

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Welcome to Worship

December 24, 2023— Christmas Eve 7 PM

Today's Worship Ministers

Usher: Steve Erlandson
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Flowers: Nancy Reynolds & Family and
April Icenogle

In memory of Cortlym Blackman and Bill Clark

Staff

Pastor: Jamie Gallagher
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Musician: Janice Algren
Custodian: Chris Algren

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!
Oooooo

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 279 O Little Town of Bethlehem

The Word

Pastoral Greeting
Christmas Proclamation
Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn of Praise: ELW 281 Silent Night

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Isaiah 9:2-7

Special Music: Heide Gallagher

Titus 2:11-14

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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 9:2-7

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. 3 You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4 For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, 12 training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. 14 He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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.