

Isaiah 40:1–11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

2 Peter 3:8–14

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

Mark 1:1–8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent - B

WELCOME to where God gives us His abundant Grace in Christ! Others have rejected, but now it is given 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 Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 40:1-11 “Comfort, comfort My people.”

EPISTLE: 2 Peter 3:8-14 “The day of the Lord will come like a thief.”

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8 John begins baptizing and preaching.

CONCERN FOR OTHERS IN THE PEW: You will notice that there is a section on the west side for those wanting to be in a masks-needed section. In all other pews you may choose to wear or not wear a mask. Please practice social distancing. 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. Also, if you desire to limit personal contact you may park and enter on the west side of the church rather than entering from the east parking lot.

OPPORTUNITIES THRU CHURCH ACTIVITIES

(December 6-13)

Sun/Dec 6

Second Sunday in Advent-B

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/Dec 7

Tues/Dec 8

Quilters, 9am-12noon

Bd of Stewardship, 6:30pm

LWML, 7pm

Wed/Dec 9

Advent Midweek Worship, 6:30pm

Confirmation Parent/Student Session, 7:30pm

Thur/Dec 10

Fri/Dec 11

Sat/Dec 12

Sun/Dec 13

Third Sunday in Advent-B

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

Poinsettia Orders Due

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to those having birthdays this week:

12/6: Cooper Haugen

12/7: Vanessa Gunning, Kathryn Osmondson

12/8: Elizabeth Geist

12/9: Charles Weible

12/10: Kim Hinz, Cindy Vollmer-Hansen

12/11: Myrna Church

12/12: Kyle Bredine, Kristy Dillard

Table of Duties: To Everyone- The commandments...are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” I urge...that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday in Advent - B

Lighting of the Advent Wreath &
“Light One Candle” *insert*

Entrance Hymn #343

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Introit *see insert*

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“O Come, O Come...” *see insert*

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Old Testament *see back*

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Epistle *see back*

“Alleluia” & Responses p. 190

Gospel *see back*

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Sermon Hymn #347

Sermon Isaiah 40:1-11

“Enough is Enough”

Prayers of the Church

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Closing Hymn #350

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

for last Sunday Services: 40 + 47 + 29 (Thanksgiving) = 116

	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>LAST SUNDAY</u>
General Fund Income Received:	\$ 5,206.04	\$ 8,430.63
Mortgage Fund Income Received:	\$ 825.00	\$ 590.58

<u>THROUGH OCTOBER:</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Fund Income:	\$ 28,324.64	\$312,848.76
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 40,359.25	\$389,774.13
Net	\$-12,034.61	\$-76,925.37

Mortgage Fund Income	\$ 5,078.61	\$ 58,885.68
Mortgage Fund Loan Payments	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 48,759.96
Net	\$ -1,307.39	\$ 10,125.72

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK: (12/9 & 13)

ELDERS:	Wed: Bill Kitzman Sun 8am: Emmett Wilson Sun 10:45am: Lenny Heupel
AV:	Wed: Ray Wasness/Shonteau Wasness Sun 8am: Dan Klug/Gavin Hruza Sun 10:45am: Robert Eidbo/Tatum Renfrew
USHERS:	Wed: Lenny Heupel Sun 8am: *Al Hall Larry & Diana Weil Sun 10:45am: *Rod Olson Sandie Eaton, Mike Hendrickson
ACOLYTES:	Wed: Lincoln Haugen Sun 8am: Ava Mutchler Sun 10:45am: David Schielke
MUSICIANS:	Wed: Jodi Pierce Sun 8am & 10:45am: Susan Jahnke
ALTAR GUILD	Kristy Dillard and Sarah Moreland

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.

**COMMUNICATING CHRIST OVER THE AIR:
OUR WEB SITE:** 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.

"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 Dec. 13: **Rev. Justin Woodside, Bethel Lutheran Church and Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND**, presents the message: "Preparing the Way" based on John 1:6-8, 19-28. Lutheran Hour Ministries Animated Series: Red Boots for Christmas - One shop in the small town of Friedensdorf doesn't have any Christmas decorations, and no Christmas spirit inside the store. 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.

GIVING TREE The Board of Human Care has set up the 2020 Giving Tree in the Narthex. If you would like to pick a card from the tree & purchase a gift, please sign the sheet next to the tree. We ask that you wrap the gift & return it with the card attached to the gift. All gifts need to be brought to the church office by Sunday, December 13th. All the names on the tree are members from St. Andrew. God's Blessings to you this Holiday season.

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.

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!

31st ANNUAL ND DISTRICT MEN'S RETREAT Flowing from the Cross: Six Facets of God's Forgiveness is Saturday, January 16, 2021 from 9am-Noon via live virtual meeting. Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola, Professor & Chair of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin will speak on three pairs of contrasting pictures of forgiveness: Clean and Covered, Fixed and Far, Many and One. Free will donation to Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads is encouraged. RSVP to Corey Isaak at 701-281-0240 or corey.isaak@gracefargo.org

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!

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE Your ongoing support is needed to make our voter approved budget. Thank you for your financial support in 2020. As we close out this year, prayerfully consider a special year end contribution. We value your regular electronic giving. Electronic giving offsets monthly ups and downs of ad hoc giving. Is now the time to increase your regular giving? Your financial gifts are appreciated. Thank you! - Board of Stewardship

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!

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.

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.

SONOGRAPHER Women's Care Center has an opening for a part-time nurse or sonographer. Seeking special people committed to our mission, who are personable with excellent communication skills.

Will train. Please forward your resume to angela@wccnd.com or call 701-532-1928 for further details or questions.

Introit

Restore us, | O God;*
 let your face shine, that we | may be saved!
 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!*
 You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.
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Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*
 Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
 Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
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 Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
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