

St. John's Sinking Valley

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

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* = Please stand as you are able

The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Organ Prelude –

Lighting of Candles: Acolyte –

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship –

***The Opening Hymn –**

***Apostle's Creed-**

Offertory

*** The Doxology**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Liturgy of the Word – Rylee Fleck

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

Psalm 139:13-17

For you created my inmost being;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful,

I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you

when I was made in the secret place,

when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;

all the days ordained for me were written in your book

before one of them came to be.

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God!

How vast is the sum of them!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

1st Corinthians 6:19-20

19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response –**

Thy Word

*L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

Matthew 15:1-20

Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, 2 “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!” 3 Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? 4 For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ 5 But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is ‘devoted to God,’ 6 they are not to ‘honor their father or mother’ with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. 7 You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:

8 ““These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

9 They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.””

10 Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. 11 What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.” 12 Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?” 13 He replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. 14 Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.” 15 Peter said, “Explain the parable to us.” 16 “Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. 17 “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? 18 But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. 20 These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Message-

Our Voice: a voice for those who have no voice!

Hymn-

The Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn –**

***St. John’s Mission Statement**

L: As a reminder of God’s goodness to us, we proclaim the Mission of our church together. Collectively,

C: 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—

The Dismissal from Worship on the Bells

**Extinguishing of Candles – Let us look ahead with great anticipation to a New Year of God’s Glory!*

Organ Postlude –

Prayer Requests For: Lori, Kathy, Brandon, Emily, Craig & Michelle, Gwen, Mikey, Terry, Jamie, Joe, Joyce, Georgette, Barb, John, Cody, Bob, Dave, The Lardieri Family, The Brua Family, Jim, Matt, Elaine, 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 contact Charlene Detwiler or Drew Baker. In addition, if you have someone to be added to the prayer chain, please let Charlene or Drew know.

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Reader/Acolyte/Offering Schedule

January	Reader	Acolyte	Count Offering
1/19/25	Rylee Fleck		Ryan Fleck Marty Williams
1/26/25	Lee Anne Ayers		Ryan Fleck Marty Williams

UPCOMING DATES

Events / Meetings / Special Services

January 26th – Annual Meeting – Following Worship

**January 27th – Planning Meeting @ Sinking Valley
Presbyterian for Annual Joint Church
Picnic – August 17, 2025**

March 5th – Ash Wednesday Service

March 29th – 4th Annual Pie & Praise

April 17th – Maundy Thursday Service

April 18th – Good Friday Service

June – Strawberry Festival (date to be determined)

**August 17th – Annual Joint Picnic w/ Sinking Valley
Presbyterian**

December 21st (tent.) - Christmas in the Valley

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service

We Care Meals

January 11, 2025	~	January 25, 2025
February 8, 2025	~	February 22, 2025
March 8, 2025	~	March 22, 2025
April 12, 2025	~	April 26, 2025
May 10, 2025	~	May 24, 2025
June 14, 2025	~	June 28, 2025
July 12, 2025	~	July 28, 2025
August 9, 2025	~	August 23, 2025
September 13, 2025	~	September 27, 2025
October 11, 2025	~	October 25, 2025
November 8, 2025	~	November 22, 2025
December 13, 2025	~	December 27, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Joint Church Picnic - August 17, 2025 - Please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 17th for the Annual Joint Church Picnic with the Sinking Valley Presbyterian Church. *A planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in the planning and cannot attend, please see Drew or Charlene.*

4th Annual Pie & Praise – March 29, 2025 – In addition, please mark your calendar Saturday, March 29th for the 4th Annual Pie and Praise. More details will follow.

Good Samaritan Fund – January – This month’s recipient of the Good Samaritan Fund is local families in need. Whether it be to help with oil, medical expenses, groceries, etc., please prayerfully consider donated to help local families in our area. If you know of someone in need, please let Drew know.

Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 26th – Please plan to stay after worship for the Annual Meeting to vote on the proposed budget for 2025.

Church Council - There are a few openings on church council for next year. If you are interested in joining council, please see a member or Drew. Council meets one evening a month.

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 Jeanne Fleck.

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.