

*Our mission is to glorify God as we seek to make disciples of all nations
by bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people within and outside
of the one holy Christian Church.*

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First Sunday in Advent

November 28, 2021

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The Sermon: "Important Days"

The Text: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Opening Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB 357
(sts. 1-4)

The Sermon Hymn:
"Come, Thou Precious Ransom Come" LSB 350

The Communion Hymns:
"Christ, the Word of God Incarnate" LSB 540

"Sing Praise to the God of Israel" LSB 936

The Closing Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB 357
(sts. 5-7)

+Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 8:00 a.m. service today. Guests, it is our desire for you to commune with us. In the Lord's Supper, in with and under the bread and the wine, we receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. You should also know that when you commune with a group of Christians, you are saying you agree with the teachings of that church body. If you are a member of a different church body, please use this time for prayer and reflection upon God's Word. We then invite you to speak with one of the pastors about how you, too, can share in this wonderful gift. If you believe what Christ says about His supper and share the beliefs we have at St. Johns, an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to join us for communion. Gluten free wafers are available. If you prefer a gluten free wafer please let the pastors know.

This Week at St. Johns

Monday	Staff Meeting	8:45 AM
Monday	Christmas Decorating	9:00 AM
Monday	Pack Meeting	6:00 PM
Tuesday	Bible Study	8:30 AM
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM
Wednesday	Release Time	8:25 AM
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 AM
Wednesday	Advent Service/Meal	NOON
Wednesday	Sunday School Christmas Practice	3:15 PM
Wednesday	Confirmation	3:30 PM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	5:00 PM
Wednesday	Advent Meal	5:00 PM
Wednesday	Advent Service	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Christmas Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Thursday	Blended Practice	6:00 PM
Thursday	Cub Scouts	6:00 PM

Next Sunday

Worship	8:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Bible Class	9:30 AM
Worship (Comm.)	10:30 AM

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are given by Betsy and Tim Vrudny.

ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH: Rev. Arie Bertsch, ND District President, presents the message "Are You Good Enough?" based on I Thessalonians 3:9-13. "This Is The Life" episode: "The Gift" - A daughter struggles with what to do with birthday gift money. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRR Fargo-Moorhead or watch online at www.mainstreetliving.com, "North (Fargo)."

LISTEN to the Lutheran Hour Sundays on KPRM 870 AM at 9:30 a.m., or KTIG 102.7 and 95.9 FM at 5:00 p.m. You can also listen on Sirius XM Family Talk Channel 133 on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or any time on lhm.org/sentradio. Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler message today is "A Response to the Problem of Evil" based on Luke 1:1-4. Why does God let evil happen? Will that question take us down the path of doubt or lead us to trust God more deeply?

TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON for PK-7th grade is "The Seeing Sign - *Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind.*"

DECK THE HALLS! Please join the Fellowship Board on Monday, November 29 at 9:00 a.m. as we decorate the sanctuary and the rest of the church for Christmas. Coffee and rolls will be on hand for all to enjoy before, during and after decorating!

ADVENT SERVICES begin this Wednesday with a service at noon followed by a meal served by the Ladies Aid. The Evening Guild will be serving pulled pork sandwiches at 5:00 p.m. with worship at 6:00 p.m. Our theme is "The Word Became Flesh." This week's focus is "You Have My Word!"

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE starts Wednesday, December 1 for 1st-6th grade. Sarah Kaufenberg plans to pick up kids at the Century School. Please let Sarah know if your child will be attending. She can be reached at 651-260-3350.

BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM has been cancelled due to low registration numbers and Cov-id surge. We still plan to put up the nativity scenes for people to enjoy and we hope to present the program next year.

IT'S TIME for our annual basket fund raiser. Baskets may be brought to the church by December 5. The last day to bid will be December 19. Proceeds will go to the National Youth Gathering.

TOYS FOR GIRLS AND BOYS AND TINY TOTS: The Board of Evangelism would like to ask for your help with this program again, but it will be a little different this year. Ornaments on the tree in the Church Narthex describe specific children; gender, age, and gift requests, and have a family number. Please take as many ornaments (children) as you would like, but be sure to write your name, child gender and age, and the family number on the sign-up sheet so we know that gifts have been returned. Drop off unwrapped gifts, with the ornament attached, to the box under the tree at church by December 12 and check off your name on the sign-up sheet. Thank you!

COOKIES AND CAROLS: On Sunday, December 19 we'll gather in the fellowship hall during coffee hour to sing our favorite carols and indulge in our favorite cookies, which will be furnished by members like you! We simply ask everyone to bring a dozen or two of their favorite cookies or candy and after singing, the Board of Fellowship will make up gift packages of goodies and deliver them to our shut-ins. Please plan on joining us in this yearly tradition here at St. Johns.

A SPECIAL THANKS to everyone for your prayers, cards, and well-wishes during my recent bout with a very grumpy gallbladder! We truly appreciate our St. Johns family and the nurses and doctors who cared for me here in Park Rapids. Blessings and love to all. - ***Everett Luiken***

DECEMBER ASSISTING ELDERS: 8:00 - (12/12) Emil Burgau and Larry Hetrick, 10:30 - (12/5) Mike Poole.

DECEMBER ACOLYTES: 8:00 - (12/5) Aiden May & Max Harju, (12/12) Zachary Harju & Austin Lee, (12/19) Brooke Kimball & Austin Lee. 10:30 - (12/5) Kaitlyn Maves & Grace Etter, (12/12) Khloe Harrison & Brooke Kimball, (12/19) Brock Knutson & Grace Etter.

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD: Laurie Kimball & Staci Lee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Att. - 35. Offering - \$12.10.

LAST SUNDAY: Att. 8:00 - 134. 10:30 - 88. Total - 222.

Offering: Unified (Envelopes) - \$5,605.00. Unified (Electronic) - \$1,270.63. Plate - \$365.00. Kitchen - \$125.00. Lutheran Hour - \$100.00. Healthy Balance - \$100.00. Thanksgiving - \$65.00. Ascension - \$10.00. Total - \$7,640.63.