

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

MAY 2021

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

Compare these two sections of Scripture from Luke 24 and Acts 1:

1. "And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God." (Luke 24:50-53, ESV)
2. "And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me;..." and "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes," (Acts 1:4, 8-10, ESV)

First, notice where the disciples went after Jesus' ascension. Yes, after three years of being with Jesus, going through losing Jesus through His crucifixion, locking themselves in the upper room because of fear and then seeing Jesus several times after his physical resurrection, **the disciples "...worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God."** We aren't told that the disciples thought that things were now done and they could go home. In fact in Acts 1, Jesus orders them not to depart from Jerusalem and wait for the promise!

So we can learn from this once we believe Jesus' death and resurrection is that for us in any grueling circumstance we've been through, the first thing is to find ourselves in worship, waiting for the promises of the Father. What do we receive in worship such as in our personal and family devotions? The Word of God. For where the Word of God is, there is confirmed the Holy Spirit. For the Holy Spirit promises to come through means, the means of the Word. But I have only mentioned two places of worship. Notice the disciples returned **to Jerusalem and "...were continually in the temple blessing God."** They went to their place of public worship. This is the third place of worship, both the culmination and the beginning of our worship now. For the disciples now come to their old place of worship in a new way, with Jesus as the center and focus, for the old temple curtain has been torn in two and there is direct access to the Father through Jesus! The old sacrifices are fulfilled in Jesus!

Second notice the promise of Jesus to the disciples as they meet together in Jerusalem. "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." As they gathered together as church, the Holy Spirit would come upon them. The Holy Spirit doesn't come upon us the same way as it did for the disciples, but the Holy Spirit still comes. Again He comes through means in our gathering together as church, through means of the Word **and Sacrament**. When we gather together, there are the administrations of Confession & Absolution, Baptism and Holy Communion. These are the means by which the Holy Spirit works in us.

Our worship takes place at St. Andrew in West Fargo, which is our "temple" and "Jerusalem." What joy we should express in our worship and our community that Jesus has risen from the dead and because of Him we receive grace from the Father to be His forgiven children. But the disciples were not to stop there, they would travel and so Jesus testifies to who they are, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Many of will travel all the more as the number of vaccinations increase and restrictions subside. We are "His witnesses" wherever ever we are. In fact, Jesus proclamation to be witnesses goes back to the original creation of humanity, "Let us make man in our image..." The Hebrew word, "image," is a visual appearance of someone or something, such as a statue of a king. You might think of Nebuchadnezzar statue in Daniel 3. The image represented the king and reminded them
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that Nebuchadnezzar ruled here! So it is that Christians bear the image of Christ. By our very presence, our bodies, our lives, our speech says, "Christ rules here!" For we are His witnesses in action, in speech, and by our very presence.

As Christians, we are always His witnesses. Our witness doesn't stop. It doesn't stop when we leave the church door. It isn't just in our home. We are witnesses in our community, job and wherever we are. For through Water and the Word, we ARE His children, His church, His body, His bride.

We now bear again the image of our Creator and all that this means, good or bad. Yes, on this side of eternity, we either bear a good witness or bad witness, but we are always witnesses. Therefore, we pay close attention to our lives, words and deeds because of who we are in Christ. And if we find we have been a bad witness, this too can bear witness to who Christ is as we repent. For Christ came for the forgiveness of our sins. What a testimony to the crucified and risen Christ we have in receiving the forgiveness of sins.

Jesus said, "You are My witnesses...to the end of the earth."

In Christ's service:



Pastor Jahnke

Philippians 4:4-8

IT'S A BIRTHDAY PARTY!!!!

Sandie Eaton's family has decided she needs to celebrate the milestone birthday she's having. You are invited to an open house in the fellowship room, here at St. Andrew, Saturday, May 1 from noon-2:00 p.m to wish her a happy birthday. Lunch and desert will be served. Please no gifts.

