

*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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**The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**  
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**The Sermon: "Faith of a Gentile"**  
**The Text: Matthew 15:21-28**

**The Opening Hymn:** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" LSB 901

**The Sermon Hymn:** "In Christ There Is No East or West" LSB 653  
(alt tune LSB 673)

**The Communion Hymns** (10:30 a.m.):  
"God Loved the World" LSB 571  
"We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight" LSB 720

**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.

**This Week at St. Johns**

Monday	Staff Meeting	8:45 AM
Monday	Sudan Pastors Visit	2:00 PM
Monday	Stamping Group	5:30 PM
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM
Tuesday	Parish Planning Council	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Communion Service	NOON
Wednesday	Needs and Wants Committee	6:00 PM
Friday	Office Closed	

**Next Sunday**

Worship (Comm.)	8:00 AM
Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM

**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 "The Latest Polls" (Matthew 21:8-11 and Luke 23:23-25) with speaker emeritus, Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. What people think about something--that's a poll. What that something actually is--that's the truth.

**ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH:** Rev. Daniel Larsen, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Henning, MN, presents the message: "Jealous," based on Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32. *This Is the Life:* "The Cup" – a trucker must face a dilemma when a good friend dies trying to protect him. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRN Fargo-Moorhead or watch online at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), "North(Fargo)."

**PLEASE LET US KNOW** you were here this morning by signing the black friendship registers located in the pews. It makes the office staff very happy!

**HEARING ASSISTANCE SETS** are available next to the balcony stairs. Try one out.

**PEW TOO HARD?** Try one of our “cushy cushions” that are in a tote in the back by the busy bags.

**ABC SCHOOL SUPPLY NEEDS:** Thank you to everyone who took a lily pad to help out ABC. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please return donations to the church as soon as possible so we will be ready to welcome the preschoolers when school starts.

**TOMORROW** at 2:00 pm we are welcoming Pastor Bernie Lutz along with Pastor Nicholas & Rev. Celestino from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Sudan/Sudan. Pastor Nicholas is the Principal of the Concordia Lutheran Institute for Holy Ministry. They will speak about the Church in South Sudan and specifically about the seminary. We encourage you to come and hear about the challenges and the important work being done in East Africa.

**THANK YOU:** Due to the bulletin being printed prior to the last evening of VBS, we did not have a total of the offering given. The total offering from VBS to be given to the local food shelf was \$369.04.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will begin on September 10.

**LAST SUNDAY:** Att.: 8:00 - 128. 10:30 - 71. Total - 199.

Unified: - \$7,408.00. Unified Electronic - \$1,337.83. Plate - \$709.47. Front Entry - \$100.00. VBS - \$130.00. ABC Preschool Supplies - \$450.00. ABC Scholarship - \$428.00. Building Fund - \$100.00. LLL - \$100.00. Total - \$10,763.30.

**NOON SERVICE:** Att. - 21.