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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Day

9:30 a.m. WORSHIP

Pastor Stephen Hilding

WELCOME VISITORS.

***IF YOU ARE SEEKING A NEW CHURCH HOME,
PLEASE CONSIDER FIRST LUTHERAN***

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

For All the Saints

LBW 174



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 You were their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
7 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the



all who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
you, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
saints . . . tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;



your name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
you, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
the King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy God,

C we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation.

We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.

We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.

We are not awake to the coming of your reign.

Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.

Amen.

P Inherit the riches of God's grace.

✝ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.

You are forgiven.

Blessed are you.

C Amen.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. *The assembly is seated.*

PRESENTATION OF THIRD GRADE BIBLES and CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen Hilding

(All kids age 3 up to 5th grade are welcome at Sunday School whether they are registered or not! If they are new and are anxious about going, parents are welcome to come and join!)

Ingrid Charlotte Ellis Jacqueline Conway Evelyn Rose Carnes

Iver David Geltel Liam James Beyer

FIRST READING

REVELATION 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.
³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

A The Word of the Lord.

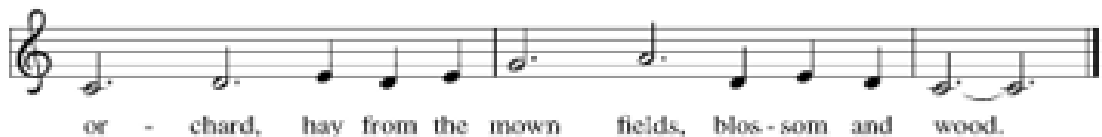
C Thanks be to God.

Please stand to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and Thanksgiving

LBW 409



Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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HOLY GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION

Pastor Stephen Hilding



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 bow are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900

Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

[A] United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

[A] Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,

[C] Hear our prayer

[A] Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,

[C] Hear our prayer

A Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness especially those we name at this time. God, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

A With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors

Ardean Aafedt	Chad Fernholz	Doris Lindvig	Leonard Porter
Betty Salo Anderson	Charlotte Flexhaug	Larry Lynne	Rich Resell
Laurie Carl	Sherry Germundson	Bonnie MacMaster Andersen	Dora Rolfstad
Paul Clark	Kim Hanson	David W. Nelson	Betty Russo
Carl Dahl	Opal Holte	Richard Nelson	Jane Slocum
Orlynn Dahl	Jane Innis	Audrey Olson	Opal Smith
Elizabeth Darr	Toni Jorgenson	Eleanor Olson	Adrienne Stepanek
Wanda Dokken	Kari Lee	Jeff Olson	James Stokke
Ron Erdmann	Dale Livdahl	JoAnn Olson	Jean Tande

A Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C Amen.

PEACE

A The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please share Christ's peace with those around you.

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

(The offering is a part of our service when God's people respond to His goodness with gifts to support God's work in the world. Malachi 3:10 promises us that our 10% tithe of our wealth will not go unrewarded, and we are encouraged to give offerings above the tithe. An offering is not expected of our guests, but if you consider First Lutheran to be your church home, know that all your gifts support ministries both locally and globally.)



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

OFFERING *Please stand.*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Words of Institution

