



First Lutheran Church

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Sunday, December 5, 2021 · 8:30 AM · 2nd Sunday of Advent

WELCOME

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & HYMN

Light One Candle

ELW #240 vs. 2

- 2 Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.

GATHERING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW #257 vs. 3 & 4

- 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

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

- 4 O come, O Branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. **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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW #264, vs 1 & 4

- 1 Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:

Refrain: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

- 4 His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: **Refrain**

RESPONSIVE PSALM*Psalm 112:5-10*

R: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

C: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

R: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

C: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

R: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

C: The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MESSAGE*Angels From the Realms of Glory—arr. by Kevin McChesney*

Alleluia Ringers

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

ELW #249 vs. 5

All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent
has our freedom won, whom with the Father
we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

GOSPEL READING*Matthew 10:8*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. Joe Skogmo

HYMN OF THE DAY*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

ELW #254

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.
- 2 Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

STATEMENT OF FAITH*Apostles' Creed*

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF PEACE**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.

COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's 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 the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

C: Gracious God, at this table you have nourished our body and soul with food and drink. As you have been food and drink for us, transform us to be food and drink for one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Blessed Be the God of Israel

ELW #250

- 1 Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.
- 2 With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.
- 3 My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

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.

Donate via text—Text amount with \$ sign to 218-228-0042. *(requires a one-time setup)*

Donate online at www.firstlutheranchurch.com/give

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.

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 8, 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.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STORE—**WE WILL** be having the Children's Christmas Store this year on Saturday, December 11. If your children would like to come shop, or you know someone who would benefit from this wonderful ministry, please pre-register via the link on the FLC website. **We are still in need of small & medium gift bags and tissue paper.**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—We will be having our Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 12 at the 10:45 Worship Service. There will be practice for the program on Saturday, December 11 from 1 PM to 3 PM.

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. 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.

SAVE THE DATE—Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 15!

RUTH CIRCLE— The Ruth Circle will potluck Thursday, December 9 at 11:30 AM at Sharon Wesbrook's home. To share a ride, please meet at the church parking lot at 11:15 AM.

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.



Prayers for God's People

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

Prayers of Comfort to the family of

Cleo Hames
Josie Huseby,
Mother of Betty Schroeder
Audrey Anderson,
Sister of Marvella Epema
Ordell Krogstad,
father of Sue Schaffer
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.