

**Malachi 3:1–7b**

“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. “Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts. “For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

**Philippians 1:2–11**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**Luke 3:1-14**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

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December 5, 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent - C

**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 our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**OLD TESTAMENT: Malachi 3:1-7b** “Who can endure the day of His coming?”

**EPISTLE: Philippians 1:2-11** Discern what is best until the day of Christ.

**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-14** John goes into the country preaching a Baptism of repentance.

**CHRISMON PROGRAM** will be held Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. This will be in place of a traditional Children’s Christmas program. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the fellowship hall. Also, we are looking for students in third grade through fifth grade, who would be interested in having a small speaking role in the program. They can contact Mariah Hendrickson at 701-541-4584, or Sabrina Brinkman at 701-541-4386. Come and join us as we celebrate the reason for the season, the birth of our Savior!

## OPPORTUNITIES THRU CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sun/Dec 5 **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
Worship w/Holy Communion, **8am**  
Coffee & fellowship, 9am  
Sunday School & Bible class, 9:30am  
Worship w/Holy Communion, **10:45am**  
Online worship stream, 8am  
Faith Foundation Class, 7pm

Mon/Dec 6  
Tues/Dec 7 Staff Meeting, 1pm  
Bd of Ed, 6pm

Wed/Dec 8 Advent Meal, 5:15pm  
Advent Worship, 6:30pm  
Parent/Student Session, 7:30pm

Thur/Dec 9 Human Care, 6pm

Fri/Dec 10  
Sat/Dec 11 Youth Christmas Bazaar, 10am-3pm

Sun/Dec 12 **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
Mite Box Sunday  
Worship w/Holy Communion, **8am**  
Coffee & fellowship, 9am  
Sunday School & Bible class, 9:30am  
Worship w/Holy Communion, **10:45am**  
Online worship stream, 8am  
Faith Foundation Class, 7pm

### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS** this week:

Gladys VerValin, Brianna Olson, Cooper Haugen, Sarah Borah, Vanessa Gunning, Kathryn Osmondson, Gavin Rosenfeldt, Michelle Heiden, Joshua Matthys, Kayla Buckley, Elizabeth Geist, Charles Weible, Kim Hinz, Cindy Vollmer-Hansen Myrna Church

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL** needed. If interested, please contact Laura Kitzen at (218) 791-7404.

**NEW YEARS EVE SERVICE** Immanuel Lutheran Church (1258 Broadway N, Fargo) will be hosting the area-LCMS churches' New Year's Eve service, which will be held at 7 pm on Friday, December 31st. Pastor Brian Shane will be preaching, and Pastor Bernie Worrall will be the liturgist.

(Dec 5-12)

## First Sunday in Advent - C November 28, 2021

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“Light One Candle” *see insert*

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Sermon Luke 3:1-14  
**“All Flesh Sees God’s Salvation”**

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Closing Hymn *See Insert*

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

for last Sunday Services: 88 + 79 + 66 (Thanksgiving Eve) = 233

	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>LAST SUNDAY</u>
General Fund Income Received:	\$ 8,430.63	\$ 6,509.78
Mortgage Fund Income Received:	\$ 590.58	\$ 488.72

<u>THROUGH OCTOBER:</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Fund Income:	\$ 36,294.90	\$ 342,843.62
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 38,278.21	\$ 373,992.02
	\$ -1,983.31	\$ -31,148.40

Mortgage Fund Income	\$ 8,429.60	\$ 64,242.50
Mortgage Fund Loan Payments	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 63,860.06
Net	\$ 2,043.60	\$ 382.44

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK: (12/8 & 12)**

ELDERS:	Wed: Ray Wasness Sun 8am: Dan Klug Sun 10:45am: Ken Koehler
AV:	Wed: Wade Trzruc/Gatlin Strohm Sun 8am: Joe Cajobe/Ava Mutchler Sun 10:45am: Ray Wasness/Shonteau Wasness
USHERS:	Wed: Todd Berg Sun 8am: *Tom Moltzan Larry Weil, Diana Weil Sun 10:45am: *Todd Reber Sandie Eaton, Penny Maurer
ACOLYTES:	Wed: Brayden Muhl Sun 8am: Brayden Mutchler Sun 10:45am: Chris Washburn
MUSICIANS:	Wed: Jodi Pierce Sun 8am & 10:45am: Susan Jahnke
ALTAR GUILD	Sara Moreland & Kristy Dillard

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS** Child of Promise, Lutheran Hour Ministries' Advent devotions for 2021 are available in the Narthex.

