



First Lutheran Church

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Sunday, December 12, 2021 · 10:45 AM · 3rd Sunday in Advent

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Light One Candle...

ELW #240 vs. 3

- 3 Light three candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.

GATHERING SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW #257 v. 5 & 6

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Refrain

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P/C: God for whom we wait, **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

P/C: Loving God, **receive this offering for the building up of your kingdom: the proclamation of your word and the loving of our neighbor. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

He Shall Reign Forevermore

In the bleak midwinter all creation groans,
for a world in darkness, frozen like a stone.
Light is breaking, in a stable for a throne.

**Chorus: And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
Unto us a Child is born, the King of kings and Lord of Lords.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.**

If I were a wise man, I would travel far.
If I were a shepherd, I would do my part,
but poor as I am, I will give to Him my heart. **Chorus**

Here within a manger lies the One who made the starry skies,
this Baby born for sacrifice, Christ, the Messiah!
Into our hopes, into our fears, the Savior of the world appears,
the Promise of eternal years. Christ, the Messiah!

He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore. **Chorus**

He shall reign. He shall reign. He shall reign.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CONCERTS—Wednesdays in Advent concert series is back! First Lutheran will host the Wednesdays in Advent series of mini-concerts for the season of Advent. Concert dates and times are December 15, & 22 from 12:05 PM to 12:30 PM each week. Musical performances will be given by a variety of area Musicians. Concerts will be offered both in person, and online through live streaming. Masks are recommended for in person concerts. These concerts are free and open to the public! All are welcome to attend!

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS NOW! - The Advent and Christmas season is made more beautiful when the church is filled with beautiful poinsettias. If you would like to share flowers, please complete a form, located in the church office, or on the table in the narthex. Cost is \$12 per plant. Order deadline is December 14th.

CHRISTMAS AT OUR HOUSE has been an important First Lutheran Church ministry for many years (until last year when Covid didn't allow us to offer this). We provide a full Christmas dinner, prepared at First Lutheran, and served to anyone in our community, at no cost. We distribute it after our Christmas Day Worship Service. This year we'd plan to make the dinner available as a curb-side pick-up, or a delivery to local people unable to pick it up. Volunteers are needed to co-chair this ministry with Jim McCormack, and prepare, distribute, deliver and clean up on Christmas Day. Families are welcome to volunteer! If you're interested, contact Jim at jkmdvm@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE—The Christmas Angel Tree Is Here! - Choose an angel from the tree in the commons before December 17th, write down your choice in the book, return the wrapped gift...and help others in our community!!

JUBILATE CHOIR CANTATA—The Jubilate Choir Cantata will be on Sunday, December 19 at both the 8:30 and 10:45 Worship Services. Please join us!

CHRISTMAS TREAT SALE—On Sunday, December 19 during the fellowship hour, the WFLC will be selling Christmas treats to fundraise for various causes in the community and around the world. They are looking for individuals willing to donate treats for them to sell. If you have treats to donate, please drop them off at the church on Friday, December 17 or Saturday, December 18 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES— 3 PM Contemporary Worship, 4 to 5 PM Live Nativity, 5 PM Contemporary Worship, 6 PM Radio Broadcast Service on KDLM and 8 PM Traditional Candlelight Service.

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE—11 PM Worship Service.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING CANCELLED—Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions at local nursing homes, we are unable to do our annual Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 15. Instead we will serve a meal starting at 5:15 PM with a family movie beginning at 6 PM. We will be screening The Polar Express. Stay tuned to the FLC Facebook page, Emma's emails and texts for more information!

HOMELESS AND FIRE VICTIM NEEDS—All furniture, baby girl essentials & space heater.

REMEMBER TO CHECK FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES—Please signup to volunteer for the many ministries of FLC at the Volunteer Table downstairs.

WELCOME BABY GIGSTEAD—Congrats to parents Daniel and Serena Gigstead for the birth of their baby boy Knox Daniel Gigstead born on November 29th.

Welcome Visitor!

Date of Visit: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I am a guest of: _____ I am a member of: _____

I am interested in learning more about First Lutheran Church.

Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake
Opal Hanson
Ruth Balega
Pam Magee
Beverly Elletson
Tae Sun Nygaard
Robb Flint
Brandon Goff
Nadine Sagen
Gene Prechel
Baby Ella
Frank Diaz
Nick & Family
Jim Mott
Del Hultgren
Marcia Otte
Jan Fingalson
Lyle Leegard
Bob Jernberg
Melvin

Prayers of Comfort to the family of

Cleo Hames
Josie Huseby,
Mother of Betty Schroeder
Ron Smedshammer,
brother of Grace Dunham

Names are kept on the prayer list for 3 weeks; please update the office, if you wish to remain on the list longer.

Join Us For Worship

Radio—Broadcast on KDLM 1340-AM and 93.1-FM at 10:00 AM.

Webcast—Services are live-streamed on firstlutheranchurch.com

In Person—In the sanctuary Sundays at 8:30 AM or 10:45 AM & Wednesdays at 6 PM.

Television—On Saturdays at 9:00 AM on Arvig Cable channel 14.