

St. John's Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
Arlington, Minnesota

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First Sunday after Christmas

December 28, 2025

Welcome to St. John's! The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!
Alleluia!

Order of Service: Divine Service 4, p. 203

Hymns: 389, 385, 624, 392, 386, 390

Sermon: "Jesus, Our Redeemer" Galatians 4:4-5

Gradual:

To us a child is born, to us a son is given;
And the government shall be upon his shoulder,
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Sing to the Lord a new song,
For he has done marvelous things!

Serving the Lord with Gladness Today:

Organist: Joann Rosenfeld
Altar Guild: Dawn Hardel, Barb Hardel
Elder: Glen Hardel
Ushers/ Greeters: **Mike Willmsen** (head usher), Warren Hardel,
Wayne Schneider, Howard Weckworth

There is a sheet of paper on the copier to keep track of the number of copies we are making. Please write down the date and the number of copies made so we have a better idea of when we will need to order new toner cartridges. Thank you.

Upcoming Events at St. John's:

Today:	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Thursday:	5:30 p.m.	Deadline for Bulletin Information
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Installation of Officers

The Installation of Officers for 2026 will be held during the worship service on January 4, 2026.

The snow shoveling list is on the bulletin board. Are you able to take a turn at making sure the sidewalks are shoveled so that everyone stays safe?

Last Week at St. John's:

Wednesday, Dec. 17: At Worship: Missions: \$350.00
Sunday, Dec. 21: At Worship: 31 Offering: \$2,032.00
Missions: \$50.00

Building off the theme of "The Magic of Teamwork," the 2026 Lutheran Hour Ministries float entry is titled "Bringing Christ to the Nations" and marks the 75th time the ministry has been part of the parade. The float will feature a "team Jesus" blimp flying over the world. Coming forth from the church, Jesus celebrates with 12 modern-day disciples, as it features the message ALL WELCOME. "Team Jesus" serves as a reminder that it takes everyone to fulfill the callings Christ has placed upon us to do the work of bringing Christ and His redeeming love to the world. Riders on the 2026 float will represent some of the vocations Christ has called us for the building of His church and furtherance of the Gospel message: a teacher, a missionary, a pastor, and others. Additional symbolism will include the Luther Seal on the nose of the blimp, crosses on the side, "75" on the tail in honor of the 75th year having a Christian float in the parade and a Petal Pushers banner to highlight the annual volunteer efforts of around 4,000 individuals. The float will be positioned as the 33rd entry and pass the grandstand about 40 to 50 minutes after the start of the parade.