

**Prayer of the Day**

**Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

**Joyful Noise: “Give Me Oil in My Lamp”****Readings****Isaiah 35:1-10**

*Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 146:5-10 (found in hymnals)**

Leader reads odd verses, congregation reads even verses.

**James 5: 7-10**

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**Gospel Acclamation**

green sheet

*The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 11: 2-11**

*This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.***

**Sermon**

Pastor Kayla

**“In a Far- Off Place, Jesus Comes”**

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**Apostle’s Creed**

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**Prayers of the Church**

*God of grace, **Hear our prayer.***

**Offering Prayer**

*Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.*  
**Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer****Blessing**

May God who comes among us ,Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always  
**Amen**

**“Soon and Very Soon”**

ELW 439

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Keep awake. **Thanks be to God.**

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Jean F.   John H.   Barb C.   Janice E.   Gary & Lyla P.**

*To add or update a prayer request, fill out a card on our prayer wall or call the church office. Prayers will be on the list for one month, unless requested longer.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sunday School Program Practice

In the month of December, Sunday School will meet at 9am for music practice and then be dismissed for Sunday school during the service as well. Program is December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Advent Materials:** Advent daily devotionals and family Advent guides are available for you to use this upcoming church season. Please take one per family.

**Poinsettia sponsorship:** We again are offering the sponsorship of a poinsettia plant for Christmas. If you are interested in sponsoring a plant in memory or in honor of someone there are forms available in the narthex. Please return the form and your donation of \$30 to the office by the 21<sup>st</sup> of December.

**Offering Books for 2026:** Offering books will be put out the week of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December. If you are getting one and want to be removed from the list or if you want to be added to the list, please let Margaret know in the office by the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Caroling will be December 21st at 4pm.**

**Blue Christmas Service will be December 21st at 7pm.**

### THIS WEEK

#### Wednesday

3:45pm Confirmation  
4pm  
Connect  
6:30 Youth group

#### Thursday

6-8pm  
Food pantry

#### Next Sunday

9am Bible Study  
10am Sunday School  
Christmas Program

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### TODAY'S ASSISTANTS

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Reader: Jim J.  
Coffee: Patty D.  
Song Leader: Brynn J.

## OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

PARK RIVER, ND



### ADVENT 3

DECEMBER 14, 2025

### PRESIDER

PASTOR KAYLA HILL

## Welcome to Worship!

### Welcome & Announcements

**"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"**

**ELW 249**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle:**

**Candle Lighting Song: "Come Now O God" insert**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven  
and earth, whose salvation is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one  
another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Long-expected God, **we confess that we look to ourselves  
for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach  
for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the  
ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary  
of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us  
to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in  
God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that  
we may abound in the hope you have promised.**

**Amen.**

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own  
righteousness. ☩ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace,  
and ready to welcome the Savior. **Amen**