

*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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The Second Sunday in Advent

December 10, 2023

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The Sermon: "Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum"

The Text: Isaiah 40:1-11

The Opening Hymn: "Prepare the Royal Highway" LSB 343

The Sermon Hymn: "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" LSB 347

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

"Your Table I Approach" LSB 628

"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" LSB 622

The Closing Hymn: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" LSB 344

+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	Scouts	5:45 PM
Tuesday	Bible Study - <i>Limping with God</i>	8:30 AM
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM
Tuesday	Evening Guild Caroling	1:45 PM
Wednesday	Release Time Classes	8:25 AM
Wednesday	Bible Study - <i>Christmas Traditions</i>	10:30 AM
Wednesday	Advent Service/M meal	NOON
Wednesday	Sunday School Program Practice	3:30 PM
Wednesday	Confirmation	3:30 PM
Wednesday	Bell Practice	5:00 PM
Wednesday	Advent Meal - Chili	5:00 PM
Wednesday	Advent Service	6:00 PM
Thursday	Ladies Christmas Tea	1:00 PM
Thursday	Lutheran Laymen's League	7:00 PM
Saturday	Sunday School Program Rehearsal	2:00 - 4:00 PM

Next Sunday

Worship	8:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Cookies & Carols	9:30 AM
Sunday School Christmas Program	10:30 AM

TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON is "The Christmas Story, Part 2."

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 "A-T Walker" (Isaiah 40:3) with Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A wilderness can be scary, but if someone is with you who knows the way out, you're not really lost.

ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH: Rev. Richard Jones, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, ND, presents the message: "Comfort Comfort for the People of God" based on Isaiah 40:1-11. *This Is the Life:* "Red Boots for Christmas" - A shoemaker learns the true meaning of Christmas. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRN Fargo-Moorhead or watch online at www.mainstreetliving.com, "North (Fargo)."

CHECK OUT children's church at the 10:30 a.m. service. 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 lasts 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.

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!

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY is extended to Marlene Pike and family as they mourn the passing of her father, Cecil Cordahl, to Twyla Tokle as she mourns the loss of her sister, Bonnie, and to Tim Wheeler and family as they mourn the loss of his brother, Mike. We pray that they would find peace and comfort in the presence and promises of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

COME CAROLING with the Evening Guild on Tuesday, December 12. We meet at church at 1:45 p.m. (Note the time change), go caroling and return to church for an appetizer potluck.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE for 1-6 grade continues this Wednesday. There will be a dress rehearsal practice for all children from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 16.

ADVENT SERVICES continue this Wednesday with a service at noon followed by a meal served by the Ladies Aid. The LLL will serve chili at 5:00 p.m. with worship at 6:00 p.m. Our theme is "The Emperor's New Clothes."

ALL LADIES are invited to a Christmas tea on Thursday, December 14 at 1:00 p.m. This is a brand new event that is taking the place of the annual Ladies Aid Christmas potluck. You don't need to bring anything but yourself!

COOKIES AND CAROLS: Sunday, December 17 between services we will sing our favorite carols and indulge in our favorite cookies! Please bring a dozen or two of your favorite cookies or candy. The Board of Fellowship will make up gift packages of goodies and deliver them to our shut-ins.

BASKET FUNDRAISER: We have a number of great baskets this year! The last day to bid will be December 17. Proceeds will go to the building fund.

"JOY" - the Sunday School's Christmas program, will be presented next Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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. Return your form and donation to the office by December 17. The luminary information will be printed for Christmas Eve.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Att. - 25. Offering - \$10.96.

LAST SUNDAY: Att.: 8:00 - 119. 10:30 - 70. Total - 189. Offering: Unified: \$5,060.00. Unified Electronic - \$1,882.33. Plate - \$780.00. Healthy Balance - \$100.00. Breakfast in Bethlehem - \$100.00. Thanksgiving - \$35.00. Total - \$7,957.33.

ADVENT 12/6: Att. Noon - 56. 6:00 p.m. - 50. Offering: Unified - \$1,085.00. Plate - \$40.00. Advent - \$800.00. Christmas - \$25.00. Healthy Balance - \$250.00. Building Fund - \$50.00. Memorial - \$50.00 (given in memory of Marilyn Schauland). Breakfast in Bethlehem - \$20.00. Total - \$2,320.00.

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