

*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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Epiphany

January 7, 2024

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The Sermon: "Measuring Wisdom"

The Text: Matthew 2:1-12

The Opening Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" LSB 367

The Hymn of Praise: "Gloria" LSB 154

The Sermon Hymn: "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"
LSB 399

The Communion Hymns: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" LSB 374
"The Infant Priest" (Insert)

The Closing Hymn: "As with Gladness Men of Old" LSB 397

+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	Christmas Undecorating	9:00 AM
Tuesday	Bible Study	8:30 AM
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM
Wednesday	Release Time	8:25 AM
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 AM
Wednesday	Communion Service	NOON
Wednesday	Confirmation	3:30 PM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	5:00 PM
Thursday	Ladies Aid	1:00 PM
Thursday	Lutheran Laymen League	7:00 PM

Next Sunday

Worship (Comm.)	8:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Bible Class	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Scouts	4:00 PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The lesson for today is "The Fall of Jericho." Just a reminder, our offerings are collected each week to assist in raising funds for Lutheran Island Camp to purchase a new Lily Pad and other waterfront equipment. We welcome parents to join Bible study in the social hall during the Sunday School hour. Substitute teachers are needed.

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 "As We Forgive" with speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Zeigler discusses forgiveness--what it is and what it isn't. (Matthew 6:12; Luke 11:4)

ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH: Rev. Arie Bertsch, President of the ND District, LCMS, presents the message: "Anchored in Christ" based on Mark 1:4-11. *This Is the Life:* "The Other Wiseman" - Another Magi, making his journey to the Christ child, encounters others and shows kindness along the way. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRP Fargo-Moorhead or watch online at www.mainstreetliving.com, "North(Fargo)." Join us on Giving Hearts Day (Feb 8) with a donation to Main Street Living. You can pre-schedule a donation at 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.

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available in the front lobby.

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.

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.

CRAZY FOR CRIBBAGE is becoming a twice a month event on the first and third Sundays starting today 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: Tomorrow, 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 - 165. Offering: Unified: \$5,533.00. Unified Electronic - \$300.63. Plate - \$331.00. Christmas Eve - \$100.00. New Year's Eve - \$615.00. Building Fund - \$2,020.00 (\$20.00 given in memory of Marilyn Schauland). Healthy Balance - \$400.00 (\$100.00 given in memory of Jake Yliniemi). Lutheran Witness - \$27.65. Total - \$9,327.28.

NOON COMMUNION SERVICE: Att: 18.