

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.” But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’ Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’”

Romans 16:25–27

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Luke 1:26–38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” and Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

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December 20, 2020 Fourth 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 Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 "Your house and your kingdom will endure forever."

EPISTLE: Romans 16:25-27 "To the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ!"

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38 *The angel appears to Mary.*

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 20-27)

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
Mon/Dec 21 Trustee Meeting, 7pm
Tues/Dec 22 Staff Meeting, 1pm
Wed/Dec 23 Newsletter & Christmas Bulletin Assembly
No Worship or Confirmation
Thur/Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 3:30, 5:30, & 8pm
Office Closed
Fri/Dec 25 Festive Christmas Day Worship w/Holy Communion, 10am
Office Closed
Sat/Dec 26
Sun/Dec 27 **1st Sunday after Christmas-B**
Worship w/Holy Communion, 10am
Online worship stream via Facebook Live, 8am

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS this week:

Paulette Franklin, Jennifer Larson, Tatum Riebe
Addie Rossow, Andrea Samsten, Shawn Schweitzer
Barbara Hall, Keri Olson

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS this week:

Andrew & Alyssa Hovland

December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Advent - B

Lighting of the Advent Wreath &
"Light One Candle" *insert*
Entrance Hymn #335
Confession & Absolution p.184
Introit *see insert*
Kyrie p. 186
"O Come, O Come..." *see insert*
Salutation and Collect p. 189
Old Testament *see back*
Gradual *see insert*
Epistle *see back*
"Alleluia" & Responses p. 190
Gospel *see back*
Nicene Creed p. 191
Sermon Hymn #525
Sermon Luke 1:31-33
"World Without End, Amen"
Prayers of the Church
Offertory/Preparing the Altar p. 192
Preface & Sanctus p. 194
Lord's Prayer with Doxology p. 196
Institution-Peace-Agnus Dei p.197
Distribution & Hymns
#357, #804
Nunc Dimittis p. 199
Post Communion Collect p. 201
Benediction p. 202
Closing Hymn #352

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

for last Sunday Services: 47 + 48 + 53 (Advent) = 148

	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>LAST SUNDAY</u>
General Fund Income Received:	\$ 8,647.41	\$ 7,489.48
Mortgage Fund Income Received:	\$ 1,110.11	\$ 948.34

<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: (12/24/25/27)

ELDERS:	12/24 3:30pm: Robert Eidbo 5:30pm: Ray Wasness 12/25 10am: Bill Kitzman 12/27 10am: Emmett Wilson
AV:	12/24 3:30pm: Larry Weil/Dominic Rosales 5:30pm: Kevin Osmondson/Joshua Harvala 8pm: Ken Koehler/Hannah Norton 12/25 10am: Ken Koehler/Emily Visto 12/27 10am: Larry Weil/Isaac Berg
USHERS:	12/24 3:30pm: Lloyd Ruud*, Tom Moltzan, Kirk Rosin 5:30pm: Steve*, Jon, Hunter Beltz 8pm: Todd Berg*, Mike Peterson, Del Ruff 12/25 10am: Al* & Naomi Hall, Rod Olson 12/27 10am: Todd Berg*, Dominic Kolubah, Gary Muhl
ACOLYTES:	12/24 3:30pm: Brett Livingston 5:30pm: Miriam Harvala 8pm: Landon Job 12/25 10am: Jordan Sommerfeld 12/27 10am: Ashlyn Hins
MUSICIANS: ALTAR GUILD	Susan Jahnke & Jodi Pierce Kristy Dillard and Sarah Moreland

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. 27: **Rev. Roger Paavola, President, Mid-South District**, presents the message: "On the Other Side of Christmas" based on Luke 2:22-40. Lutheran Hour Ministries Animated Series: The Puzzle Club Christmas Mystery - It's Christmas, and some mysterious events have occurred which require some special investigative talents. 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.

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!

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION THIS 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 this 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

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.

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!

QUILTS The St. Andrew Quilters send 10 quilts to Heavenly Host Lutheran Church in Cooksville, Tennessee to help tornado victims. Emily Lesing is the DCE there. Thrivent provided to the effect with Action Team funds of \$250. This moneys were used for postage and supplies. Emily wrote that they were given to the tornado relief team to distribute and they were very much appreciated & needed. Thank you Quilters for your work & generous.

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.

Introit

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down |
righteousness;*

let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit.
The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his
| handiwork.*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,*
and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of
them,*

and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

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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.

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