

*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 First Sunday after Christmas**

December 31, 2023

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**The Sermon: "The Fullness of Time"**

**The Text: Galatians 4:4-7**

**The Opening Hymn:**

*"Once He Came in Blessing"*

LSB 333

**The Sermon Hymn:**

*"Now Great the Swiftly Changing Year"*

LSB 896

**The Te Deum:**

*"Let All Together Praise Our God"*

LSB 389

**The Closing Hymn:**

*"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"*

LSB 937

**This Week at St. Johns**

Monday	Happy New Year - Office Closed	
Tuesday	Bible Study	8:30 AM
Tuesday	Board Meetings	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Release Time	8:25 AM
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 AM
Wednesday	Communion Service	NOON
Wednesday	Confirmation	3:30 PM
Thursday	Scouts	6:00 PM

**Next Sunday**

Worship	8:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Bible Class	9:30 AM
Worship (Comm.)	10:30 AM
Crazy for Cribbage	2:00 PM

**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 "Of Entrances and Exits" (Luke 2:27-28) with guest speaker, Rev. Dr. John Nunes.

**ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH:** Rev. Philip Beyersdorf, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Minot, ND, presents the message: "Impatient Assumptions" based on Luke 2:22-40. *This Is the Life:* "Burden Made Light" - The housekeeper helps a family through the struggle of an increasingly sick child. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRR Fargo-Moorhead or You can donate to Main Street Living on Giving Hearts Day (February 8) by pre-scheduling a donation at [www.GivingHeartsDay.org](http://www.GivingHeartsDay.org).

**2024 OFFERING ENVELOPE PACKETS** are available in the front lobby. Please note that envelope numbers were reassigned this year as we decreased the number of packets we purchase. If you cannot find yours, please check with the church office.

**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.

**BIBLE STUDY CLASSES** on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. will resume this week.

**NOON COMMUNION SERVICES** will begin again this Wednesday.

**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!

**IT'S TIME TO RENEW** or start a new Lutheran Witness subscription. The cost is \$27.65 and is due by January 27. 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.

**JANUARY ACOLYTES:** 8:00 - (1/7) Mellaney Hall & Sophia Neubauer. (1/14) Ava Kimball & Clinton Koch. (1/21) Sophia Neubauer & Rozaley Hall. (1/28) Kolt Safratowich & Hayden Hafner. 10:30 - (1/7) Taylor Arola & Hannah Arola. (1/14) Walter Harrison & Kiften Luther. (1/21) Taylor Arola & Hannah Arola. (1/28) Mellaney Hall & Wyatt Goodwater.

**JANUARY ALTAR GUILD:** Karen VanDeVenter.

**LAST SUNDAY:** Att.: 9:00 - 84. Offering: Unified: \$4,785.00. Unified Electronic - \$1,392.80. Plate - \$220.00. Christmas Eve - \$130.00. Electronic Sign (given in memory of Mary Ann Krueger) - \$270.00. Total - \$6,797.80.

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** Att. 2:00 p.m. - 217. 5:30 p.m. - 165. Total - 382. Offering: Unified - \$1,553.00. Plate - \$632.00. Christmas Eve - \$2,865.00. Christmas Day - \$255.00. Total - \$5,305.00.

**CHRISTMAS DAY:** Att. 9:00 a.m. - 59. Offering: Plate - \$160.00. Christmas Eve - \$320.00. Christmas - \$80.00. Lutheran Witness - \$27.65. Total - \$587.65.

*Wishing you God's peace and blessing in 2024!*