



# First Lutheran Church

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Wednesday, January 10, 2024 · 6 PM · Baptism of Our Lord

# WELCOME

*Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.*

## GATHERING SONG

*His Name is Jesus*

## INVOCATION

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P/C: Have mercy on us, O God. **We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy, often at the expense of our neighbor. Give us the courage to be generous like you are generous, to be merciful as you are merciful, and to love as you love. Amen.**

## GOSPEL

*Mark 1:4-11*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**  
P: The Gospel of Our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pr. Joe Skogmo

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

## SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

## NOISY OFFERING

*Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota*

**December Noisy Offering total was \$1,421.72 going towards The FLC Agape Fund. THANK YOU!**

## OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

## COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

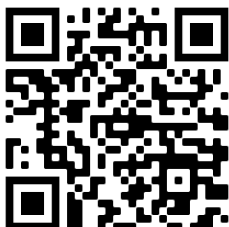
Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

## BENEDICTION

## SENDING SONG

*This Little Light of Mine*

## SENDING



### Ways to Give

**ONLINE:** [firstlutheranchurch.com](http://firstlutheranchurch.com)—One-time, weekly, monthly or quarterly. Checking, savings or credit card. *(fees associated with credit card usage)*

**TEXT:** 218-228-3228—Text your donation amount to the number listed above & follow instructions that are texted to you. (We suggest you add the phone number above as a contact in your phone for future use.)

**CHECK/CASH:** 912 Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATIONAL HISTORICAL FORUM**—In recognition of Martin Luther King Day, Social Justice, and Social Injustice, the FLC Adult Faith Formation Team has invited Carl Oberholtzer to present an “Educational Historical Forum” in the FLC Library at 9:30 AM on Sunday, January 21. Plan to attend this informative documentary – coffee and pastries will be provided! Oberholtzer’s documentary, which he co-wrote and co-produced, is based on a Civil Rights Story, “The Road to Little Rock”, which tells of nine teenagers and one judge who demonstrated enduring positive human qualities of courage, honor, determination, and responsibility. The story begins in 1957 as nine African-American teenagers sought enrollment at an all-white high school in Little Rock, Arkansas. In 1957 many school districts continued to ignore the 1954 US Supreme Court ruling of Brown vs Board of Education, which declared that segregation in public schools was unconstitutional. Viewers will witness the courage and determination demonstrated by the “Little Rock Nine” who sought to attend the high school of their choice. Social Justice refers to the fair and equitable distribution of resources, opportunities, and privileges in society – fairness in healthcare, employment, housing, and more. In a Socially-Just society, human rights are respected, and discrimination is not allowed to flourish. Social Justice is also about ensuring that everyone has equal economic, political, and social rights and opportunities. Join Carl as he presents this Emmy Award Winning Documentary followed by a discussion linking the events which unfolded in 1957 with contemporary issues and challenges.

**EDUCATIONAL HISTORICAL FORUM #2**—Come to the FLC Library Sunday, January 28 at 9:30 AM and join Carl Oberholtzer as he presents the documentary, “The MISSION of Herman Stern”. Coffee and pastries will be provide “The MISSION of Herman Stern” tells the story of an amazing individual who, from his clothing store in Valley City, North Dakota, saved the lives of 125 German Jews. These individuals would have faced persecution and death at the hands of the Nazi government in Germany if they had not found refuge in the United States. Many of us have heroes in our lives: family members, mentors, teachers, coaches, neighbors, sports figures . . . each of us has our own criteria for what constitutes heroic action. “The MISSION of Howard Stern” provides a glimpse into what the activities of a true hero from North Dakota look like. Join Carl as he presents this Award Winning Documentary followed by a discussion linking the events which unfolded during the 1930s with contemporary issues and challenges.

**CHRISTMAS STORE DONATIONS**—Thank you to all who donated and help make this years Christmas Store a success! Now that this year’s Christmas Store is over, we begin thinking of next year. We take donations year round! Just a reminder that right after Christmas is a great time to get Christmas wrap and other necessary items on sale! Any donations can be dropped off in the church office.

**WFLC DONATIONS**—Thanks to your generous donations the women of FLC were able to ship the following items in our December shipment to Lutheran World Relief. 83 Quilts, 10 Personal Care Kits, 20 Baby Kits, 47 School Kits, and 30 Blessing Bags. The FLC quilters also donated 25 quilts to the food pantry and local needs. The blanket drive collected 21 items that were given to the crisis shelter and Becker County Food Shelf. Thank you all!

**CIRLCE MEETING**—Ruth Circle will meet Thursday, January 11 at 1:30 PM in the Dining Room. Each member, please bring six Christmas treats for lunch.

### Prayers for God’s People

Brent Blake  
Joe Morrison  
Dale Pepelnjak  
Bill Wegscheid  
Judy Ford  
Kathy Lampton  
Lisa Weber  
Dave Nustad  
LeeAnn Hanson  
Bruce Stone  
Isaak Berg  
Sue Visker  
Ashley Anderson  
& Family  
Liz Mathison  
Gill Gigstead  
Dick Dahlin  
Becky Amdahl  
Gene Prechel  
Brandon Pittenger  
B.R.  
David  
Brian

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

### CREATION CARE NOTE

COP 28 stands for the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Climate Change Conferences. It was convened from 11/30/2023 through 12/12/2023 in Dubai with the intent to agree on ways to limit the effects of the climate crisis.

**Welcome Visitor!**

Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I’m a guest of: \_\_\_\_\_ I’m a member of: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in learning more about First Lutheran Church.