THE LORDS PRAYER

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

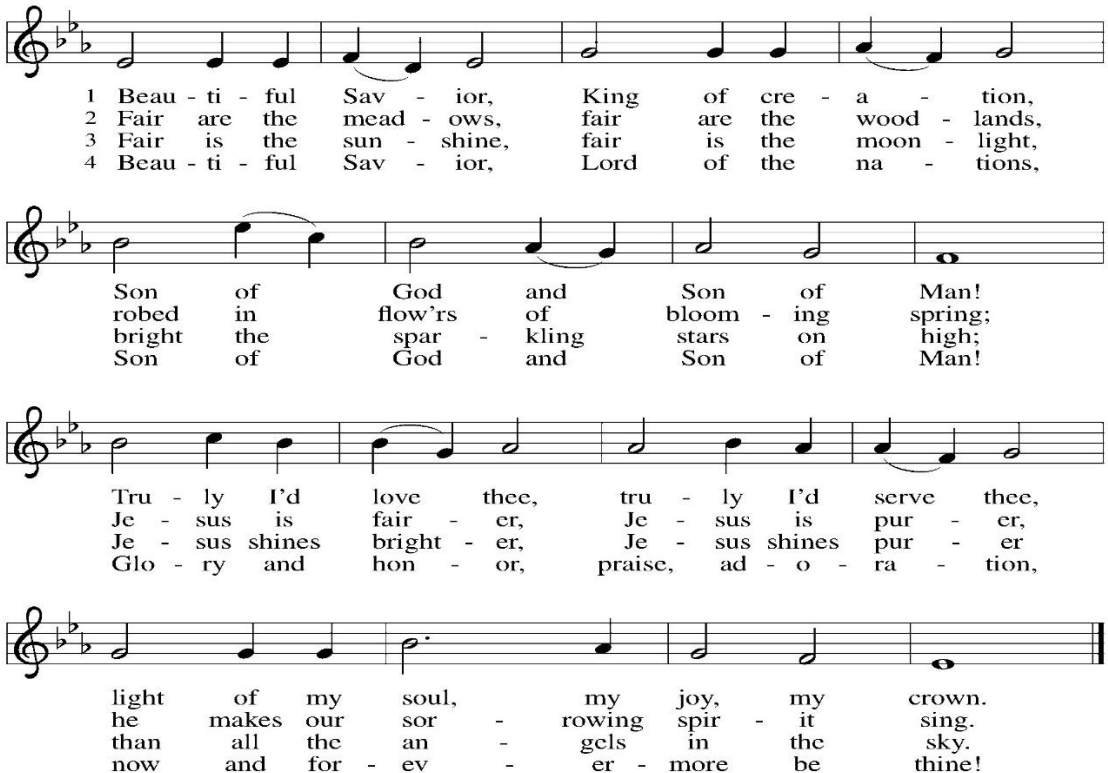
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ MUSIC

Please stand

Beautiful Savior

LBW 518



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,
Son of in God flow'rs and of Son of Man!
robed in the spar - kling stars on high;
bright the Son of Man! of God and Son of Man!
Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown,
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing,
than all the an - gels in the sky,
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

Oh, When The Saints Go Marching In



1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
 Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
 new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
 gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that



num-ber when the saints go march - ing in.
 num-ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
 num-ber when the new world is re - vealed.
 num-ber when they gath - er round the throne.

DISMISSAL

P Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C Thanks be to God.

Remember our Mission:

“The Mission of FLC is

To share God’s Love by Engaging, Inspiring and Renewing.”

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CROSS TALK

You are welcome to experience God's love here at First Lutheran, where our lives are changed by the promises God has made to us through Jesus Christ. We pray that the Holy Spirit will profoundly engage you as we worship our Lord, together!

Hearing transmitters are available at the Main Street entry. If you need assistance, ask one of the ushers or greeters. Please return the transmitter after worship.

If you are interested in electronic giving, please contact the church's Financial Admin, Randi Jangula, at 572-6363 or office@flcwilliston.com.

Help us help you! If you or a family member is hospitalized or homebound and need a visit, please contact the church office. We have no way of knowing unless you speak up.

Restroom locations - Downstairs at church entrance, in north & south hallways to Fellowship Hall. A handicapped facility is near the door to the big kitchen.

CHILDREN & YOUTH REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

**Parents the online registration
form is available now!**

**Please use the online registration
form to register for: Sunday
School, Wednesday School,
Confirmation and Youth Group.**



Student Registration:

- Register here by scanning the QR Code



WELCA – Thank Offering

**Sunday – November 8th, 2026
9:30 am Worship Service**

Envelopes are available at the reception desk and were mailed with the November LAOS Letter.



**Today's Radio Broadcast
is in memory of
Doris Lindvig and is
given by her daughter,
Jean Lindvig**

Pastor	Stephen Hilding
Deacon	Lynea Geinert
Director of Worship & Music	Anthony Morris
Vocalists	Gospel Choir
Our Saviors	Cindy Gardner
Sound Tech	Zach Myhrer
Greeter	Marilyn Sandaker
Ushers	Charlie Tanner, Linda Tanner
Reader	Jean Lindvig
Coffee Hour	
Communion Servers	

Help Needed!!

**We need volunteers to help with the
radio broadcast on Sunday
mornings!!**

**With a little bit of training, you will
be good to go.**

***Text Zach Myher for more
Information!***

WELCA has cards available at the
reception desk for Ministry
Appreciation Month.

