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.

+++++

# ST. JOHNS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (Missouri Synod)

Highway 34 West ABC Preschool Church Office



Park Rapids, MN 56470 Phone 732-9783 Phone 732-9783

James Neubauer, Pastor

Phone 218-237-5621

revneu@gmail.com

Kim Neubauer, Preschool Director

Phone 218-732-9783

abcpreschoolpr@gmail.com

Sarah Kaufenberg, Director of Music

Phone 651-260-3350

kaufenbergsarah35@gmail.com

Website: stjohnspr.org

# **Last Sunday of the Church Year**

November 20, 2022

Divine Service Three, LSB page 184

The Sermon: "Stories"

The Text: Luke 23:27-43

The Anthem: "It is Well with My Soul" - Sr. Bell Choir

# The Opening Hymn:

"Christ, the Life of All the Living" LSB 420 (vs. 1-4)

# The Sermon Hymn:

"Christ, the Life of All the Living" LSB 420 (vs. 5-7)

# The Communion Hymns (10:30 a.m.):

"The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns" LSB **532** (Alt. Tune. LSB 577)

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" LSB 475

The Closing Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign" LSB 832

**+Holy Communion** will be celebrated at the 10:30 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	Stamping Group	5:30 PM
Tuesday	Bible Study - Provoking Proverbs	8:30 AM
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM
Tuesday	Worship Committee Meeting	1:30 PM
Wednesday	Bible Study - Learning the "J" Word	10:30 AM
Wednesday	Thanksgiving Communion Service	NOON
Wednesday	Thanksgiving Service	5:30 PM
Thursday	Thanksgiving Service	9:00 AM

# **Next Sunday**

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

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** this morning were given by Terry and Laurie Kimball in honor of Nikki Wenger's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

<u>TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> lesson for PK - 8<sup>th</sup> grade is "A Nativity Night - Jesus' Birth."

ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH: Rev. Philip Beyersdorf, St. Mark's, Minot, presents the message "Why Be Unprepared?" (Matt. 25:1-13). This Is The Life: "Conspiracy of Silence" - A husband and wife come to grips with a terminal illness. 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. Today's sermon is "Where It All Comes Together" (Colossians 1:19-20) with guest speaker, Rev. Dr. John Nunes.

**VOTERS MEETING AND POTLUCK** will be held today following the 10:30 a.m. service. Bring your favorite dish!

**BEING RECEIVED** into God's family through Holy Baptism this morning following the 10:30 a.m. service is, Reeve Annamae Just, daughter of Scott Just and Sarah Long. "See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking as a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be awake or sleeping."

THE LADIES AID is hosting a Christmas cookie project for the local food shelf. We are collecting Christmas cookie items so that families in need will be able to make Christmas cookies with their kids. You're invited to help by donating a package of dry (non-refrigerated) cookie mix, cookie cutters, cookie decorations, frosting, or holiday sprinkles and put htem in the collection box in the front entry by December 8. We will package the donated items in bright, colorful bags for distribution to our local food shelf on December 9. We hope with your help, we will make decorating Christmas cookies a memorable event for the children. Questions, please see Vickie Helm or Shari Sanguist.

<u>TOYS</u> for girls and boys and tiny tots: The Board of Evangelism would like to ask for your help to participate in this community program again. 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, the child's 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 11 and check off your name on the sign-up sheet. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING SERVICES will be held this Wednesday at noon and 5:30 p.m. and Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. IT'S TIME for our annual basket fund raiser. Baskets may be brought to the church by November 27. The last day to bid will be December 18. Proceeds will go to help Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School, North Fort Myers, Florida.

**DECK THE HALLS!** Please join the Fellowship Board on Monday, November 28 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 Wednesday, November 30 with a service at noon followed by a meal served by the Ladies Aid. A meal will be served at 5:00 p.m. by the Evening Guild with worship at 6:00 p.m. Our theme this year is "Born in Us Today."

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE starts Wednesday, November 30 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: See, hear, and taste the Christmas story on Saturday, December 3, 9:00 a.m. This event is totally free to the public. No tickets or reservations are required. Please consider bringing a guest with you.

ARE YOU willing to bring your nativity scene to church to be included in the Nativity Gallery for Breakfast in Bethlehem? We promise to take good care of all the pieces in your set. Drop them off at the church office. Make sure you have your name on it so we can return it to you.

CALLING ALL USHERS: Some of you may remember a few years back when Fran Lof did such a good job keeping our usher roster up-to-date and staffed. I will be trying to fill those shoes and am encouraging members young and old to check out the new usher list for 2023 and volunteer to help out. The sign up sheet will be located where the ushers stand. Please pick a month in which you could help with the service to our congregation. If you can't help for a whole month, just specify which services will work for you. If we have dates that need to be filled I will call on members and ask for a hand. Thank you for your help in providing this much appreciated service to keep our worship services orderly and friendly. - *Tim* 

#### Ranisate, Board of Elders

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Att. - 16. Offering - \$9.00.

LAST SUNDAY: Att. 8:00 a.m. - 101. 10:30 a.m. - 55. Total -156. Offering: Unified (Envelopes) - \$6,127.00. Unified (Electronic) - \$1,392.00. Plate - \$375.00. Healthy Balance - \$240.00. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - \$280.00. Total - \$8,414.00.

**NOON COMMUNION SERVICE**: Att. - 16.