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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Third Sunday in Advent

December 12, 2021

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The Sermon: "Are You the One?"
The Text: Luke 7:18-28

The Opening Hymn:

"Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising" LSB 375

The Sermon Hymn: "Once He Came In Blessing" LSB 333

The Communion Hymns: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" LSB 515

"Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" LSB 352

"The Infant Priest was Holy Born" LSB 624

The Closing Hymn: "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" LSB 386

+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
Tuesday	Bible Study	8:30 AM
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM
Tuesday	Circuit Meeting	9:30 AM
Tuesday	Worship Committee	2:30 PM
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	Cub Scouts	6:00 PM
Saturday	Sunday School Dress Rehearsal	10:00 AM - NOON
Saturday	After Rehearsal Party	NOON - 2:00 PM

Next Sunday

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Worship	8:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Cookies & Carols	9:30 AM
Sunday School Program	10:30 AM
Guegel 70 th Wedding Anniversary Open House	1:30-3:00 PM

ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH: 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 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's sermon today is "When You're Expecting."

<u>TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON</u> for PK-7th grade is "The Thankful One - *Jesus Heals Ten Lepers*."

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY will be led by Sarah Newton this morning since Pastor Newton is at Lake George.

BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM: Do you have a costume at home that you planned on using for the Breakfast in Bethlehem event? If so, please pin your name to it, bring it back to church, and hang it on the round rack at the end of the hallway by the bell room. Thank you!

<u>ADVENT SERVICES</u> continue this Wednesday with a service at noon followed by a meal served by the Ladies Aid. The LLL will be serving ham and scalloped potatoes at 5:00 p.m. with worship at 6:00 p.m. Our theme is "The Word Became Flesh." This week's sermon focus is "The Word Dwelt Among Us."

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE will continue this Wednesday for 1st-6th grade. There will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 18 for all grades from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

AN AFTER REHEARSAL PARTY will be held following the Christmas program dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 18. Kids are invited to stay for lunch and fun activities until 2:00 p.m. IT'S TIME for our annual basket fund raiser. Baskets may viewed and bid on in the social hall and online. The last day to bid will be December 19. Proceeds will go to the National Youth Gathering. THE YOUTH are doing Christmas Eve luminaries again this year. This is a great way to honor or remember a loved one during the holiday season. Sign up in the front lobby by December 19. Free will donations will go to the National Youth Gathering.

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.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, "One Night in Bethlehem" will take the place of our regular 10:30 a.m. worship service next Sunday, December 19. The Christmas Choir will also be part of the program. Come hear the Christmas story as told by our Sunday School students.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP with Sunday morning coffee time? We are in need of additional members to serve and/or bring treats for Sunday coffee time in 2022. The schedule is being made using the information from the surveys that were mailed out and returned about 8 months ago, but we do not have enough people to fill in all the Sundays. Many members are already on the schedule 3-4 times. Your assistance, even just 1-2 times per year, would help immensely. Please call Connie Fondow (732-9236) or the church office (732-9783) if you are willing to help out.

TO GIVE AWAY: We have a member who has a 7' lighted Christmas tree to give away. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Att. - 21. Offering - \$10.10.

<u>ADVENT 12/1</u>: Att. Noon - 43. 6:00 p.m. - 66. Total - 109. Offering: Unified - \$1,265.00. Plate - \$44.00. Advent - \$915.00. Local Lutheran Hour - \$150.00. Total - \$2,374.00.

LAST SUNDAY: Att. 8:00 a.m. - 64. 10:30 a.m. - 32. Total - 96. Offering: Unified (Envelopes) - \$3,475.00. Unified (Electronic) - \$2,567.63. Plate - \$131.00. Advent - \$20.00. Healthy Balance - \$700.00. Kitchen - \$50.00. Total - \$6,943.63.