

† *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 OF
CHRISTMAS**

**Sunday, December 30, 2018
GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER**

The angels said to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid, for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people to you is born this day in the city of David, A Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

P: As we gather we hear again the good news the angels proclaimed: God has come for all people through the birth of the one named Jesus. Through Bethlehem’s manger God comes into the chaos, messiness, and vulnerability of the world. In all things and at all times, we rejoice that God comes to save us and reigns in love. We come to adore Jesus who is the Savior, Christ and Lord.

Opening Hymn No. 275
“Angels From the Realm of Glory” (vs. 1,2,4)

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome God’s forgiveness, grace and love. Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

C: Forgive our lack of faith and trust.

P: Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable,

C: Forgive our neglect of the poor.

P: The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

C: Forgive our selfishness and complacency.

P: With great joy the angels proclaimed, “Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

In + Jesus, who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven. May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens. Indeed, God’s forgiveness is good news of great joy!

C: AMEN.

Hymn of the Day No. 287
“Let All Together Praise Our God” (vs. 1-4)

Prayer of the Day:

C: Eternal Father, you gave your Son, the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE NAME OF JESUS

“For unto you is born a SAVIOR, who is Christ the Lord”

Isaiah 12:2-6

Matthew 1:18-21

Song: #293 “That Boy-Child of Mary” (vs. 1-3)

“For unto you is born a Savior, who is CHRIST, the Lord”

Isaiah 61:1-3, 11

John 1:19-23, 29-34

Song: #294 “In the Bleak Midwinter” (vs. 1,3)

“For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ the LORD”

Isaiah 6:1-8

Luke 1:26-35

Song: #279 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs. 1,4)

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Christmas Confession of Faith

We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see and all we don't see; Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation! We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation! We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us. Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation! Thanks be to God.

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 OUR MORNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Hymn No. 292 “Love Has Come” (vs. 1,3)

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend you care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

GOD'S PEOPLE SENT FORTH

Benediction

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. 267..... “Joy to the World ” (vs. 1,4)

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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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 loving memory of Marvin Alma & Betty Ann Stueven by Dwight & Sheila Horton & family.

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| Ministers..... | Members of First Lutheran Church |
| Pastor | Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp |
| Organist | Paul Henriksen |
| Reader..... | Kristy Henriksen |
| Acolytes | Caleb Velde & McKenna Musch |
| Ushers..... | Mick Myers, Joel Carpenter, Craig Thies, Thad Reinert, Chuck DeSchepper |
| Sound | Mark Zinnel & Neil Johnson |



† **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Deb Smith, Darline Dalin, Joyce and Bill Kunz, Gladys Ihlen, Lorraine Johnson and Darlene Muller's son-in-law, Dave as they deal 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.

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

THIS WEEKS' SCHEDULE — December 30, 2018

TODAY

9:30am - Worship

WEDNESDAY

2:00PM - Adult Ed meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am - Worship/Holy Communion

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

Stewardship Quote:“Christian stewards seek the heart of God faithfully, joyfully and gratefully managing all of the gifts God has given.”



2018 December Giving

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| Monthly Income Required to Operate | \$ 17,800.00 |
| Weekly Giving - Dec. 2 | \$ 5,288.12 |
| Weekly Giving - Dec. 9 | \$ 4,073.36 |
| Weekly Giving - Dec. 16 | \$ 11,377.88 |
| Weekly Giving - Dec. 23 | \$ 11,171.16 |
| Christmas Eve - Dec. 24 | \$ 5,189.48 |
| Weekly Giving Dec. 30 | \$ |
| Total to Date | \$ 37,100.00 |



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 \$1,361.02.

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.





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.

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.



Reminder - Year End Contribution Policy/Year End Statements.

The cut-off date for 2018 will be December 31st. 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.

9th Annual First Lutheran Epiphany Party

Celebrating the Spirit of Epiphany "Lighting the Way to a Balanced Life" Sunday, Jan. 6, 2018. Arrive at 4:30 p.m. We eat at 5:00.

Menu: Potluck of your favorite holiday foods will be provided - meatballs, potatoes & lutefisk.

(Donations appreciated) Meet in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP by calling the Church office 825-5837 or Nancy Johnson 507-227-5335 or sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex.



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, January 20, 2019 @ 10:30 a.m. We encourage all members to attend and be a part of this important process.