**COMMUNICATING CHRIST OVER THE AIR:**

**OUR WEB SITE:** [www.standrewlcms.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.kfuo.org)

**DAILY DEVOTIONS** by Pastor Klaus at [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp)

**MEN NETWORK:** [www.lhmmen.com](http://www.lhmmen.com)

**ISSUES, ETC:** Current events from a Lutheran view. [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)

**MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH TV PROGRAM** Dec 12th: **Rev. Thomas Clark, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hankinson, ND**, presents the message: "A Country in Trouble," based on Zephaniah 3:14-20. Lutheran Television Special: "Red Boots for Christmas" - A shoemaker learns the true meaning of Christmas. 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 9am Central time on FOX station KVRN Channel 15.1 AND 10am Central on WDAY Xtra Channel 6.3, and archived on [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** All are invited to attend our Youth Christmas Bazaar taking place on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm. Food and beverages will be available for purchase, and we will have door prizes. Proceeds will go to the LCMS Youth Gathering fund. If you have any questions about the event or would like to help, please contact Carolyn Fiechtner at (701) 318-8175 or email [cfiechtner@live.com](mailto:cfiechtner@live.com). An email with a sign-up link will be sent soon.

**CATECHETICAL LESSON Table of Duties: Of Civil Government-**

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgement on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, and agent of wrath to bring punishment o the wrongdoer.

**2022 GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS** are once again available from our youth group. A sample can be viewed on the table in the information center, and a sign up sheet is there as well. Please write your name and the number of calendars you would like. The cost is \$10 each. Checks can be made to St. Andrew LYF, and payment made to Pastor Harvala. Thanks for your abundant and ongoing support of our youth!

**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.

**2022 ND MEN'S RETREAT** is January 14-15, 2022 at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads. Rev. Dr. Michael W. Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour® will be presenting on Christian Hope. One doesn't have to look far to see the effects of sin on our fallen world - just turn on the nightly news. Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour® and author of Christian Hope Among Rivals, will encourage men to find hope in a hopeless world. Begins with a meal Friday at 6pm and ends 2pm on Saturday. Cost is \$100. RSVP to Corey Isaak at corey.isaak@gracefargo.org or 701-281-0240

**LWML BAKE SALE** is Sunday, December 5. Proceeds will go toward LWML projects with 10% going toward MITES. Projects include the Portals of Prayer, youth Bibles, kitchen supplies (coffee, napkins, etc.) and other mission projects that the LWML supports throughout the year. This, also, will be the last opportunity to purchase a Blue Coupon Book. Thank you.

**LWML CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be December 14 starting at 6:30 pm with supper provided. Please see the poster and sign up sheet in the Narthex for details. All are welcome to come and help celebrate Christmas with us. Those that have been saving for the Red Stocking, please remember to bring. The Red Stocking Box will be set out.

**HUMAN CARE** The giving tree this year will include members of our congregation and Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Instead of buying for a specific person this year, we are asking for a monetary donation. Envelopes are hung on the tree to be taken and returned by December 12 with your donation, in order that gifts may be purchased and delivered before Christmas. Thank you.

**YOUR CHURCH MAILBOX**, please check it each time you are here.



FAITHFULLY FORWARD  
TOGETHER

DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

**\$104,137.84**  
**RECEIVED**  
**OVER & ABOVE**  
**REGULAR GIVING**

AS OF 11/28/21  
THANK YOU!

This is our last month for Phase 1 of the Faithfully Forward Together Debt Reduction Campaign. We are so happy with what we have already achieved. But we aren't done! Let's finish strong and reduce our long-term debt as much as possible. Next Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be providing an update during the Church services.  
**Thank you and God's Blessings in Christ as we move Faithfully Forward Together.**

**Introit**

The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:\*  
 “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”  
 Hear, O my people, while I ad- | monish you!\*

O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!  
 I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of |  
 Egypt.\*

Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it.  
 But my people did not listen | to my voice;\*

Israel would not sub- | mit to me.  
 Oh, that my people would lis- | ten to me,\*  
 that Israel would walk | in my ways!

**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.**

The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:\*  
 “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”

**Collect of the Day**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your  
 only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve  
 You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who  
 lives and reigns with You 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**

Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh  
 shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

1. He's coming on the clouds  
 Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
 And every chain will break  
 As broken hearts declare His praise  
 For who can stop the Lord Almighty

**CHORUS:**

Our God is the Lion, The Lion of Judah  
 He's roaring with power And fighting our battles  
 And every knee will bow before Him  
 Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain  
 For the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains  
 And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
 Every knee will bow before Him

2. So open up the gates  
 Make way before the King of kings  
 The God who comes to save  
 Is here to set the captives free  
 For who can stop the Lord Almighty **CHORUS**

**Bridge**

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
 Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
 Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
 Who can stop the Lord? **CHORUS**

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