

St. John's Sinking Valley

December 21st, 2025



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Tyrone, PA 16686

* = Please stand as you are able

The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Organ Prelude –
Lighting of Candles:

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn:

All Love Divine, All Love Excelling

Lighting of the Advent Log/Children's Message –

Offertory

*** The Doxology**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Liturgy of the Word

Today's Old Testament Lesson comes from the book of Micah

Micah 5:2-3a

2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times."
3 Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son.
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Today's New Testament Lesson comes from the book of 1 John

1 John 4:7-12

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response –**

Chorus: Angels We Have Heard on High

*L: The Holy Gospel according to John

*C: Glory to you, O Lord

John 3: 16-19a

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands

condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world,

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn-

Love Came Down at Christmas

Message-

Do You Hear What I Hear?

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn-**

Oh Holy Night

***St. John's Mission Statement**

We praise God for all His bountiful blessings. We desire to grow together in faith and love, acknowledging that we are a family, a congregation, and a community.

Benediction –

Let us go forth in the Grace of Jesus Christ, proclaiming the advent message of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love!

The Dismissal from Worship on the Bells

**Extinguishing of Candles –*

Organ Postlude –

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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.

If you would like anyone added (or if someone can be removed) please let Carey Williams (brooke2235@yahoo.com) know. Thank You.

Pastoral Care – For anyone needing pastoral care, Drew Baker is our Worship Leader. Please feel free to contact him at 814-932-4085. Drew's Email: jesus2thevalley@gmail.com

Prayer Chain – There is a prayer support chain in place. If anyone would like to commit to praying and being part of the chain, please see **Drew Baker**. In addition, if you have someone to be added to the prayer chain, please let Drew know.

Give to St. John's online for a one-time or a recurring gift using the church's website:

www.stjohnssinkingvalley.com

Scroll down the home page and click on the PDF "Online Giving DIRECTIONS" for more information. Click on the "Online Giving Web Site" link to create a free profile and get started.

Or give through the mail. Please send checks made out to "St. John's Lutheran Church" to:

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Reader/Offering Schedule

December	Reader	Count Offering
12/7/25	Madison Harper	Howie Overcash Marty Williams
12/14/25	Ryan Fleck	Howie Overcash Marty Williams
12/21/25	David Lang	Howie Overcash Marty Williams
12/28/25	Remington Fleck	Howie Overcash Marty Williams

Events / Meetings / Special Services

TODAY! - Christmas in the Valley

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service

7:00 p.m.

We Care Meals

December 13, 2025 ~ December 27, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Samaritan Fund – December - We plan to involve the church's youth directly in our Good Samaritan program for the month of December. Teaching children the value of giving at a young age is important, as it allows them to experience the joy that comes from blessing others. Each child will have the opportunity to personally choose someone they feel is in need and offer their support. This was previously part of the Thrive youth program, and it was something the kids truly enjoyed. Please prayerfully consider helping the youth bless others during this season.

Christmas in the Valley TODAY!! - 4pm-6pm

Join us for a night of food, fellowship and fun. Experience the beauty of St. John's advent decor, partake of tasty goodies and witness the splendor of the Christmas story through the ministry of Boston Bachert. From a very early age, Boston has trusted the Lord with his life. As a result, through him, he's been able to do things he never thought possible! When Boston was 7 years old, he was diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome, OCD, and auditory processing issues. He uses the skills he's developed in acrobatics, gospel illusions and tricks not only to entertain and connect with his audience, but also to share his own personal story of faith and overcoming. He shares how he chose to trust God with his struggles in life, and how Tourette's doesn't have to hold him back - it actually helps him be the performer that he is today! It also gives him a platform to help others and share Christ's love for each and every one of us.

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Church Directory – The Church Directory is complete! Copies can be found on the back table—please remember to take one. In addition, if you are unable to worship in person and would like a copy mailed, please contact Heidi Shetler at (814) 327-1995.

REMINDER - Good Samaritan Fund Recipients – The Good Samaritan Fund was established to help anyone in need. If you know of anyone (individuals/families/missions), please pick up a form on the back table, complete it and put it in the offering plate or in the basket on the back table.

Sunday Evening Bible Study – Adult Bible Study will continue to meet Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Drew Baker (814-932-4085), or Jerry & Heidi Shetler (814-327-4808 / 814-686-2347).

Favorite Hymns – If you have a favorite hymn, please be sure to put it on the list on the back table.

We Care Meals - We Care Meals, providing free meals for people in the Community on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, some recipients are elderly, young, home bound, recovering from illness or accident, or just could use a good meal and a smiling face delivering the meal. If you know of **“ANY ONE”**, please contact Drew or a member of council.