Quarterly Devotionals are available at
the reception desk and in the narthex.
These are free and available for
everyone.

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Day

9:30 am Worship Service -S

9:45 am Sunday School

10:30 am Coffee Hour

Monday, November 2

8:00 am Pastor's/Lay Preachers Text Study

11:30 am WELCA Board MTG - P

6:30 – 9:00 pm Concert Chorale - P

7 pm Scouts - FH

Tuesday, November 3

7 am Men's Bible Study Gramma Sharon's

1 pm Staff Meeting – MR

5 pm Executive Committee

6:30 pm Personnel Committee

Wednesday, November 4

11:30 am WELCA General Mtg - P

2 pm -Women's Bible Study P

5:30 PM meal - FH

6:00 pm contemporary worship – C

Wed school students are dismissed to class following worship camp song.

6:45 pm Confirmation

Thursday, November 5

10 am - Coffee Group - P

Noon – Men in Mission

1:30 pm Pray, Knit, Chat – P

6 pm –Cub Scouts Mtg - YR

Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 7

Sunday, November 8

ThankOffering

9:30 am Worship

9:45 Sunday School

10:30 Children's Sunday School Christmas music practice with Anthony

10:30 am Coffee Hour

Prayer for healing and comfort:

Jean Lewis,

Sandra Robertson Johnson

Tara Gratz,

Ron Raymond,

and Sawyer Smith

Sympathy and Prayers

For the family and friends of Betty Anderson

Military Service Members

Tayder Jones, Isaac Haugen,

Lars Conway, Cecilio Benn, Jorn Everson

Prayer List Updates?

Please look at the prayer list.

Those listed on the Prayer list will remain there for a period of four (4) weeks unless a request is received to be removed earlier. More info?

Call 701-572-6363

Week of

October 25–October 30

Weekly Giving - \$6,561

Attendance

Sunday, October 25 - 98

- **Wednesday, October - 70**

- **168- DISCIPLES** were sent out in God's name to make a difference. We go out to do the same this week.

STEWARDSHIP

It's all about gratitude.
It's all about giving back
It's all about God.

Direct – Cash or check donation
into the plate, always welcome!

Online – Make a donation on
our website:

www.flcwilliston.com

Text to Donate – Make a donation via
Text message.

Simply text the word “Give” to
833-934-3039

Click on the link in the response
and follow the prompts to
complete your donation!



Tithe.ly Church App –

Search “Tithe.ly Church App” in your
phone App Store or Google Play.

Simply download and find

First Lutheran Church, Williston ND

Click on the Give button.

First Lutheran Church

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Membership

Are you curious about becoming a
member of First **Lutheran Church** or
learning more about our faith, mis-
sion, and community? We would love
to talk with you!

☎ *Church Office Phone 572-6363*

✉ *Pastor Stephen's Email:*
stephen@flcwilliston.com

We look forward to getting to know
you and walking together in faith.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 4

11:30 am General WELCA Mtg - P

5:30 pm Potluck Meal Served by WELCA – FH

6:00 pm Worship

Wednesday School students dismissed to call
following Worship Camp Song

6:45 pm Confirmation

Sunday, November 8

9:30 am WELCA ThankOffering

Wednesday, November 18

9:30 am Faith Circle - P

Saturday, November 21

10 am Hope Circle - P

Sunday, November 22

Christ the King Sunday

10:30 am Turkey Bingo – FH

Wednesday, November 25

6 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service

NO Wed School/or confirmation

Sunday, December 13

9:30 am Sunday School

Christmas Program

10:30 am Gingerbread - FH

House family activity

2 pm Williston Chorale Concert - S

**Don't forget our Radio
Broadcast's
in honor or memory
of your loved ones!!!**



**THE GOSPEL CHOIR
GROUP IS HOLDING
PRACTICE**

- All are welcome!
- On the 2nd Sunday of each month the Gospel Choir practices in the parlor before the 9:30 am Worship Service.
- On the 3rd Sunday of each month, the Gospel Choir sings in church.
- *Contact Karla Osborn at*
- *(701) 570-3987 for more info.*

**Lutefisk & Meatball
Dinner**

**Sunday, November 1st
4 – 7 pm
American Lutheran Church
401 1st St SW
Stanley-ND**

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who serves as volunteers on Sundays, Wednesdays, and the many activities during the week. There are many opportunities.