ALL DAUGHTER SALAD POTLUCK!!!

Mark you calendars-- May 11, 6:30 p.m., in the fellowship room at St. Andrews. All women are invited to our annual potluck. There will be a sign up sheet so we can get an approximate count of how many will be attending. But don't let that keep you away if you decide at the last minute. We'd love to set up for more. So bring a dish of your favorite salad and come and enjoy the evening.

UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

Please remember to let the church office know if you have a new address, changed your phone number or email. Thank you

COFFEE & TREATS

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!



SHORTFALL LOAN DRIVE

Your ongoing support is needed to make our voter approved expenses. Thank you for your financial support in 2020. As of February we have taken in \$16,979.69 with a balance of -\$55,190.41, which does not include the PPP Loan money. 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. Please check the Giving Thermometer in the Narthex and the Newsletter for updates. Thank you! - Board of Stewardship

WANT TO HELP AT CHURCH,

but something more behind the scene?

The Altar Guild is the perfect place for you to be! This wonderful group of volunteers prepare the altar for our Church services every week. Main responsibilities include communion set up, filling candles and display hymn numbers. Volunteers are responsible for one month a year. The great thing about this is you can do almost all of the set up and take down when it works with your schedule. We just need the wine and wafers set up on Sunday mornings. Even better is you never have to do this alone. You can do it with a spouse, friend, son, daughter, mother, father and there is always someone else sharing the month with you. Think about that...if you did this every Sunday of one month, you would be volunteering 4 times a year. But since we share months with others, your time is even less!

We are looking for a few more individuals or couples to join our wonderful volunteer group for this behind the scene but very important role with our Church services every week. If you have questions, want to know more about what this exactly entails or know this is the way you could give back to St. Andrew, please call Connie Klug (701)866-9487. Please consider it!

MAILBOXES

Please remember to routinely check your mailboxes. Those of you with confirmed children should check the top of the mailboxes for envelopes.



USHERING

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!

1-1-1 MISSION GIVING

The people of Israel brought a voluntary offering to the Lord. Every man and woman whose heart was willing contributed to all the work which the Lord had commanded Moses to do. - Exodus 35:29

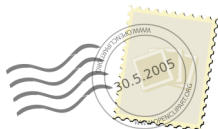
That's 1-1-1 Mission Giving! It's simple. Not burdensome and it includes every baptized member from the newest baptized baby to our oldest congregational member. Letting your children put their dollar in the giving box teaches them to be involved in supporting missions and spreading the Gospel. All it takes is \$1, 1 Member, every week to support missions in the North Dakota District. Each one of us is the body of Christ, and each one of us can accomplish so much with just a dollar a week. Help us spread the Gospel.

There is a giving box set up in the Narthex for your weekly contribution of \$1. There is power and strength, in many giving a little. Thank you.

LWR STAMPOREE

The goal of the Lutheran World Relief Stamporee is to support LWR's Project Comfort, which provides funding for the shipping of quilts, kits, & clothing to those in need around the world. Anyone can contribute by collecting used postage stamps to help with their efforts and bringing them to the church.

Here are a few pointers about saving stamps: Buy and use commemorative stamps, since they are worth more than common stamps. Save all cancelled stamps. Place stamps on envelope in the upper right hand corner, allowing 1/4 inch from each edge. Stamps need not be trimmed or removed from envelopes. IF trimming from envelopes, leave at least 1/4 inch around stamp.



"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

MAY UPDATE

"SO SHALL MY WORD BE that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11. These are exceedingly reassuring words, and all the more as the world seems to increasingly crumble around us! May God continue to bless the words sent out through our MSLN TV broadcasts and internet pathways!

Please continue to share information about our LCMS "Main Street Living" media ministry with others. In addition to being broadcast each Sunday morning, you can view archived programs anytime at www.mainstreetliving.com - then click on the link under the picture identified as "North (Fargo)."

