

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

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. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Galatians 4:4–7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Luke 2:22–40

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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December 27, 2020 1st Sunday after Christmas - 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 O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 *"The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory."*

EPISTLE: Galatians 4:4-7 *"When the time had fully come, God sent His Son."*

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40 *Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the temple.*

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. -2-

OPPORTUNITIES THRU CHURCH ACTIVITIES (December 20-27)

Sun/Dec 27 **1st Sunday after Christmas-B**
Worship w/Holy Communion, 10am
Online worship stream via Facebook Live, 8am
Mon/Dec 28 Office Closed
Tues/Dec 29 Staff Meeting, 1pm
No Council
Wed/Dec 30 No Confirmation
Thur/Dec 31
Fri/Jan 1 Office Closed
Sat/Jan 2
Sun/Jan 3 **2nd Sunday after Christmas-B**
Worship w/Holy Communion, 8am
NO SS/Bible Study
Worship w/Holy Communion, 10am
Online worship stream via Facebook Live, 8am

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS this week:

Cybil Johnson, Amy Deng, Tom Moltzan, Vi Abraham, Margaret Burkhardtsmeier, Gregory Else, TessAnna Rossow, Caleb Rossow, Andrew Skalicky, Alyssa Hovland

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS this week:

Gary & Kristy Dillard, Ernie & Donna Feland, Arthur & Cari Weidner

ENVELOPES If you have not picked up your 2021 envelopes, they are now in your mailboxes. Those of you with confirmed children should check the top of the mailboxes for extra envelopes. Please do not use these envelopes until January 1st and don't use last years. Thank you!

MAILBOXES Please remember to routinely check your mailboxes.

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!

December 27, 2020 First Sunday after Christmas

Entrance Hymn #390
Confession and Absolution p. 203
Introit *see insert*
Kyrie p. 204
"Gloria in Excelsis" p. 204
Salutation and Collect p. 205
Old Testament *see back*
Gradual *see insert*
Epistle *see back*
"Alleluia" & Responses p. 205-206
Gospel *see back*
Apostles' Creed p. 207
Sermon Hymn #752
Sermon: Revelation 1:1-6
"Out of Exile into Glory"
Prayers p. 207
Offering
Preface & Sanctus p. 208
Words of Institution p. 209
Agnus Dei p. 210
Distribution & Hymns
#374, #375
Nunc Dimittis p. 211
Prayer & Benediction p. 212
Closing Hymn #538

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

for last Sunday Services: 61 + 27 + 53 (Advent) = 141

	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>LAST SUNDAY</u>
General Fund Income Received:	\$ 6,299.90	\$ 12,021.68
Mortgage Fund Income Received:	\$ 465.22	\$ 468.41

<u>THROUGH NOVEMBER:</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Fund Income:	\$ 33,693.19	\$346,541.95
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 34,088.08	\$423,862.21
Net	\$ -394.89	\$-77,320.26

Mortgage Fund Income	\$ 6,782.78	\$ 65,668.46
Mortgage Fund Loan Payments	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 55,145.96
Net	\$ -396.78	\$ 10,522.50

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK: (1/3)

ELDERS:	Sun 8am: Larry Weil Sun 10am: Ken Koehler
AV:	Sun 8am: Kevin Osmondson/Austin Trzruc Sun 10am: Robert Eidbo/Axel Lindquist
USHERS:	Sun 8am: *Lloyd Ruud Curtis Fickes, Diana Weil Sun 10am: *Ray Wasness Sandie Eaton, Steve Lindquist
ACOLYTES:	Sun 8am: Ava Mutchler Sun 10am: David Schielke
MUSICIANS:	Sun 8am & 10am: Susan Jahnke
ALTAR GUILD	Donna & Ernie Feland

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE Your ongoing support is needed to make our voter approved expenses. Thank you for your financial support in 2020. As we close out this year, prayerfully consider a special year end contribution. As of November we are \$-77,320.26. 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

**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 Jan 3: **Rev. Kevin Zellers, Messiah Lutheran Church, Mandan, ND**, presents the message based on Luke 2:52. This is the Life: "A Friend in Deed" explores the Christian's duty to forgive those who have done us wrong. 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!

GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS PRICE DISCOUNT Still need a calendar for yourself 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!

VOTERS OF ST. ANDREW A possible special voters meeting is being scheduled if the church council deems it necessary on Sunday 1/31 at Noon in Fellowship Hall to consider the proposed resolution for delaying the Synodical Convention:

"Shall the Synod add a year to the current 2019-2022 triennium, allowing districts to hold their conventions in either 2021 or 2022, and moving the upcoming national Synod Convention from 2022 to 2023? [Thereafter, the triennium cycle will continue forward from 2023 in three-year increments, as before (i.e., with district conventions held in 2025, 2028, etc., and Synod Conventions held in 2026, 2029, etc.)] Vote: Yes or No."

Please check lcms.org/delay-vote-faqs and lcms.org/delay-vote-minutes for additional information from Synod and please share your desires and concerns with Council Members by Saturday, January 2 in preparation for their decision for a special voters meeting. Please check future bulletins for updates on this important issue.

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

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.

USHERS NEEDED There are several tasks, none of them difficult, but all very important. So, what does this volunteer job include? On a monthly/semimonthly basis, assist with the church service by handing out bulletins/handouts and greeting people as they walk into the sanctuary to make them feel welcome, assisting with opening doors, gathering offerings, communion cards, & handing out and gathering Friendship Registers, dismissing pews for communion & end of service, taking attendance, turning on/off lights during service, cleaning & stocking pew racks, assisting with placing fans, etc. You can even designate early or late service and sign up for date of your choosing. If you have questions 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.

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.

QUILTS The St. Andrew Quilters sent 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 money was 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.

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