

1 Kings 3:4–15

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?” It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.” And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Ephesians 1:3–14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Luke 2:40–52

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day’s journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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January 3, 2021 2nd 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 Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Kings 3:4-15 *Solomon asks for wisdom to rule his people.*

EPISTLE: Ephesians 1:3-14 *God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.*

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:40-52 *Jesus remains behind 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.

OPPORTUNITIES THRU CHURCH ACTIVITIES

(January 3-10)

Sun/Jan 3 **2nd Sunday after Christmas-B**
Worship w/Holy Communion, 8am
Special Council Meeting, 9:15am
NO SS/Bible Study
Worship w/Holy Communion, 10am
Online worship stream via Facebook Live, 8am

Mon/Jan 4

Tues/Jan 5

Wed/Jan 6 Jr. Confirmation, 6pm
Open Youth Room, Gr 9-12, 6-8pm
Epiphany Worship, 8pm

Thur/Jan 7 The Seekers, 1pm
Blood Mobile, 2-8pm

Fri/Jan 8

Sat/Jan 9

Sun/Jan 10 **The Baptism of Our Lord**
Mite Box Sunday
Worship w/Holy Communion, 8am
Coffee & fellowship, 9am
Sunday school & Bible class, 9:30am
Worship w/Holy Communion, 10am
Online worship stream via Facebook Live, 8am

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS this week:

Maysie Aarestad, Janel Beauchamp, Sabrina Brinkman, Randy Weisser, Jeff Wollitz, Sue Boer, Matthew Holm

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS this week:

Gary & Gayle Wohl, Jeremy & Jennifer Rossow

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. Thank you!

POINSETTIAS Please take a poinsettia home after service today. Thank you again to the Trustees for creating and caring for the poinsettia tree.

January 3, 2021

Second Sunday after Christmas

Entrance Hymn #410

Confession and Absolution p. 184

Introit *see insert*

Kyrie p. 186

"Gloria in Excelsis" p. 187

Salutation and Collect p. 189

Old Testament *see back*

Gradual *see insert*

Epistle *see back*

"Alleluia" & Responses p. 190

Gospel *see back*

Apostles' Creed p. 192

Sermon Hymn #392

Sermon: Ephesians 1:3-14
"Lavished in All Wisdom"

Prayers of the Church

Offertory/Preparing Altar p.192

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Lord's Prayer with Doxology p.196

Institution & Peace p.197

Agnus Dei p.198

Distribution & Hymns
#389:3-7, #386:2-4, #381

Nunc Dimittis p.199

Thanks,Collect&Benediction p.202

Closing Hymn #390

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

84 + 43 + 39 (Christmas Eve) + 67 (Christmas) = 233 69 (Sunday Service)

	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>LAST SUNDAY</u>
General Fund Income Received:	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 12,323.66
Mortgage Fund Income Received:	\$ 470.00	\$ 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: (1/6 & 10)

- ELDERS: Wed: Bill Kitzman
Sun 8am: Emmett Wilson
Sun 10am: Robert Eidbo
- AV: Wed: Ken Koehler/Lyla Fiechtner
Sun 8am: Dan Klug/Preston Geist
Sun 10am: Ray Wasness/Kamrin Schweitzer
- USHERS: Wed: Lloyd Ruud
Sun 8am: *Al Hall
Naomi Hall, Tom Moltzan
Sun 10am: *Todd Reber
Mike Peterson, Steve Vogel
- ACOLYTES: Wed: Jaylin Odle
Sun 8am: Landon Job
Sun 10am: Jordan Sommerfeld
- MUSICIANS: Sun 8am & 10am: Jodi Pierce
ALTAR GUILD Donna & Ernie Feland

CATECHETICAL LESSON *Ten Commandments: First Commandment-
You shall have no other gods. What does this mean?* We should fear, love,
and trust in God above all things.

**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 Jan 10: **Rev. Lester
Wolfgram, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND**,
presents the message: "Set Free In Christ" based on Mark 1:4-11. This is the
Life: "The God of Love" illustrates that we, as Christians, all have
responsibilities. It is a cross we bear. This award-winning program is in black
and white. 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.

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!

MAILBOXES Please remember to routinely check your mailboxes.

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.

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

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

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Gradual

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and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God,*

Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

Sing to the Lord a | new song,*

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