Thank you for your much-needed financial support! Checks may be sent to "Main Street Living NORTH", 821-5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by Credit Card or your PayPal account on the website. God's blessing in Christ! -Ken Koehler / MSL North Volunteer Coordinator

"Main Street Living North" Programs for May 2021"

May 2: Rev. Nathanael Biberdorf, Zion Lutheran Church, Browns Valley, MN, and Zion Lutheran Church, Claire City, SD, presents the message "True Vine Connection," based on John 15:1-8. "This Is The Life" episode: "A Dream of His Own."

May 9: Rev. Jared Nies, St. John's Lutheran Church, Corliss Township (Rural Perham), MN, presents the message: "Blood and Water = Forgiveness and Peace," based on 1 John 5:1-6. "This Is The Life" episode: "A Will to Live."

May 16: Rev. Chris Brademeyer, St. John Lutheran Church, Oakes, ND, presents the message: "Endure in Christ," based on John 15:26-16:4. "This Is The Life" episode: "Home Free" / A family learns the real meaning of love and that it comes free.

May 23: Rev. Jacob Wagner, St. John's Lutheran Church, Vergas, MN, presents the message "Living Life in the Spirit," based on Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Acts 2:1-21. "This Is The Life" episode: "Man in the Middle" / Two men are left with a "secret" when one tells the other that he has terminal cancer.

May 30: Rev. Brock Schmeling, Peace Lutheran Church, Barney, ND, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend, ND, presents the message "God in Trinity" based on John 3:1-17. "This Is The Life" episode: "Return Trip" / The modern-day story of a prodigal daughter.

APRIL PASTORAL ACTS

Adult Baptisms:

- Kristina Heil

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Dale, Hunter Beltz, Chamma Iru-tingabo Binagana, Sierra Shoman Young, James Ruud, Preston Peterson, Glenda Clark, Scott Jess, Shane Bruns, Rev. Adam Harvala, Bernice Hovland, Sandra Eaton, Lillia Holweger, Jolene Flath, Michael Glanzer, Lynette Vollmer, Brandon Mallea, Eileen Sweeten, Walter Gagelin, Lyla Fiectner, Shelly Joyce, Betty Trapp, Josh Gervais, Lois Hehr, Jessica Bachmeier, Aubrey Else, Brady Millar, Nicole Marcy, Saffron Hoff, Milton Deplazes, Bill Kitzman, Sarah Kasin, Doug Millar, Carolyn Fiechtner, Patricia Walth, Breyette Hoff, Janet Baker, Bill Thoenke, Destiny Heinen, Whitney Lau, Alexis Tollefson, Asher Brandt, Jodi Pierce, Victor Gruber, Layne LaPorte, Victoria Roberts, Logan Matzke, Erica Waters, Robert Cataldi II, Aubree Hample, Lincoln Haugen, Jordan Sommerfeld, Arlene Klug, Nicholas Cajobe, Christopher Erickson, Dinah Sommerfeld, Kaiden Schweitzer, Jessica Somsen, Rebecca Deplazes, Mia Severson, Stan Guler, James Doyel, Shari Else, Hardy Glanzer, Brittany Heiden, Corrine Reber, Brayden Jensen, Halsey Steen, Sarina Olson, Tianna Vetter, Scott Johnson



MAY ANNIVERSARIES



Todd & Crystal Reber, Timothy & Alana Ratz, Tim & Tami Hertel, Bruce & Liz Clark, Halsey & Jeremy Steen,, John & Brenda Renfrew, Maysie & Brent Aarestad, Glenda & Michael Clark, Wanda & Robert Terry, Curtis & Evelyn Helmer, Tom & Celeste Moltzan

ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:

	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 27,917.78	\$ 101,431.28
Expense	\$ 38,177.09	\$ 117,841.38
Net	\$ -10,259.31	\$ -16,410.10

Mortgage Fund:

	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 5,807.26	\$ 18,653.31
Expense	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 19,158.00
Net	\$ - 578.74	\$ - 504.69

Shortfall Loan:

<u>APRIL</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>REMAINING</u>
\$7,712.50	\$43,796.44	\$28,373.56



As we reflect on this unique, challenging school year, we are continually amazed by God's protecting power over our school, students, and staff. Romans 8, verse 28 states, "We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." Our teachers have faithfully accepted every challenge placed before them this year, and we thank God for their perseverance.

