

*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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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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The Sermon: "We Are of The Light"

The Text: 1 Thess. 5:1-11

The Anthem: "Medley For Thanksgiving" - Sr. Bell Choir

The Opening Hymn: "The Day is Surely Drawing Near" LSB 508

The Sermon Hymn: "Come, thou Long-Expected Jesus" LSB 338

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

"Be Still My Soul" LSB 752

"What is This Bread?" LSB 629

The Closing Hymn: "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go" LSB 854

+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 - <i>Limping with God</i>	8:30 AM
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM
Tuesday	Worship Committee Meeting	10:30 AM
Wednesday	Bible Study - <i>Christmas Traditions</i>	10:30 AM
Wednesday	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
Worship	10:30 AM
Scouts	4:00 PM

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given by Randy and Lori Griess in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary.

TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON is "The Golden Calf."

SUNDAY INSERTS FOR YOUTH AGES 7 & UP are available on the entry table by the confirmation sermon note basket. Try one out and see if you're smarter than the pastors. They both thought the puzzles were challenging.

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 "Until that Day" (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11) with Lutheran Hour guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook.

ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH: Rev. Christopher Neuendorf, Our Savior's, Bottineau, ND, St. Paul, Rugby, ND, and Immanuel, Willow City, ND, presents the message, "Using Our Talents Well" (Matt. 25:14-30). *This Is the Life*: "Senior Citizen" - A man struggles with purpose and a place in life after retirement. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRP Fargo-Moorhead or watch online at www.mainstreetliving.com.

BEING RECEIVED into God's family through Holy Baptism this morning at the 10:30 a.m. service is, Chase Edward Gartner, infant son of Brandon and Shannon (Deutsch) Gartner. "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."

WE'VE STARTED SOMETHING NEW at the 10:30 a.m. service - Children's Church. Just before the sermon, parents of children ages 2-6 will be invited to bring their children to the nursery for a time of faith focused videos and activities. This time will last about 20 minutes, while the parents have an opportunity to return to worship. We are looking for at least 4 pairs of volunteers to staff this time. You will be provided with materials to use. Contact the church if you are willing to volunteer for this new ministry.

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE and sympathy is extended to Steven and Jennifer Schauland as they mourn the death of Steve's mother, Marilyn, and also to Beth and Wayne Krueger as they mourn the death of Wayne's mother, Mary Ann. We pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will grant them peace and rest from their sorrow.

PLAN TO JOIN the Fellowship Board today between services today for a reception welcoming our new members and observing Pastor Appreciation Sunday. There'll be special treats and our newest members will be introduced.

OUR BI-ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING AND POTLUCK will be held today following the 10:30 a.m. service. We have a lot on the agenda including building improvement proposals and the 2024 budget. All confirmed members age 18 and over are eligible to become voting members.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH are invited to pizza and a movie tonight from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES will be held this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. and Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m.

THE EVENING GUILD has decided to merge with the Ladies Aid. A conversion meeting to start the process and answer questions will be held on Wednesday, November 29 at 1:00 p.m. All Evening Guild and Ladies Aid members are asked to attend.

TOYS FOR GIRLS AND BOYS AND TINY TOTS: It's that time of year, when the Board of Evangelism asks for your help to with this community program. Like previous years, there will be ornaments on a tree in the Church Narthex that describe specific children; gender, age, gift requests, and family number. Please take as many ornaments (children) as you feel moved to help with, but be sure to write your name, phone number, the child's gender, age, and the family number on the sign-up sheet so we know that gifts have been returned. Please use a separate line for each ornament you take. Drop off unwrapped gifts, with the ornament attached, to the box under the tree at church by December 10.

WE NEED HELP with Sunday School program practices. There are bulletin boards in the front lobby and east hallway with sign up sheets for volunteer opportunities. Your help is appreciated!

BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM is coming up in two weeks! Tell your friends and join us on Saturday, December 2 at 9:00 a.m.

ARE YOU willing to bring your nativity scene to church to be included in the Nativity Gallery for Breakfast in Bethlehem? Please bring your sets to church any time by November 30.

THERE WILL BE a dress rehearsal for all characters, singers and musicians in our *Breakfast in Bethlehem* drama in the social hall at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 30.

IT'S TIME for our annual basket fund raiser. Baskets may be brought to the church by December 3. The last day to bid will be December 17. Proceeds will go to the building fund.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Att. - 22. Offering \$12.37.

LAST SUNDAY: Att.: 8:00 - 100. 10:30 - 57. Total - 157. Offering: Unified: \$7,228.00. Unified Electronic - \$1,036.60. Plate - \$600.80. Healthy Balance - \$100.00. Total - \$8,965.40.

NOON SERVICE: Att. - 22.