



# First Lutheran Church

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**Sunday, December 26, 2021 • 10:45 AM • 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

*On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." It is Christmas, still.*

## GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION

### GATHERING SONG

*Emmanuel God with Us*

Go tell it on the mountain: the one that we've been waiting for,  
the King of our salvation, born on this day, our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere,  
that we can be forgiven; the weight of all our sin He came to bear.

**Chorus: Emmanuel, God with us, Emmanuel, King Jesus, the Savior of the world is born.  
Emmanuel, God with us, Emmanuel, King Jesus, the Savior of the world is born.**

Go tell it on the mountain: humbly in a manger lay.  
Mercy sent from heaven. Angels fill the sky with highest praise. **Chorus**

Go tell it on the mountain: this baby born of virgin birth,  
the Ruler of all nations, the glory of our God has come to earth. **Chorus**

The Savior of the world is born. The Savior of the world is born.

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**P/C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### SONG OF PRAISE

*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 & 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.

**FIRST READING***1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26***RESPONSIVE PSALM***Psalm 148*

R: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**C: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

R: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**C: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

R: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

**C: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

R: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

**C: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!**

R: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

**C: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!**

R: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**C: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.**

R: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

**SECOND READING***Colossians 3:12-17*

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***Go Tell It on the Mountain*

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2 Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
 Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!  
 The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth,  
 rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth...  
 Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
 Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

**GOSPEL***Luke 2:41-52*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.****SERMON**

Pastor Lauryl Ivers

**SONG OF THE DAY***Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)*

Light of the world, treasure of Heaven, brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky.  
 Joy of the Father reach through the darkness,  
 shine across the earth, send the shadows to flight.

Light of the world from the beginning.  
 The tragedies of time were no match for Your love.  
 From great heights of glory, You saw my story.  
 God, You entered in and became one of us.

**Chorus: Sing hallelujah! Sing hallelujah!**  
**Sing Hallelujah for the things He has done!**  
**Come and adore Him, bow down before Him.**  
**Sing hallelujah to the Light of the world.**

Light of the world, crown in a manger born for the Cross, to suffer, to save.  
 High King of Heaven, death is the poorer. We are the richer by the price that He paid.

**Chorus**

Light of the world soon will be coming. With fire in His eyes, He will ransom His own.  
 Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory.  
 And there He shall reign forevermore, **Chorus**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH***Apostle's 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 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.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**YOUTH & CHILDREN CHRISTMAS BREAK**—The Christmas Break for Wednesday and Sunday School along with Confirmation will begin on Sunday, December 19 and continue through Wednesday January 5. Sunday school will resume on Sunday, January 9 and Wednesday night activities will resume on Wednesday, January 12. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS**—The FLC church office will be closed on Monday, December 27 in recognition of the Christmas Holiday. They will also be closed on Friday, December 31 and Monday, January 3 in recognition of New Years.

**HOMELESS AND FIRE VICTIM NEEDS**—All furniture, recliners, & space heater.

**QUILTING SCHEDULE**—There will be no quilting on Tuesday, December 28 for the Christmas holiday.

**DECORATION TAKEDOWN**—Merry Christmas! We hope you've enjoyed our decorated church. Thank you to the many hands who helped make our church beautiful. Take down is scheduled for Sunday, January 9th at 1:00. Hope to see you there.

**TORNADO RELIEF DONATIONS NEEDED**—On the night of December 10 and early morning of December 11, an outbreak of at least 30 tornadoes swept through six states. So far, 94 people are reported dead across five states, more than 80 of those in Kentucky. For those unaccounted for, search-and-rescue operations are underway. Homes and businesses were destroyed, and over 300,000 people were without electricity. Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and other partners in the area to assess the damage and develop an immediate and a long-term response plan. If you'd like to donate, checks can be made out to First Lutheran Church with "U.S. Tornadoes" in the memo line. They can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office.

**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  
Beverly Elletson  
Robb Flint  
Nadine Sagen  
Nick & Family  
Jim Mott  
Del Hultgren  
Marcia Otte  
Dave Schneider  
Maverick Harshenko  
Bob Jernberg  
Arlene Rishvod  
Phyllis Green

### Prayers of Comfort to the family of

Lyle Leegard  
LuVerna Geiselhart  
Tae Sun Nygaard  
Rod McLarnan  
Friend of Joan Westlake

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

### Ways to Give

#### **ONLINE:**

[www.firstlutheranchurch.com](http://www.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 and follow instructions that are texted to you.

#### **CHECK or CASH**

**912 Lake Avenue  
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Your donations are how we are able to keep our doors open and serving you, our community and the world.

### 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](http://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.