

† *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 SECOND SUNDAY
IN ADVENT**

**Sunday, December 9, 2018
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

Advent is the time to prepare for the coming of Jesus the light of the world. The first candle represented hope. Today our theme is peace that is promised to us because Christ is among us. We also this Sunday hear the message of the angels to the shepherds. The message of peace of and hope. What does Advent peace look like in your life? Peace is not the promise that all is well and we are happy but rather peace is the promise that we have a God who became one of us and never abandons us in our darkest hours. Look out at the night sky and the stars and remember that the shepherds looked at those same stars. Listen and you might just hear angels offering you words of peace.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

ADVENT WREATH SONG "The Candle of Peace"

**C: The candle of peace shines bright with God's plan;
The wolf will lie down and dwell with the lamb.
Our guns and our weapons, our hatred and war,
Will give way to gardens that heal and restore.**

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. 264

“Prepare the Royal Highway” (vs. 1,3,4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: God of peace, come into the dark places in our lives and bring peace. As we wait for peace in the midst of struggles come and be with us. Let your word of peace come into our world. Stir up your power and come. By let the message of the angels, peace on earth, and good will to all, be heard by us today. In the name of Jesus our Savior and Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HEARING GOD’S WORD

FIRST LESSON **Baruch 5:1-9**

1Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. 2Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; 3for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. 4For God will give you evermore the name, “Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.” 5Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. 6For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. 7For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. 8The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God’s command. 9For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Here ends the first lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON **Philippians 1:3-11**

3I thank my God every time I remember you, 4constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, 5because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. 6I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. 7It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. 9And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight 10to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, 11having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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 2:8-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the second chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

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

13And 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!" 15When 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." 16So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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. 439 “Soon and Very Soon”

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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. 242 “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” (vs. 1,4)

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.

LORD’S PRAYER

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. 239..... “Hark, the Glad Sound!” (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.

THE WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST today is sponsored in honor of Mara Taubert’s 18th birthday from her family.

Ministers.....	Members of First Lutheran Church
Pastor	Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp
Organist	Paul Henriksen
Reader	Lori Ilse
Acolytes	Brandon Willey & Chase Wilson
Ushers.....	Mick Myers, Joel Carpenter, Craig Thies, Thad Reinert, Chuck DeSchepper
Sound	Jason Weber & Bob Douty
Advent Wreath.....	Amy & Tom Willey & family

† **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Deb Smith, Lorraine Johnson as she struggles with health issues, 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, Joyce and Bill Kunz as they deal with health issues, Carol Rudie on the passing of her father, Clayton, Darlene Muller as she undergoes surgery and Bob Fritz as he recovers from surgery.

- ❖ **Assisted listening devices are available from the ushers.**
- 📵 **PLEASE remember to turn off Cell Phones and Pagers during worship.**

THIS WEEKS' SCHEDULE — December 9, 2018

TODAY

9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

5:00pm - **FLY Christmas party**

TUESDAY

8:30am - Ministerial Assoc. Meeting

10:30am - Good Samaritan Worship service

6:30pm - **"Christmas Prayer at the Parsonage"**

WEDNESDAY

9:30am - 3pm - FLCW 'Grateful Threads' @ Shetek

7:00pm - Confirmation 8:00pm - Council meeting

THURSDAY

4-5:00pm - Second Harvest

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am - Worship/Holy Communion 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

Stewardship Quote:

"If a person gets their attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area of his life."

- Billy Graham



2018 December Giving

Monthly Income Required to Operate	\$ 17,800.00
Weekly Giving - Dec. 2	\$ 5,288.12
Weekly Giving - Dec. 9	\$
Weekly Giving - Dec. 16	\$
Weekly Giving - Dec. 23	\$
Christmas Eve - Dec. 24	\$
Total Monthly Giving	\$

Pipestone County Christmas Care

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



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 \$178.74.

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.





FLY Christmas party

Sunday, Dec 9th 5:00pm

Church Fellowship hall

Games, Prizes, Fun & a lot of awesome food !!

2019 Offering Envelopes

Beginning Dec. 16th the 2019 Offering envelopes will be available in the Narthex.

Please stop to pick up your Offering envelopes

before or after Church. They will also be available in the Church office.



Year End Statements

Any offerings that you'll want to be credited for 2018 MUST be Received in the Church office or Postmarked no later than December 31st.



2019 RADIO BROADCAST OPENINGS

Thank you for your continued support of

sponsoring the First Lutheran Radio Broadcast. The 2019 Radio Broadcast schedule is now posted in the office hallway. If you wish to sponsor a

2019 RADIO BROADCAST - please sign up for the Sunday of your choice.

The cost of sponsoring a broadcast is \$58.00.



"Christmas Prayer at the Parsonage"

Date/Time: Tuesday, Dec. 11th 6:30pm

Where: The Parsonage - 843 6th St. SW

It will be led by Pastor Joyce.

Bring a "Snack to Share and a Heart for Prayer." Beverages will be provided.

Open to everyone.