We have an immediate need for two individuals to each work at the reception desk One (1) Thursday afternoon a month.

Please call the office 701-570-6363 if you would like to know more about volunteer opportunities at First Lutheran.



**MEN IN MISSION
Thursday, November 6- Parlor
Noon – MEAL AND SPEAKER
All men are welcome!**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS REMINDER

**There is a meal served before church services on
Wednesday each Week unless otherwise noted.**

*Once a month, on the first Wednesday,
will be a POTLUCK for the
congregation to participate in.*

**Wednesday, November 4 will be served by
WELCA**

Please join us for the meal at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:00 pm

As we approach the Advent and Christmas Season we think of traditions. It is a tradition at First Lutheran Church to display many poinsettias around the altar during the Christmas season. If you would like to share a poinsettia, either in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person, it will be placed with others for the Christmas services and then it is yours to take home AFTER THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE. Each plant purchased this year comes in a 6-inch covered pot for **\$20.00**. **PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND BRING IT IN OR MAIL IT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE**

ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 29TH. PLEASE PRINT!!!

YOUR NAME: _____

Attached is \$ _____ for _____ plants.



In Honor of:

In Memory of:



WOMEN OF FIRST LUTHERAN – You are cordially invited to WELCA semi-annual Meeting for food, fellowship, business meeting and guest speaker.

Wednesday, November 4th 11:30 am Lunch. Speaker: Jonathan from Providence House and two women clients. Business Meeting to follow.



100th

OSCAR QUARNE IS
TURNING ONE HUNDRED

*Join us for lunch
and cake to celebrate!*

Saturday, November 28th, 2026

Noon - 3:00pm

First Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

Williston, ND

Ruth Gunlikson – 95th Birthday

December 6, 10:30 am

during Coffee Hour – Fellowship Hall

The fellowship hour following the 9:30 am Worship service on December 6th will be hosted by the daughters of Ruth Gunlikson in honor of Ruth's 95th birthday. Please join us to share stories and enjoy a cup of coffee and a piece of cake to celebrate this special day!

Student Name: _____

Confirmation Sermon Notes Sunday, November 1

Matthew 5:1-12 | All Saints Sunday | 3rd Grade Bibles

1. Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Martin Luther taught that we cannot earn God's love or save ourselves. Why do you think Jesus calls people blessed not when they are strong and powerful, but when they know they need God?

2. Martin Luther taught that Christians are both a "saint" and a "sinner" at the same time. Because of Christ, God calls us saints and forgives our sins, yet we still struggle and fall short every day. How does this Lutheran understanding of being both a saint and a sinner help you think differently about yourself and other people?

3. Today our 3rd graders receive Bibles. How can reading God's Word help someone live as one of God's blessed people in the world?

4. According to Jesus, blessing doesn't always look like happiness, popularity, or success. Where do you see God's blessing and promise showing up in difficult times or hard situations?



Advent Sermon Series

WEDNESDAY ADVENT MEALS & SERVICES –
MEAL 5:30 PM ADVENT SERVICE 6 PM CHAPEL
DECEMBER 2- DECEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 16

Christmas is coming Soon!

Watch your bulletins and Facebook for details!



Cocoa & Cookies– We are planning to welcome the community again by offering Cocoa and Cookies Friday, November 27 starting at 5 pm. The public will be invited into the Narthex to warm up a bit as the parade passes.

Helpers are needed make cocoa and serve cocoa and cookies. Sign-up sheets will be available at the reception desk.

Donations of baked cookies will be accepted. and we will have a cookie baking day Tuesday, November 17th.

Baking Day – We will have a cookie baking day on Tuesday, November 17.

Church Decorating — Come prepared to help decorate the sanctuary, fellowship hall and Parlor Sunday November 29th after 9:30 am Worship

Dec. 7 - Potato peeling for lefse

Dec. 8 Flatbread/Lefse Bake

Dec. 12 – 1 pm Pie and Coffee

Dec. 12 – 2 pm Bake Sale

Dec. 13 – 9:30 am Sunday.School Program

Dec. 13 – 10:30 am Gingerbread Houses - FH

Dec. 13 – 2:00 pm Williston Chorale Concert

Dec. 24 – 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service - S

Dec. 24 - 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service - C