am

1st-6th SS Christmas Service 11:00am

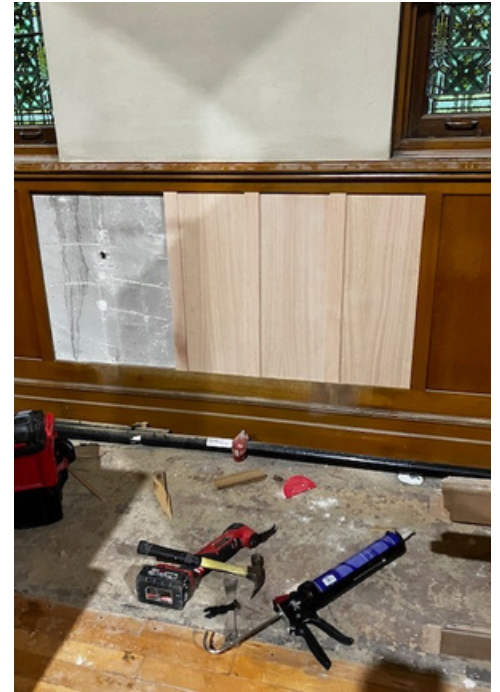


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Construction Update



The work on the partitions around the Fellowship Hall is progressing, including the installation of door frames.

Installation of the doors at the new south entrance vestibule is nearly complete. These doors are wide enough for wheelchairs. They will have automatic operators, key card access, and a camera, so they can be unlocked remotely from the office.

Finish carpenters are beginning to replace the oak panels in the wainscoting on the side aisles, that were damaged by the old radiators.

Mary Martha Guild Christmas Card & Craft Sale

The Mary Martha Guild will be selling Christmas cards and festive handmade crafts on **Sunday, December 7**, between services in the upper commons. Stop by to browse their wonderful selection and support their ministry.

Christmas Poinsettias

Help us celebrate Christ's birth by donating the cost of a poinsettia (\$15) to help decorate our Christmas services. Envelopes to purchase the plants can be found at the information center. The deadline to purchase is December 14th. The poinsettias may be taken home for your personal enjoyment after the late service on Sunday, January 4th.

St. John's Giving Tree

Join us as we partner with Mi CASA to bless 10 local families this Christmas! Pick a stocking from the Giving Tree outside the church office, and purchase gifts for the individual listed on it. Gift ideas are suggestions (choose what you feel led to give). Please return all **unwrapped gifts** (with the stocking/tag attached) to the church and place them under the Giving Tree by **December 14th**. Any gift cards may be turned in at the church office.

Christmas Worship at St. John's

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24

- Worship with Communion at 2:00pm, 4:00pm, & 10:00pm (candlelight service)

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25

- Worship with Communion at 9:30am

Reminder: 1st - 6th Grade Sunday School Christmas Service Rehearsal

Our Sunday School Christmas Service rehearsal for Grades 1-6 will be held on **Saturday, December 13, from 9:00 to 11:00am**. Please make sure your child attends so they are prepared and confident to share the message of Christmas at the service on Sunday, December 14. We'd love to see everyone there!



Sunday School & Day School Christmas Services & Programs

Sunday School Christmas Services:

Kindergarten & Younger - Sunday, December 7 at the 10:45am service

1st - 6th Grade - Sunday, December 14 at the 11:00am service

Day School Christmas Services/Programs:

Time to Grow Christmas Program - Thursday, December 11 at 6:30pm

K - 8th Grade Christmas Service - Thursday, December 18 at 6:30pm (streamed LIVE on our church website)

No Sunday School on Sunday, December 21 or Sunday, December 28



Advent Choral Vespers
Sunday, December 7, 6:30pm
Featuring school and church choirs with a reception following the service.
(Streamed LIVE on our church website)

Join Us for Advent Worship!

Sundays in Advent:

December 7, 14, & 21

8:00am, 9:30am, & 10:45am

Advent Choral Vespers:

December 7 at 6:30pm

Midweek Advent Worship:

December 10 & 17

4:15pm & 6:30pm

(No Livestream)

No Advent Meals

due to renovation



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8:00/9:30/10:45am in the Gymnasium
(Livestream at the 8:00am Service)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

Want to receive the Weekly Word and church communications by email?

Contact churchoffice@stjohns-chaska.org or call the church office.



PRAYER LIST

Please continue to share your prayer requests by filling out the back of a Connect Card located on the information desks in the upper gathering and main level common areas or by going to www.stjohns-chaska.org and clicking on "How can we pray for you?" You can also contact the church office: email: churchoffice@stjohns-chaska.org or by phone 952-448-2433

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/7 Bob Panning	12/11 Tricia DuToit James Holasek Mike Johnshoy Jason Kusske Missy Young	12/12 Mary Dahlke Jeanie Klein
12/9 Keegan Kelly Emma Schmitz August Zabel	12/12 Annika Atkinson Hailey Busker	12/13 David Dare Scott Eastlund Connor Panning Kate Swanson
12/10 Madison Mesebring Tom Thuente		

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Sandy Sprengeler Bernie Gnan Holly Walters	Jen Angell Marilyn Lenzen Jolene Berg	Joann Mueller Gary Anderson Jack Boman
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IN SYMPATHY

The family of Donna Kloos, upon her passing.



EXPECTANT MOMS

Brenda Simpson
Izzy King
Nicole Stockey
Kourtney Vipond
Katelyn Olson
Amy Peterson

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The birth of a daughter, Clara Joy, to Tom and Nicole Thuente.

The birth of a daughter, Finley Noelle, to Zach and Jessica Lewis.

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

12/11 Paul and Sandra Sprengler
12/11 John and Emily Watry
12/12 Scott and Jenny McCarty
12/13 Daniel and Kimberly Siegle

ONGOING PRAYERS

Carol Affeldt John Barney Jimann Campbell Julie Carver Marguerite Craighead Sunnie Deis	Anita Doss Sid & Merna Fjelstad Dennis Gaarder Bernie Gnan Eugene Henke Carol Jones	Len Kallsen Gretchen Laubach Melinda Meuwissen Gina Niesche Steve Pond Austin Rannow	Val Schlefsky Cliff Waller Ruth Ziegler Merlin Bentz - brother of Linda Knox Ruth Harms - sister-in-law of Marilyn Lenzen
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