

† *Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We invite you to journey with us as we explore the life of faith together. At First Lutheran all are welcome in every aspect of our congregational life. We believe that worship is central to our life together. God empowers us to live out our purpose which is to share his word and the promise of salvation.*



**THE FIRST SUNDAY
IN ADVENT**

**Sunday, December 2, 2018
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Our Lord's contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

ADVENT WREATH SONG "The Candle of Hope"

C: The candle of hope we light this hour

Proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.

We wait for a future, now hidden from view,

When Christ in his glory will make all things new.

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace. **C: Amen**

P: Let us come before God in confession.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: To you, O God,

C: we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

P: Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the

name of +Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near. **C: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN No. 254 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HEARING GOD’S WORD

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 33:14-16

14The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

Here ends the first lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON I Thessalonians 3:9-13

9How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? 10Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. 11Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 12And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 13And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Here ends the second lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 25“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. 28Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” 29Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things

have taken place. 33Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 34“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Joyce Tollefson Capp

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 266 “All Earth Is Hopeful”

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

RECEIVING OF OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN No. 802

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” vs. 1

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: God fills the hungry with good things.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION HYMNS WOV 701,710,705

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy one, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOD’S PEOPLE SENT FORTH

BLESSING

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father +Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

SENDING HYMN No. 782 WOV.....

“All My Hope on God Is Founded” vs. 1,4

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME! Great to have you here! Thank you for choosing to worship with us here today. We practice open Communion at First Lutheran. If you believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, his body and blood shed for you, you are welcome to our table. Apple juice is available upon request.

THE WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST today is sponsored in loving memory of Louie Muller from Darlene Muller and family.

Ministers.....	Members of First Lutheran Church
Pastor	Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp
Organist	Paul Henriksen
Reader	Mark Muller
Acolytes	Merrick Heidebrink & McKenzie Jansen
Ushers.....	Mick Myers, Joel Carpenter, Craig Thies, Thad Reinert, Chuck DeSchepper
Sound	Mike Straw & Brad Willey
Advent Wreath.....	Gen & Jake Velde and family
Communion Assistant	Mark Zinnel

† **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Carol Schlim, Deb Smith, Lorraine Johnson, Sarah & Harold Meyer’s daughter, Crystal, as she undergoes cancer treatment, Sarah Meyer’s sister, Mary, as she recovers from a stroke , Wade & Deb Smith’s Grandson, Gavin, as he undergoes cancer treatment, Darline Dalin, Judy Stubbe on the passing of her father, Harold, Sandy Newgard on the passing of her mother, Gene, Joyce and Bill Kunz as they deal with health issues, Carol Rudie on the passing of her father, Clayton and Augie Sterud as he deals with health issues.

❖ **Assisted listening devices are available from the ushers.**

📵 **PLEASE remember to turn off Cell Phones and Pagers during worship.**

THIS WEEKS' SCHEDULE — December 2, 2018

TODAY

9:30am - Worship/Holy Communion

10:30am - FLCW Christmas Brunch - Everyone is welcome !

MONDAY

7:00pm - Youth Concert & Rally "Joel Penton & the Stray" @ the PAS High School

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm - Confirmation

SATURDAY

8:00- 10:30am - Kaffi Ti

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am - Worship

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship



Upcoming date to mark on your Calendar:

Sat., Dec 8th 8:00am - 10:30am - Kaffi Ti

Stewardship Quote

"If we belong to Christ, it's logical that everything we have truly belongs to Him."



2018 November Giving

Monthly Income Required to Operate	\$	17,800.00
Weekly Giving - Nov. 4	\$	5,470.00
Weekly Giving - Nov. 11	\$	3,329.07
Weekly Giving - Nov. 18	\$	6,297.31
Weekly Giving - Nov. 25	\$	3,449.23
Total Monthly Giving	\$	18,545.61
Net Revenue	\$	745.61

Pipestone County Christmas Care

TOY Drop off here at First Lutheran. Please drop off toys by December 10th.



KAFFI-TI

Saturday, Dec. 8,
2018 8:00 - 10:30
a.m. First Lutheran
Church.

SCANDINAVIAN
SPECIALTIES: Rosettes,
Krumkaka, Fruit
Suppe, Sandbakkels,
and Lefse & OTHER
BAKED ITEMS...



NOISY OFFERING

Thank you for your support of the 'Noisy Offering' that was collected for the Heifer Project. The total amount given toward the project to this date is \$68.62.

WANTED: Sound Video Operator

to work in the Sound booth on Sundays & special occasions. Training will be provided. Please contact the Church office @ 825-5837.



"Krumkake Lessons"

Call the Church office - 825-5837 if you would like to learn how to make Krumkake (the cone-shaped) Scandinavian treat. The date will depend on who wants to learn. Any Krumkake made will be sold at Kaffi Ti !