

*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 Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 24, 2023

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The Sermon: "The Promise is Delivered"

The Text: Luke 1:26-38

The Anthem: "Joy to the World"

Sarah Kaufenberg & Jillian Neubauer

The Opening Hymn: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" LSB 398

The Sermon Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB 357
(Vs. 2-7)

The Communion Hymns:
"Jesus Comes Today with Healing" LSB 620
"The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" (Insert)

The Closing Hymn:
"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" LSB 350

+Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 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	Christmas Day Communion Service	9:00 AM
Saturday	Jacob Lof Eagle Scout Court of Honor	1:00 PM

Next Sunday - New Year's Eve

Worship	9:00 AM
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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given in thanks to God for the gift of our loved ones and especially for the gift of our Savior.

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 "Community and Conversation" (John 1:1) with Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH: Rev. Matthew Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, presents the Christmas message. *This Is the Life:* "Christmas on Main Street" - The Christmas message at a mission brings a grandson and his grandfather together. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRP Fargo-Moorhead or watch online at www.mainstreetliving.com, "North (Fargo)."

COME CELEBRATE the birth of Jesus with us at our Christmas Eve services today at 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. We will have one service with communion at 9:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. Worship Christ, the newborn King!

WE WILL HAVE only one worship service December 31 at 9:00 a.m. No Sunday School, Bible Class or coffee time.

IF YOU GET THE ENTERPRISE Betsy Vrudny would appreciate it if you could give her your December 23 copy. She has a Christmas story in it and would like to share copies with her family. You can drop them off at the church. Thank you!

THANK YOU for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, and calls after the death of my sister. Feeling all the love and support made it all easier. God bless you all - ***Twyla Tokle***

USHERS FOR 2024 are needed. Please sign up on the sheet by the choir loft stairs.

THE 2024 FLOWER CHART is posted in the front lobby. If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on one or more Sundays, please sign up on the chart.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW or start a new Lutheran Witness subscription. The cost is \$27.65 and is due by January 20. There is a special Lutheran Witness envelope in your offering packet. **Please put your name and address on the back of the envelope** to help us double check for correct address information.

CRAZY FOR CRIBBAGE is becoming a twice a month event on the first and third Sundays starting January 7 at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. If you are new to cribbage and would like to learn how it's played, we'll teach you.

UN-DECK THE HALLS: On Monday, January 8, we will take down the Christmas decorations starting at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and treats will be served. Please join us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Att. - 25. Offering - \$20.00.

LAST SUNDAY: Att.: 8:00 - 110. 10:30 -131. Total - 241.
Offering: Unified: \$4,250.00. Unified Electronic - \$802.63. Plate - \$2,411.00. Healthy Balance - \$50.00. Advent - \$140.00. Christmas Eve - \$10.00. Christmas - \$10.00. New Year's Eve - \$10.00. Ladies Aid Gift - \$40.00. Luminaries - \$20.00. Total - \$7,743.63.

ADVENT 12/20: Att. Noon - 66. 6:00 p.m. - 45. Total - 111.
Offering: Unified - \$410.00. Plate - \$260.00. Advent - \$705.00. Christmas Eve - \$30.00. Christmas Day - \$160.00. New Year's Eve - \$50.00. Total - \$1,615.00.