

Zephaniah 1:7–16

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. "On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Matthew 25:14–30

[Jesus said,] "It will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' -8-

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November 15, 2020 Twenty-fourth 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 Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT: Zephaniah 1:7-16 *"The great day of the Lord is near and hastening fast."*

EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night."*

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30 *The parable of the talents*

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

(Nov 15-22)

- 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
- Mon/Nov 16 Trustee Meeting, 7pm
- Tues/Nov 17 Quilters, 9am-3pm
Staff Meeting, 1pm
Elders Meeting, 7pm
- Wed/Nov 18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Jr. Confirmation, 6pm
Open Youth Room, Gr 9-12, 6-8pm
- Thur/Nov 19 The Seekers, 1pm
- Fri/Nov 20
- Sat/Nov 21
- Sun/Nov 22 **Last Sunday of Church Year-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:

- 11/16: Mariah Hendrickson
11/17: John Renfrew
11/18: Marisol Rios
11/19: Lisabeth Mutchler

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS to those having anniversaries this week:

- 11/16: Duane & Shelly Joyce
11/17: Brody & Rachel Ludwig

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!

November 15, 2020 XXIV Sunday after Pentecost-A

- Processional Hymn #508
- Confession and Absolution p. 167
- Introit *See insert*
- Kyrie p. 168
- "This is the feast..." p.171
- Salutation & Collect p. 172
- Old Testament *See back*
- Gradual *See insert*
- Epistle *See back*
- Alleluia & Verse p.173
- Gospel *See back*
- Sermon Hymn: #826
- Sermon: Matthew 25:14-30
"You Have Something..."
- Apostles Creed p. 175
- Prayers & Offering
- Preface & Sanctus p. 177-178
- Lord's Prayer & Institution p. 179
- Agnus Dei p. 180
- Distribution & Hymns
#784, #411
- "Thank the Lord..." p. 181
- Post Communion Collect p. 183
- Benediction p.183
- Closing Hymn: #667

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

for last Sunday Services: 54 + 51 = 105

	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>LAST SUNDAY</u>
General Fund Income Received:	\$ 5,800.94	\$ 4,270.77
Mortgage Fund Income Received:	\$ 515.10	\$ 768.30

<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: (11/22)

ELDERS:	Sun 8am: Dan Klug Sun 10:45am: Lenny Heupel
AV:	Sun 8am: Kevin Osmondson/Jordan Pierce Sun 10:45am: Robert Eidbo/Emily Visto
USHERS:	Sun 8am: *Gary Muhl Connie Klug, Arlyn Kraft Sun 10:45am: *Ray Wasness Mike Peterson, Kirk Rosin
ACOLYTES:	Sun 8am: Ashlyn Hins Sun 10:45am: Jordan Sommerfeld
MUSICIANS:	Sun 8am & 10:45am: Jodi Pierce
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!

**COMMUNICATING CHRIST OVER THE AIR:
OUR WEB SITE:** www.standrewlcms.org

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

Upcoming topics are posted on the LLL bulletin board.
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

DAILY DEVOTIONS by Pastor Klaus at www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp

MEN NETWORK: www.lhmmen.com

ISSUES, ETC: Current events from a Lutheran view. www.issuesetc.org

MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH TV PROGRAM Nov. 22: Rev. Arie Bertsch, ND District President, presents the message: "Thanks for Nothing," based on 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24. This Is The Life program: "Flames of Hate" - Betty Blackwood (Angie Dickinson) is stuck between the man she loves, Art (Ed Kemmer), and her obsessive father Nate (Edger Dearing) who disapproves of Art. But when they elope, her father cuts them off completely. 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.

CATECHETICAL LESSON *Table of Duties: To Employers and Supervisors-* Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know He who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him.

ALTAR GUILD UPDATE & THANK YOU It's been a year since we asked for more volunteers to help with the Altar Guild. The response was wonderful and we appreciate everyone who is now helping with this behind the scenes yet critical area for our worship services. The current list of volunteers include:

Donna & Ernie Feland, Janet Baker, Chris Paul, Rose Rios, Joslyn Pierce, Tami Hertel, Celeste & Tom Moltzan, Dan & Connie Klug, Margaret Burkhardtsmeier, Diana & Mike Peterson, Rachel Kitzman, Sara Sell, Peggy Brager, Karen Berg, Larry & Diana Weil, Brenda & Lenny Heupel, Lanae Cajobe, Linda Glass, Jolene Flath, Steve Beltz, Deb Cook, Kristy Dillard and Sara Moreland. Plus, Corrine Reber is a substitute.

As you can see, it takes quite a few volunteers and we still have three months where we could use more help. We have several people who are scheduled for two months or we have some handling the month alone. Our goal was to make sure this wasn't overwhelming to anyone's schedule. If this is an area you would like to help with or learn more about, please contact Connie Klug, Deb Cook or Sara Moreland for more information. We will gladly discuss this with you. Thanks very much!

" One gives freely, yet grows all the richer..."

Proverbs 11:24

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!

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 a part 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.

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.

Introit

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 I stretch out my | hands to you;*
 my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.
 Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!*
 Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!
 For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!*
 In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
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These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
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