

St. John's Sinking Valley

December 29, 2024



A NEW YEAR, A FRESH START, A CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES!

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* = Please stand as you are able

The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Organ Prelude –

Lighting of Candles: Acolyte – Jaelyn Rockwell

Opening Prayer

***The Opening Hymn –**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Call to Worship –

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

*** The Doxology**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Liturgy of the Word – Lyndsey Fleck

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

Isaiah 43:18-19

Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Today's New Testament Lesson comes from the book of Philippians

Philippians 4:8

From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response –**

Gloria!

*L: The Holy Gospel according to John

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

John 10: 1-18

Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and ***his sheep follow him because they know his voice.*** 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. 7 Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate;

whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. **10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.** 11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. 17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Message-

God is in the Details!

Hymn-

I Surrender All

***Communion**

1 st Corinthians 11:26-29 tells us... “ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves”

L: As we enter into this time of Communion, a time of remembering Christ as the Son of God, the sacrificial lamb, the very one who would take away the sins of the world, let us reflect on what He has done for us. For, if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us now confess our sin to God.

Silence for Reflection

L: Through our repentance and because of Christ’s great love for us, poured out in his blood on the cross of Calvary, we are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God!

**Congregation will be dismissed by pew to receive elements at the altar. Should you not be able to travel to the altar, the elements will be brought to your seat.*

***Closing Hymn –**

Go Tell it on the Mountain

***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.

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

www.stjohnssinkingvalley.com

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Reader/Acolyte/Offering Schedule

January	Reader	Acolyte	Count Offering
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. 8th – Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.**
- Jan. 11th – We Care Meals**
- Jan. 12th – Evening Fellowship – 5:30 p.m.**
- Jan. 25th – We Care Meals**
- Jan. 26th – Annual Meeting – Following Worship**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Samaritan Fund – December – This month’s recipient of the Good Samaritan Fund is Keystone Family Alliance. Keystone Family Alliance aims to educate, motivate, and equip every Christian in the state of Pennsylvania on the needs of orphans and vulnerable children, both locally and globally. We bridge the gap between the desperate needs in the child welfare system and Pennsylvania churches. By engineering wraparound Care Communities, Keystone Family Alliance provides tangible support, prayer, resources, and aid, resulting in foster families who are involved longer and stronger. For more information on this important ministry, there are cards on the back table or visit www.keyfam.org. Please prayerfully consider helping this important ministry to help the children in our area.

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**Evening Fellowship – Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** – Please join us on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for Evening Fellowship.

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Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 26th – 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 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.

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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.