

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

John 1:6–8, 19–28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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December 13, 2020 Third 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 Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 6:1-4, 8-11 "The Lord has anointed me to preach good news."

EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 "Be joyful always...Do not put out the Spirit's fire."

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:6-8, 19-28 "Make straight the way for the Lord."

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 13-20)

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

Mon/Dec 14 Bd of Human Care, 4:30pm

Tues/Dec 15 Quilters, 9am-3pm
Elders Meeting, 7pm

Wed/Dec 16 Advent Midweek Worship, 6:30pm
Confirmation Parent/Student Session, 7:30pm

Thur/Dec 17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
The Seekers, 1pm

Fri/Dec 18

Sat/Dec 19

Sun/Dec 20 **Fourth 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

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS this week:

12/13: Kristi Hopkins
12/14: Nora Armbrust, Jacob Renfrew
12/15: Aubrey Bickel, Gavin Hruza, Rachel Kitzman, Jacob Marcy, Shonteau Wasness
12/17: Sue Jahnke, Ryan Teigen, Sharon Wilson
12/18: Isaac Berg, Tim Hertel
12/19: Jessica Schatz

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS this week:

12/15: Mike & Diana Peterson

LAST DAY FOR POINSETTIA ORDERS Help beautify our Sanctuary during the Christmas season! Turn in your poinsettia orders today.

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday in Advent - B
Lighting of the Advent Wreath &
"Light One Candle" insert
Entrance Hymn #333
Confession & Absolution p.203
Introit see insert
Kyrie p. 204
"O Come, O Come..." see insert
Salutation and Collect p. 205
Old Testament see back
Gradual see insert
Epistle see back
"Alleluia" & Responses p. 205
Gospel see back
Apostles Creed p. 207
Sermon Hymn #398
Sermon John 1:6-8, 19-28
"SIMPLY POINT HIM OUT!"
Prayer of the Church p. 207
Offertory: "Comfort, Comfort"
Preface & Sanctus p. 208
Lord's Prayer p.209
Words of Institution p. 209
Agnus Dei p. 210
Distribution & Hymns
#636, #344
Nunc Dimittis p. 211
Prayer & Benediction p. 212
Closing Hymn #349

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

for last Sunday Services: 40 + 43 + 54 (Advent) = 137

	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>LAST SUNDAY</u>
General Fund Income Received:	\$ 9,127.50	\$ 5,600.51
Mortgage Fund Income Received:	\$ 1,575.09	\$ 882.76

<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: (12/16 & 20)

ELDERS:	Wed: Bill Kitzman Sun 8am: Dan Klug Sun 10:45am: Ken Koehler
AV:	Wed: Joe Cajobe/Carter Riebe Sun 8am: Kevin Osmondson/Ella Livingston Sun 10:45am: Lenny Heupel/Lyla Fiechtner
USHERS:	Wed: Mike Peterson Sun 8am: *Lloyd Ruud Connie Klug, Tom Moltzan Sun 10:45am: *Kirk Rosin Del Ruff, Steve Vogel
ACOLYTES:	Wed: Jaylin Odle Sun 8am: Lincoln Haugen Sun 10:45am: Audrey Weidner
MUSICIANS:	Wed: Katie Rolf Sun 8am & 10:45am: Jodi Pierce
ALTAR GUILD	Kristy Dillard and Sarah Moreland

OFFERTORY MUSIC we thank Matthew Jahnke for singing “Comfort, Comfort These My People” from Handel’s Messiah.

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 Dec. 20: **LCMS President Matthew Harrison** will present the Christmas Sunday message. Lutheran Hour Ministries Animated Series: Christmas Is - A journey back in time to the first Christmas with Benji and Waldo to rediscover the feeling and message of this significant day. **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 TODAY, Sunday, December 13th. All the names on the tree are members from St. Andrew. God’s Blessings to you this Holiday season.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION NEXT SUNDAY Since we won't be able to hold our Sunday School Christmas Program this year, all Sunday school children and families are invited to join us in the fellowship hall next Sunday, December 20 during the Sunday School hour. We will hear the Christmas story and sing the children's Christmas favorites. The children will receive their Christmas goodie bags as well. Please join us!

GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS PRICE DISCOUNT Still need a calendar for or have friends and love ones in need of Christmas gifts? Good news! 2021 God's Creation wall calendars are now half price until gone, just \$5 each. Stop by the table in the library area to get yours today!

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.

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.

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.

COFFEE & TREATS We have started 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

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
 and grant us your sal- | vation.
 Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,*
 for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not
 turn back to | folly.
 Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
 that glory may dwell | in our land.
 Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*
 and our land will yield its | increase.
 Righteousness will go be- | fore him*
 and make his foot- | steps a way.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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Collect of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten
 the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live
 and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
 forever.

Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*
 Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
 Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
 righteous and having sal- | vation.
 Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
 From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

Verse

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