

*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 27, 2022

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**The Sermon: "Rise and Shine"**

**The Text: Romans 13:11-14**

**The Opening Hymn:** "Hark a Thrilling Voice is Sounding" LSB 345

**The Sermon Hymn:** "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" LSB 515

**The Communion Hymns** (8:00 a.m.):

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom Come" LSB 350

"Lo! He Comes with Clouds" LSB 336

"The King Shall Come" LSB 348

**The Closing Hymn:** "O, Sing of Christ" LSB 362

**+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	Scouts	6:00 PM
Tuesday	Bible Study - <i>Provoking Proverbs</i>	8:30 AM
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM
Wednesday	Release Time Classes	8:25 AM
Wednesday	Bible Study - "A Christmas Carol"	10:30 AM
Wednesday	Advent Service/Meal	NOON
Wednesday	Sunday School Program Practice	3:30 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	Blended Practice	7:00 PM
Thursday	Scouts	6:00 PM
Thursday	Breakfast in Bethlehem Rehearsal	6:00 PM
Saturday	Breakfast in Bethlehem	9:00 AM

**Next Sunday**

Blended Worship	8:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Bible Class	9:30 AM
Blended Worship (Comm.)	10:30 AM
Scouts	4:00 PM

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** this mornng were given by Jake and Madeline Yliniemi in thanksgiving to God for His many blessings bestowed upon them.

**TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** lesson for PK - 8<sup>th</sup> grade is "Wise Men Worship - Magi."

**ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH:** Rev. Rick Jones, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, ND, presents the message: "Always be prepared ... for the Day of the Lord" based on Romans 13:8-14. *This Is The Life*: "Big Account" - An advertising agency art director learns the impact of his work on his family and others. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRr Fargo-Moorhead or watch online at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://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](http://lhm.org/sentradio). Today's sermon is titled "Freshly Fallen Snow" (Isaiah 2:1-5). Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, talks about fresh snow and fresh starts.

**OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE** and sympathy is extended to the family of Elaine Hooker whose funeral was held last Tuesday at Cease Funeral Home. We pray that our Lord Jesus Christ would give them peace and rest from their sorrow.

**DECK THE HALLS!** Please join the Fellowship Board tomorrow 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!

**"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"** will be the topic for Advent during the Wednesday morning Bible study which meets at 10:30 a.m. in the social hall.

**ADVENT SERVICES** begin this Wednesday, November 30, with a service at noon followed by a meal served by the Ladies Aid. A meal of sloppy joes, beans, and chips will be served by the Evening Guild at 5:00 p.m. with worship at 6:00 p.m. Our theme this year is "Born in Us Today."

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE** starts this Wednesday, November 30 for 1-6 grade. Sarah Kaufenberg plans to pick up kids at the Century School. Please let Sarah know if your child will be attending and needs a ride. She can be reached at 651-260-3350.

**CHARACTERS** for the Breakfast in Bethlehem story should plan to attend dress rehearsal on Thursday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m.

**BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM:** See, hear, and taste the Christmas story this Saturday, December 3, 9:00 a.m. This event is totally free to the public. Enjoy breakfast, a dramatization of the

Christmas story and the nativity gallery. Get your picture taken at one of our Christmas scenes. Kids can join the kazoo review and make some special Christmas crafts. Invite your friends!

**NORQUISTS & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT** is scheduled for Saturday, December 10 at 3:00 p.m. here at St. Johns. You won't want to miss this event. Previous concerts have received rave reviews. Freewill offering for the Local Lutheran Hour. The Lutheran Laymen's League members will serve treats following the concert. Come enjoy the sounds of Christmas with your family and feel the love Christ has to offer.

**HAVE YOU** signed up to usher in 2023. The sign up sheet is 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***

**IT'S TIME** for our annual basket fund raiser. Please bring your baskets to the church. The last day to bid will be December 18. Proceeds will go to help Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School, North Fort Myers, Florida.

**THE LADIES AID** is hosting a Christmas Cookie project for the local food shelf. You're invited to donate a package of dry (non-refrigerated) cookie mix, cookie cutters, cookie decorations, frosting, or holiday sprinkles. Our collection box will be available in the front entry way today through Thursday, December 8. We will package the donated items in bright, colorful bags for distribution to our local food shelf on Friday, December 9. Questions or comments, please see Vickie Helm or Shari Sanquist.

**TOYS** 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!

**THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL A TASTE OF CHRISTMAS**, hosted by Hubbard County LSS Meals Council is coming up December 2 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion. The menu features ham, swedish meatballs, and mashed potatoes. Proceeds go to the Meals on Wheels program.

**THE LADIES AID** invites all ladies of the congregation to a Christmas party on Thursday, December 8 at noon. A light lunch will be served. There will be a short program and gift exchange (\$10 and under). Everyone is welcome to attend!

**DECEMBER ASSISTING ELDERS:** 8:00 - (12/11) - Emil Burgau & Larry Hetrick . (12/25) - Jerry Eischens & Tim Ranisate. 10:30 - (12/4) - Mike Poole. (12/18) - Tim Ranisate.

**DECEMBER ACOLYTES:** 8:00 - (12/4) Will Sanquist & Aiden May, (12/11) Zachary Harju & Addy DeVore, (12/18) Max Harju & Zach Harju. 10:30 - (12/4) Kryton Nilson & Walter Harrison, (12/11) Clinton Koch & Hayden Hafner, (12/18) Will Sanquist & Walter Harrison.

**DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD:** Laurie Kimball & Staci Lee.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Att. - 24. Offering - \$17.00.

**LAST SUNDAY:** Att. 8:00 a.m. - 106. 10:30 a.m. - 90. Total - 196. Offering: Unified (Envelopes) - \$8,912.00. Unified (Electronic) - \$2,025.63. Plate - \$373.00. Release Time - \$100.00. Local Lutheran Hour - \$25.00 (given in memory of Ed Frith). Thanksgiving - \$10.00. Healthy Balance - \$200.00. Front Entry - \$500.00. Funeral Lunch Fund - \$100.00. Good Shepherd - \$1,500.00. Total - \$13,745.63.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICES:** Att. Noon - 30. 5:30 p.m. - 43. 9:00 a.m. - 24. Total - 97. Offering: Unified - \$115.00. Thanksgiving - \$1,320.00. Plate - \$285.00. Evangelism - \$50.00 (given in memory of Elaine Hooker). Total - \$1,770.00.