Mrs. Susan Jahnke, Interim Principal, has been called to serve as Principal at Grace Lutheran School. Please lift her up in prayer as she considers this move into school administration.

We thank all who joined us at Pasta with a Purpose Spaghetti Dinner. It was wonderful to see so many faces and enjoy one another's company at this association-unifying event.

Next month, Grace Lutheran School will graduate five 8th grade students and 20 kindergarteners. Big thanks to the Grace Lutheran Church LWML for serving treats!

This summer, Grace Lutheran School is getting a landscape makeover. There will be many opportunities to help, including work days on Saturday, May 15, and Saturday, June 19. On our website, gracelutheranschoolfargo.com, you will find home garden plant needs and other ways to help. If you enjoy gardening and yard improvements, we have a place for you on our team. Call the school at 701-232-7747 with any questions.

Please continue to hold us up in prayer. We are so very blessed to be a ministry in our community and to have the rock-solid support from our church family.



YOUTH & EDUCATION

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING 2022: **“IN ALL THINGS”**

The 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering is only a little over a year away. “In All Things” will take place in Houston, Texas July 9-13, 2022. All youth ages 14-19 (entering grade nine through first year of college) at the time of the gathering are eligible to participate. That means all SALC youth in grades 7-12 right now are eligible. Young adult volunteer opportunities are for those age 19-25. Registration for gathering participants opens this fall, and for young adult volunteers the application opens July 1st, 2021. An informational meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 16th at 7pm**. Youth and parents, please plan on joining us for this important first step in our preparations for In All Things.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL **JUNE 13-15**

Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, June 13th through Tuesday, June 15th from 5:15-7:30 each night. Join us for supper from 5:15-6:00 followed by a Bible lesson and activities. VBS is open to children age 4 through 5th grade. Older children and youth are encouraged to serve as helpers. To register your children or volunteer, please contact Pastor Harvala or Leanne Muhl.

YOUTHLEAD SUPPORT

Two members from St. Andrew will be attending Synod’s leadership training for high school students, known as YouthLead. Cecilia Lindquist and Joshua Harvala, along with Pastor Harvala as ND District LYF Advisor, will travel to Houston, Texas in July to participate in this valuable training. Please support these youth first of all with your prayers for their growth in faith and safety in travel; second, by encouraging them in their efforts; and finally—if so moved, by giving a gift toward their travel expenses. The total cost of the trip is about \$800 each, with the students responsible for about \$300 each. Your help in defraying these costs is greatly appreciated. To contribute any amount you are able, please speak with Pastor Harvala. Thank you for your support of our youth!

HIGHER THINGS 2021: “FORGIVEN”

“I forgive you.” The three most powerful words in the universe. They don’t just change the universe for someone. They change someone’s eternity. They change your eternity! Higher Things Conference 2021 is coming next summer to Texas, Michigan, Colorado, and... (wait for it) ...**FARGO!** Join with other Lutheran youth from around the region for four days of worship, teaching, fellowship, and fun. Registration opens November 1. Learn more at higherthings.org or follow on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram **@higherthings**.



SUMMER SCHEDULE

Don’t forget that the service times will be changing starting Memorial Day Weekend, May 30th.
Sundays at 8am and 10am
Wednesdays at 7pm



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Come and Worship!

May 2021

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:45am
Coffee & Fellowship at 9:00am
Sunday School & Bible Class at 9:30am
Holy Communion celebrated at all
Sunday worship services.

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