

**Amos 5:18–24**

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? “I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13–18**

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Matthew 25:1–13**

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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## November 8, 2020      Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost- A

**WELCOME** to where God gives us His abundant Grace in Christ! Others have rejected, but now it is given it to you! If you are desiring to commune this week, prepare by reviewing the Christian Questions with their Answers on page 329 in the hymnal. If you are a guest, kindly speak to one of the pastors before the service concerning your intentions to accept the privilege of communing.

**WORSHIP PRAYER** Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**OLD TESTAMENT: Amos 5:18-24** "Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord."

**EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** *The coming of the Lord*

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13** *The parable of the ten virgins*

**WELCOME TO THE FAMILY** Elon Star Hopkins, the son of Cameron and Kristi (Johnson) Hopkins. His sponsor is Susan Johnson.

**CONCERN FOR OTHERS IN THE PEW:** If there are people looking for seats and you are sitting on an end when there's no one in the middle, please be kind either by sliding in, or by getting up and inviting them in.

## OPPORTUNITIES THRU CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sun/Nov 8      **Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost-A**  
Mite Box Sunday  
Worship w/Holy Communion, 8am  
Online worship stream via Facebook Live, 8am  
Coffee & fellowship, 9am  
Sunday school & Bible class, 9:30am  
Worship w/Holy Communion, 10:45am  
Mon/Nov 9      Bd of Human Care, 7pm  
Tues/Nov 10      Winkel @ Grace, 8am-12noon  
Quilters, 9am-12noon  
Staff Meeting, 1pm  
Bd of Stewardship, 6:30pm  
LWML, 7pm  
Wed/Nov 11      Veteran's Day  
Office Closed  
Jr. Confirmation, 6pm  
Open Youth Room, Gr 9-12, 6-8pm  
Thur/Nov 12      Bd of Ed, 6:15pm  
Fri/Nov 13  
Sat/Nov 14  
Sun/Nov 15      **Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost-A**  
Worship w/Holy Communion, 8am  
Online worship stream via Facebook Live, 8am  
Coffee & fellowship, 9am  
Sunday school & Bible class, 9:30am  
Worship w/Holy Communion, 10:45am

## **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS** to those having birthdays this week:

11/8: Martina Hendrickson, Landon Job, Marlys Moellenkamp  
11/10: Matthew Renfrew  
11/11: Lois Huovinen  
11/12: Mary Pierce  
11/13: Raymond Hurt, Sandy Ostrom, Noah Suah  
11/14: Felicia Borslien

## **ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS** to those having anniversaries this week:

11/8: Kevin & Leanne Muhl

(Nov 8-15)

**November 8, 2020**  
**XXIII Sunday after Pentecost-A**  
8am-Entrance Hymn #516  
10:45-Baptismal Hymn #593  
10:45-Baptism *See screen*  
8am-Confession-Absolution p.184-5  
Introit *Insert & spoken by ½ verse*  
w/Gloria Patri p.186  
Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis p.186-9  
Salutation & Collect p. 189  
Old Testament *See back*  
Gradual *See insert*  
Epistle *See back*  
Alleluia & Verse (1) p.190  
Gospel w/Responses *See back/p.190*  
Sermon Hymn: #490  
Sermon: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
**"Comfort One Another"**  
8am-Nicene Creed p. 191  
Prayers of the Church  
Offertory/Preparing the Altar p. 192  
Preface & Sanctus p. 194-5  
8am-Lord's Prayer p. 196  
Institution-Peace-Agnus Dei p.197-8  
Distribution & Hymns  
#461, #514  
Nunc Dimittis p. 199-200  
Post Communion Collect p. 201  
Benediction p.202  
Hymn: #877

**-OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIS PEOPLE AND HIS WORLD-  
USED OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP OUR LORD:**

for last Sunday Services: 76 + 100 = 176

	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>LAST SUNDAY</u>
General Fund Income Received:	\$ 8,888.48	\$ 8,018.97
Mortgage Fund Income Received:	\$ 615.03	\$ 578.72

<u>THROUGH SEPTEMBER:</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Fund Income:	\$ 25,647.97	\$284,524.12
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 36,626.36	\$349,414.88
Net	\$-10,078.39	\$-64,890.76

Mortgage Fund Income	\$ 5,235.15	\$ 53,807.07
Mortgage Fund Loan Payments	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 42,373.96
Net	\$ -1,150.85	\$ 11,433.11

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK:** (11/15)

ELDERS:	Sun 8am: Dave Pistorius Sun 10:45am: Ken Koehler
AV:	Sun 8am: Larry Weil/Hannah Norton Sun 10:45am: Ken Koehler/Carter Riebe
USHERS:	Sun 8am: *Bill Kitzman Todd Berg, Diana Weil Sun 10:45am: *Del Ruff Rod Olson, Steve Vogel
ACOLYTES:	Sun 8am: Landon Job Sun 10:45am: Marshall Severson
MUSICIANS:	Sun 8am & 10:45am: Susan Jahnke
ALTAR GUILD	Connie & Dan Klug, Jolene Flath, Steve Beltz

**USHERS NEEDED** We are in great need of ushers. This is an area we were low in volunteers prior to COVID-19, but now we are especially hit hard because many of the normal ushers are not able to attend our actual worship services. You can designate early or late service and sign up for dates of your choosing. The tasks are easy to do and currently modified during this COVID period. If you have questions, please ask one of the ushers after service or contact Mary in the office. If you wish to become an usher, let Mary in the office know with your preferred service and dates. Thank you for considering helping out in this area!

