

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Welcome to Worship

December 24, 2023— Christmas Eve 10 AM

Today's Worship Ministers

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Check out Our Welcome Center



Under the window to the Narthex .. We have offering plates and a bin for vision and purpose giving.

Weekly newsletters are available as well.

Coffee and other refreshments are available at the Narthex Coffee Stand.

So That's My Bible Bible Study

Join us for a new Sunday Bible Study

Starting January 14
Immediately after worship

Learn about the history and making of the Bible

Read and learn about interesting stories that you might not expect to find in the Bible

Stories that might even be considered taboo!
Ooooo

This new Bible Study will meet Sundays (with a few exceptions) starting January 14th!

Order of Service

Gathering

Announcements, Prelude
Confession and Forgiveness
Peace

Opening Hymn: ELW 283 O Come, All Ye Faithful

The Word

Pastoral Greeting
Christmas Proclamation
Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn of Praise: ELW 270, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Prayer of the Day

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Isaiah 62:6-12

Hymn: ELW 296, What Child Is This
Titus 3:4-7

Hymn: ELW 277 Away in the Manger
Luke 2:1-20

Sermon

Hymn: ELW 275, Angels from the Realms of Glory
Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Linda Ellison, Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Dean Sandstrom, Emily Agema, Chris Buban, Gary Eyler, Cecil Lovdahl, Janet Lowe, Brian Elliott, Reva Stachinew

Sending

Offering Prayer
Communion Prayer
"Holy, Holy, Holy"
Lord's Prayer
"Lamb of God"
Distribution

Post-Communion Prayer

Hymn: ELW 267 Joy to the World
Benediction

Benediction Refrain: ELW 290 Go Tell It On The Mountain,
Refrain, sung 1
sung once
Dismissal

Isaiah 62:6-12

6 Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, 7 and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. 8 The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored, 9 but those who harvest it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. 10 Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up an ensign over the peoples. 11 The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "Look, your savior comes; his reward is with him and his recompense before him." 12 They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord," and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Titus 3:4-7

4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. 6 This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Luke 2:1-20

2 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. 5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

8 Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. 17 When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, 19 and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.