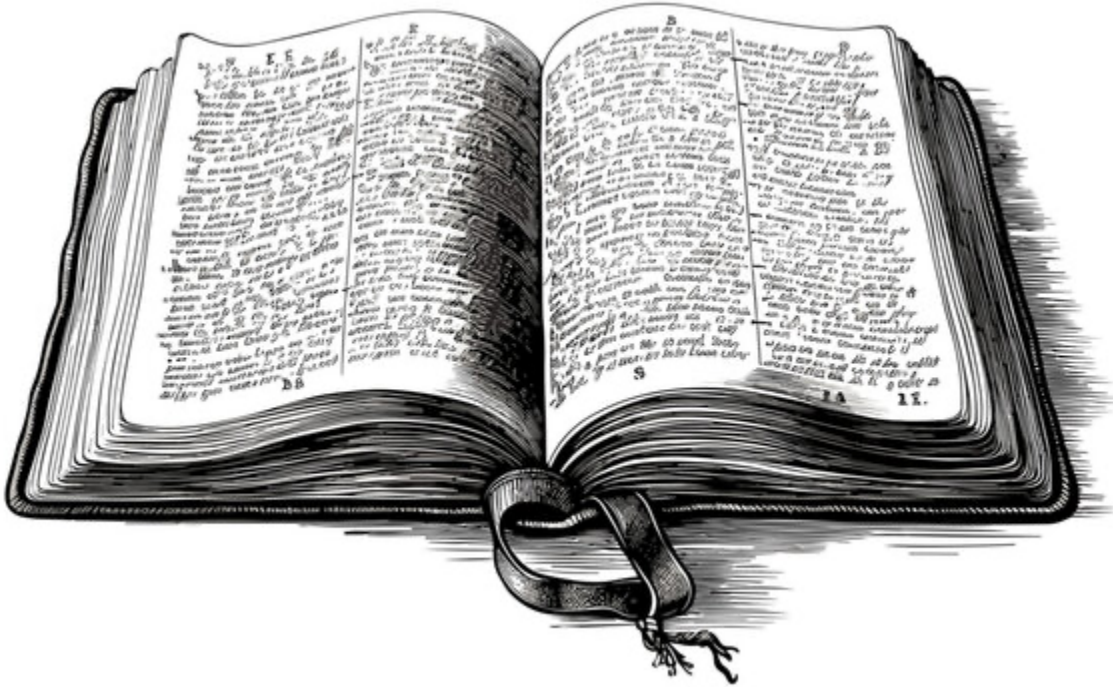


# *St. John's Sinking Valley*

*January 12, 2025*



***There is Power in the Gospel!***

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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 –**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**\*Apostle's Creed-**

**Offertory**

**\* The Doxology**

**\* Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***The Liturgy of the Word – Jim Fleck***

***Today's Old Testament Lesson comes from the book of Isaiah***

**Isaiah 55:11**

As the rain and the snow  
come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it  
without watering the earth  
and making it bud and flourish,  
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,  
11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth:  
It will not return to me empty,  
but will accomplish what I desire  
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***Today's New Testament Lesson comes from the book of Romans and Hebrews***

**Romans 1:16**

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

**Hebrews 4:12**

12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Gospel Response –**

**Thy Word**

\*L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew and John

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

**Matthew 4:4**

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**John 17:13-17**

13 "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. 14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

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

*Message-*

**The Power of God's Word**

**Hymn-**

**How Firm A Foundation**

**The Prayers**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn –**

**Take the Name of Jesus with You**

**\*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](mailto: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.

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

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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.

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**Reader/Acolyte/Offering Schedule**

<b>January</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Count Offering</b>
1/5/25	Aidan Luther		Ryan Fleck Marty Williams
1/12/25	Jim Fleck		Ryan Fleck Marty Williams
1/19/25	Rylee Fleck		Ryan Fleck Marty Williams
1/26/25	Lee Anne Ayers		Ryan Fleck Marty Williams

**Upcoming Dates**

**Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – We Care Meals**

**Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> – Evening Fellowship – 5:30 p.m.**

**Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> – We Care Meals**

**Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> – Annual Meeting – Following Worship**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

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**Evening Fellowship – Today!** – Please join us on this evening at 5:30 p.m. for Evening Fellowship.

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

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**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.

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**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).

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

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**We Care Meals** - We Care Meals, providing free meals for people in the Community on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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.