**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Northwood, Iowa
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*THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST*

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**2nd Sunday in Advent**

**December 5, 2021
9:00am**

**Pastor Becky Sogge**

**Acolyte:** Emy Wahl and Lauren Heiken

**Organist/Pianist:** Loraine Mix

**Lay reader:** Leila Gangstad

**Special Music:** Senior Choir

**Sound/Video:** Eli Mix, Mark Willand

**Counters:** Randy & Laure Buehrer, Steph Perkins

**Altar Guild: LEAH** Circle

### Prelude -Loraine Mix

### Welcome – Announcements

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God for whom we wait, **in the presence of one another,** **we confess our sin before you.** **We fail in believing that your good news is for us.** **We falter in our call to tend your creation.** **We find our sense of self in material wealth.** **We fear those different from ourselves.** **We forget that we are your children** **and turn away from your love.** **Forgive us, Blessed One,** **and assure us again of your saving grace.** **Amen.** God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** *“Prepare the Royal Highway”*  ELW 264

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

 **Reading**

 **Prayer –** O people of hope, come,

 **Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord. Amen**

### Prayer of the Day

**Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Special Music *“Prayer for Emmanuel” -Senior Choir***

**First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm Luke 1:68-79

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.

**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.**

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

**to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.**

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

**to give God’s people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia…. p. 142

### Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

(Before) The holy gospel according to Luke.
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

(After) The gospel of the Lord.
 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Children’s Sermon

### Sermon  *Pastor Becky Sogge*

### Hymn of the Day “*On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”* ELW 249

### Apostles’ Creed p. 105

### Prayers of Intercession

### Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

### *Offering is received in the plates at the entrance of the sanctuary or electronically through Vanco*

### Offering Prayer

### Great Thanksgiving p. 144

**Lord’s Prayer p. 145**

**Invitation to Communion**

Come to Christ’s banquet. Feast on God’s gift of grace.

**Lamb of God p. 146**

**Communion Blessing and Prayer**

**Blessing**

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “***Hark, the Glad Sound”* ELW 239

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is near.

**We Will! Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude -Loraine Mix

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| **Weekly Attendance and Giving** |
| **Date** | **Attendance** | **Giving** |
| November 28 | 68 | $1,557.00 |
| November 21 | 86 | $1,861.00 |
| November 14 | 106 | $353.00 |
| November 7 | 95 | $3,998.00 |

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Announcements

**The Sunday School Christmas Program** will be during the church service on Sunday, December 19th. After worship, the entire congregation is invited to a Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall!

**2021 Trust Fund Updates**

The Trust Fund Committee would like to remind congregation members that grant application forms are available in the Church Office. Grants are recommended for new ministries, separate and apart from the day to day operation of the Church. Please submit your application to the appropriate committee of the church for review and approval. **The deadline for committees to submit approved applications to the Church Office is noon on December 9, 2021.** Please contact any Trust Fund member with questions.

**Sunday School Dates**

**December 15 -** K-6th grade Christmas Program Practice from 5:30-6:45pm

**December 19 -** Christmas Program with Jesus’s Birthday party following in the Fellowship Hall.
The entire congregation is invited!

**December 26 -** No Sunday School

 **January 2 -** No Sunday School

**Year End Offering**

You may leave your 2021-year end contribution in the mailbox attached to the office door if the offices are closed. Please have it in by December 31st if you would like it on your 2021 Contribution Statement.

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| **Weekly Calendar** |
| Sunday, December 5 | 9:00 am | Worship Service with H.C.\* |
|  | 10:10 am | Sunday School |
|  | 6:30 pm | JH. Youth |
|  Tuesday, December 7 | 11:00 am | Staff Meeting |
|  | 7:00 pm | AA –Al-Anon |
| Wednesday, December 8 | 4:30 pm | Confirmation |
|  | 6:00 pm | Bell Choir |
|  | 7:00 pm | Choir Practice |
|  | 7:00 pm | SH. Youth |
| Thursday, December 9 | 8:30am | Quilting |
|  | 9:00 am | Prayer Group |
|  | 6:30 pm | Taekwondo |
|  | 7:00 pm | Pub Theology |
| Sunday, December 12 | 9:00 am | Worship Service with N.O.\* |
|  | 10:00 am | Church Council |
|  | 10:10 am | Sunday School |
|  | 6:30 pm | JH. Youth |

**Mission Project for December**

**Heifer International**

**Soup Ministry**

If you or someone you know could use the comfort of homemade soup, please let us know as the Soup Ministry has been busy cooking for those in need.

**First Lutheran Church**

In December First Lutheran will be featured on the KCMR radio program, “Churches of North Iowa” Inspiration 97.9 KCMR