

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Welcome to Worship

November 12, 2023— Ordinary Time

Today's Worship Ministers

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Staff

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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.

Upcoming Advent/Christmas Schedule

Sun, Nov 19 — after worship, decorating for the season

Sun, Nov 26—The Madrigals perform

Sat, Dec 9, 2 PM—Family Sankta Lucia Event

Sun, Dec 10—Sankta Lucia Sunday

Sun, Dec 24—10 AM Christmas Eve worship
7 PM Christmas Eve worship
With candlelight

Sun, Dec 31—10 AM Lessons and Carols
With Blessing for the New Year

Order of Service

Gathering

Announcements, Prelude
Confession/Forgiveness
Peace

Opening Hymn: ELW 693 Come Ye Thankful People Come

The Word

Pastoral Greeting
Litany based on Psalm 95

Hymn of Praise: ELW 819 Come, All You People

Prayer of the Day

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awake us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Amos 5:18-24

Gospel Acclamation: ACS 975 O God Whose Word Well-Planted, verse 1
Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon

Hymn: ELW 677 This Little Light of Mine
Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Linda Ellison, Ila Roseberry, Tad Yarde, Kathi Cruce, Erica Lancaster, Dean Sandstrom, Emily Agema, Chris Buban, Gary Eyler, Cecil Lovdahl, Ann Enstrom, Janet Lowe

Sending

Offering Prayer

Lord's Prayer — video

Hymn: ELW 818 O Master, Let Me Walk With You
Benediction

Benediction Refrain: ACS 991 Go To the World, verse 4
sung once
Dismissal

Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light,

19 as if someone fled from a lion

and was met by a bear

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall

and was bitten by a snake.

20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them,

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

24 But let justice roll down like water

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Matthew 25:1-13

25 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹² But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.