

*St. John's Sinking Valley*  
*Christmas Eve Service*  
*December 24, 2025*



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PO Box 222  
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**Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:30am**

\* = Please stand as you are able

The Call to Worship on the Bells

Organ Prelude –

Lighting of Candles: Acolyte –

Call to Worship- *please direct your attention to the screens*

*Welcome & Opening Prayer*

**\*The Opening Hymn –**

**O’Come All Ye Faithful (LBW 45)**

***Lighting of the Advent Log***

**Offertory**

**\*Offertory Response**

*(see screen)*

***The Liturgy of the Word -***

***Today’s Old Testament Lesson comes from Isaiah***

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

***2 The people walking in darkness***

***have seen a great light;***

***on those living in the land of deep darkness***

***a light has dawned.***

**3 You have enlarged the nation**

**and increased their joy;**

**they rejoice before you**

**as people rejoice at the harvest,**

**as warriors rejoice**

**when dividing the plunder.**

**4 For as in the day of Midian’s defeat,**

**you have shattered**

**the yoke that burdens them,**

**the bar across their shoulders,**

**the rod of their oppressor.**

**5 Every warrior’s boot used in battle**

**and every garment rolled in blood**

**L: The Word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***Today’s New Testament Lesson comes from John***

**John 1:14**

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**L: The Word of the Lord**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Anthem-**

will be destined for burning,

will be fuel for the fire.

***6 For to us a child is born,***

***to us a son is given,***

***and the government will be on his shoulders.***

***And he will be called***

***Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,***

***Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***

***7 Of the greatness of his government and peace***

***there will be no end.***

***He will reign on David’s throne***

***and over his kingdom,***

***establishing and upholding it***

***with justice and righteousness***

***from that time on and forever.***

The zeal of the Lord Almighty

will accomplish this.

**Good News! Good News!**

\*L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

\*C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

**Luke 2:1-20**

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. 8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

*Message –*

*The Story of SILENT NIGHT*

*\*Hymn –*

**SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT (LBW 65)**

*A Christmas Challenge-*

*\*Closing Hymn –*

**JOY TO THE WORLD (LBW 39)**

*\*Benediction—*

*The Dismissal from Worship on the Bells*

*\*Extinguishing of Candles – Go Tell it on the Mountain, That Jesus Christ is Born!*

*Organ Postlude –*

***Prayer Requests For:*** Brenda, Krystal, Doreen, Ellen, Kathy, Emily, Craig, Gwen, Mikey, Terry, Jamie, Joe, Joyce, Georgette, Barb, John, Cody, Bob, Dave, The Lardieri Family, The Brua Family, Jim, Matt, Ernie, Jaxon, Judy, Mary, Mike, The Kost Family, Bonnie, Janet, Sally, Jeff, Brian, Judy, Tom, Jason, Joyce, Albert, Carly and Justin, Jaclyn, Bob, Sr., Jill, Lana and Andrea, Kelsi, Fred, Sr., Kathy, Ken, Mary Lou, Curt, Sue, Kim, Wendy, Linda, Mark, Peggy, Sarah, Dalton, Nico, Michael, First Responders, Members of our Military and their families, Cancer treatment patients and the congregation of St. John’s Lutheran Church.

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