

*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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**ST. JOHNS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Third Sunday in Advent**

December 11, 2022

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**The Sermon: "Change"**

**The Text: Isaiah 35:1-10**

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

**The Hymn of Praise:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB 357  
(vs. 1,6)

**The Sermon Hymn:** "Hark the Glad Sound" LSB 349

**The Communion Hymns (8:00 a.m.):**  
"Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People" LSB 347  
"Angels from the Realms of Glory" LSB 367  
"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" LSB 350

**The Closing Hymn:** "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"  
LSB 377

**+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 - <i>Provoking Proverbs</i>	8:30 AM
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM
Tuesday	Worship Committee	10:00 AM
Tuesday	Evening Guild Caroling/Potluck Snacks	2:00 PM
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	Senior Choir	7:00 PM
Thursday	Cub Scouts	6:00 PM
Saturday	Sunday School Dress Rehearsal	2:00-4:00 PM

**Next Sunday**

Worship	8:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Cookies/Carols	9:30 AM
Worship (Comm.)	10:30 AM
Sunday School Program	2:00 PM
Scouts	4:00 PM

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is practicing for the Christmas Program during Sunday School. There is also practice this Wednesday, December 14 for 1st-6th grade after school. Sarah Kaufenberg picks up kids at the Century School. Please let Sarah know if your child will not be at practice. She can be reached at 651-260-3350. We encourage all students to attend.

**ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH:** Rev. Philip Beyersdorf, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Minot, ND, presents the message: "The Work of the Great Physician" based on Matthew 11:2-11. Lutheran Hour seasonal program: "Red Boots for Christmas" - A shoemaker learns the true meaning of Christmas. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRP 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 "Beauty We Can't See" (Isaiah 28:5) with speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We often feel our need for God's presence only when we see what it looks like when He's absent.

**OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE** and sympathy is extended to Pat Stearns and family as they mourn the passing of her brother. We pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will grant them peace and rest from their sorrow.

**COME CAROLING** with the Evening Guild this Tuesday, December 13. We meet at church at 2:00 p.m., go caroling and return to church for an appetizer potluck.

**ADVENT SERVICES** conclude this Wednesday, December 14. There is a service at noon with lunch served by the Ladies Aid following. The LLL is serving Mike Poole's famous wild rice soup for supper at 5:00 p.m. and worship follows at 6:00 p.m.

**COOKIES AND CAROLS:** Sunday, December 18 between services we will sing our favorite carols and indulge in our favorite cookies! We ask everyone to bring a dozen or two of their favorite cookies or candy. After singing, the Board of Fellowship will make up gift packages of goodies and deliver them to our shut-ins.

**BASKET FUNDRAISER:** We have a bunch of great baskets this year! The last day to bid will be December 18. Proceeds go to Good Shepherd, North Fort Myers, Florida for hurricane relief.

**STAR TRIP,** the Sunday School's Christmas play, will be presented next Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the social hall with cookies and hot chocolate following the program.

**WORSHIP CHANGES IN JANUARY:** At the November meeting, the Voters Assembly approved going to one Sunday service for the month of January. **Worship will be at 9:00 a.m. with communion on the first and third Sunday. Coffee, Sunday School and Bible study will be at 10:15 a.m.** Please help us spread the word about this change!

**TOYS FOR GIRLS AND BOYS AND TINY TOTS:** Thanks to everyone who picked up an ornament for this program. Please drop off your unwrapped gifts, with the ornament attached, to the box under the tree at church today and check off your name on the sign-up sheet. Thank you!

**LADIES AID CHRISTMAS COOKIE PROJECT:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to our cookie project. Your gifts will be a blessing to many children and families in our area.

**LUMINARIES:** Honor or remember a loved one on Christmas Eve with a luminary. Forms are available by the church office. Freewill donations for the youth are appreciated. Place your form and donation in the envelope by the office by December 18. All luminary information will be printed for Christmas Eve services.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Att. - 29. Offering - \$11.00.

**LAST SUNDAY:** Att. 8:00 a.m. - 112. 10:30 a.m. - 69. Total -181. Offering: Unified (Envelopes) - \$5,787.00. Unified (Electronic) - \$1,822.33. Plate - \$185.00. Evangelism - \$50.00. Front Entry - \$150.00. Good Shepherd Lutheran - \$70.00. Advent - \$150.00. Healthy Balance - \$100.00. Total - \$8,314.33.

**ADVENT SERVICE:** Att. Noon - 44. 6:00 - 67. Total - 111. Offering: Unified - \$5,455.00. Advent - \$820.00. Plate - \$104.00. Total - \$6,379.00.