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**COMMUNICATING CHRIST OVER THE AIR:  
OUR WEB SITE:** [www.standrewlcms.org](http://www.standrewlcms.org)

**"THE LUTHERAN HOUR"** Sundays on KFGO AM 790 at 7:30am and on KFNV AM 1200 and 102.5 FM at 8am.

Upcoming topics are posted on the LLL bulletin board.  
[www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org).

**"CHRIST THE WAY"** a radio program featuring ND District LCMS Pastors on KSJB 600AM at 7:30am on Sundays.

**OUR SYNOD'S RADIO STATION:** [www.kfuo.org](http://www.kfuo.org)

**DAILY DEVOTIONS** by Pastor Klaus at [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp)

**MEN NETWORK:** [www.lhmmen.com](http://www.lhmmen.com)

**ISSUES, ETC:** Current events from a Lutheran view. [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)

**MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH TV PROGRAM** Nov. 15: **Vicar Benjamin Ramthun, Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND**, presents the message: "Our Certain Future," based on I Thessalonians 5:1-11. This Is The Life program: "The Healer" - Dave Forman (Gary Collins) is a dynamic "faith healer" who becomes angered by the drowning death of his daughter. His grief becomes too great when a father asks him to heal his diabetic daughter. MAIN STREET LIVING is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the ND and MN North Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program. Programs are broadcast at 9:00am Central time on FOX station KVRR Channel 15.1 AND 10am Central on WDAY Xtra Channel 6.3, and archived on [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**CATECHETICAL LESSON** *Table of Duties: To Workers of All Kinds-* Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but likes slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.

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**2021 GOD’S CREATION WALL CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE**

The youth group is once again selling God’s Creation wall calendars. Need a calendar for 2021? Do you enjoy the beauty of God’s creation and the encouragement of God’s Word? Have friends and love ones in need of Christmas gifts? Then the God’s Creation wall calendar is for you. The price is \$10 each and can be purchased from a member of the youth group (grades 6-12). A sample is also available for viewing in the information center.

**YOUTH CHOIR-** Grades 4th and up, come join us for youth choir! We meet in the youth room right after second service and go until 1:30. An insider note, we do more than just sing! Come for games, devotion, singing, and get to know other youth of our church. This is your time to witness to others, through song worship. Hope to see you there! Parents, if you have any questions please visit with Carolyn Fiechtner.

**LWML BLUE BOOKS** The LWML is selling Blue Book coupons again! Please see a member of the LWML or the church office to purchase a book today!

**EMERGENCY MAGNETS** The West Fargo Fire Department is servicing more medical emergency calls and has found that many individuals are unable to tell them basics about themselves so they have dropped off Emergency Information magnets that you fill in and hang on your fridge in case of an emergency where you are unable to communicate or remember certain things in your time of need. They are in a table in the narthex. Please pick up as many as you’d like for yourself and loved ones.

**PRAYER CHAIN TEXT** If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain, but don’t want to call anyone or aren’t readily available during the day for calls, you can be apart of the Prayer Chain by text message. Let Mary in the office know if you wish to join.

**BOARD OF HUMAN CARE NEEDS:**

**Food Donations** The Board of Human Care is in need of nonperishable food items such as Hamburger Helper and canned or boxed pasta meals. Donations can be dropped off in the office or put in the basket near the coat rack area.

**Meals** The Board is also looking for more people willing to make a meal for someone recovering from surgery or illness or someone who has experienced a death in the family. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex.

**WE HAVE A NUMBER OF CATECHISMS & WORKBOOKS**

available, now that we have begun our transition to the new (2017) edition in our confirmation classes. If you would like a copy of the older (1991) edition, we have both NIV and ESV versions available. The workbook can help you learn your catechism more in-depth. Please speak to a pastor if interested.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for the Celebration of Grace (Lutheran School) on November 20. This event includes the auctions.

**ARE YOU LOOKING** for a way to further support the sanctity of human life? If so, please consider occasionally taking an hour or two whenever you are able to provide an additional "sidewalk presence" near the abortion facility in downtown Fargo on Wednesdays. Life-saving options include: praying, offering brochures, holding signs, and/or extending a verbal offer to help choose life. Free help, including ultrasounds for those with an unexpected pregnancy, are available at the "Women's Care Center" (formerly "First Choice Clinic") now re-located only 7 blocks away! For more information feel free to contact Ken Koehler @ 701-429-3092. Thank you.

**COFFEE & TREATS** We are starting up coffee & treats again! Would you like to help serve coffee and treats in the kitchen during fellowship? Simply add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the Fellowship Hall or on the table in the Narthex. Thank you!

**Introit**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may | lay her young,\*

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

How lovely is your | dwelling place,\*

O | LORD of hosts!

Behold our shield, | O God;\*

look on the face of your a- | nointed!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.\*

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in  
the tents of | wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and  
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No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

O | LORD of hosts,\*

blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!

**Sing: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son | Holy Ghost;\***

**as it was in the beginning, | is now, and ever shall be, world without  
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finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus  
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Gradual**

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of  
the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,\*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

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