

## ***"Welcome to Worship"***

God is here for you,  
In the word and sacraments, in the love  
of this community.

Welcome- it's great to have you here!  
Thank you for choosing to worship with  
us at First Lutheran today.

**Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day  
December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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### **Welcome/Announcements**

#### **Hymn #269: Once in Royal David's City**

**P:** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**C: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.**

**P:** Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

**C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

**P:** To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**C: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

#### **Opening Prayer:**

**C: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Lessons & Carols**

Isaiah 9:2-7 God Promises a King

**Hymn #272 – Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

Micah 5:2-5a The King Will Come from Bethlehem

**Hymn #279 O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Luke 1:26-35, 38 The Annunciation to Mary

**Hymn #251 My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness**

Matthew 1:18-25 Joseph's Dream

**Hymn #254 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Luke 2:1-7 The Birth of Jesus

**Hymn #277 Away in a Manger**

Luke 2:8-20 The Shepherds Go to See the Savior

**Hymn #289 Angels We Have Heard on High**

Matthew 2:1-12 The Magi Follow the Star

**Hymn #296 What Child Is This**

John 1:1-14 The Mystery of the Incarnation

**Hymn #292 Love Has Come**

### Reflection

#### Responsive Prayer

P: Glory to God in the highest,

**C: and peace to God's people on earth.**

P: Blessed are you, Prince of Peace, You rule the earth with truth and justice.

**C: Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

P: Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

**C: Have mercy on the sick, the dying and all who suffer this day.**

P: Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

**C: Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.**

#### Offering

**Offering Hymn: #283 O Come, All Ye Faithful**

#### Offering Prayer

**C: God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

#### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

### Blessing and Dismissal

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,  
The obedience of Joseph,  
The joy of the angels,  
The eagerness of the shepherds,  
The determination of the magi,  
And the peace of the Christ child.  
Almighty God, Father, † Son and Holy Spirit,  
Bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**Hymn #270 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**



The Worship Radio Broadcast today is sponsored in memory of Marvin Alma & Betty Ann Stueven by Dwight & Sheila Horton and family.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns: Please keep the following people in your prayers this Christmas: Bob Fritz, Lance Oye, Joyce Kunz, Sharon Blom, Helen Miller and Jan Harkema.

\*\*\* *If you or someone you know has a Prayer Concern, please call the church office 825-5837 to have it listed in the bulletin and church webpage. Please email the church office@firstlutheranpipestone.org or call 825-5837 when someone is no longer needed to be on the prayer concerns list.*

This Week's Schedule (Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023)

Today: 9:30am – Worship at the church & live streamed. Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Monday thru Wednesday: Offices Closed – Pastor Ann will be out of town Monday thru Friday.

Wednesday: 12pm & 5:00pm - Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

Sunday: 9:30am Worship/Holy Communion at the church & live streamed. Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

December 2022 Offering	

Extra offering books are available on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to take another book if you are running low or contact the church office if you would like one sent to you!!

Simply Giving is also available online.

Noisy Offering for DECEMBER is being collected for: God's Global Barnyard

The total amount collected to date for God's Global Barnyard is \$290.45.

*Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.*

Do you have some good, gently used coats? First Lutheran is collecting winter coats for Bomgaars. Boxes are available in the Narthex. Deadline for the coats is December 30th.

**2023 Radio Broadcast Sponsors**

If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast in honor of a loved one, in celebration of a birthday, etc. the sign up for 2023 is posted in the hall by the offices. Spots are going fast so get signed up TODAY!! Cost of a radio sponsorship is \$58, payable to First Lutheran Church (please write "Radio" in the memo line). Thank you in advance for giving to this great ministry!

We are looking for **COMMUNION SET-UP HELPERS!!!**

The Communion committee is in need of a couple more volunteers. Communion set-up helpers are responsible to set up communion 1-2 months a year. Training will be provided. If you are willing to help, please contact Gail Barduson at 215-0628.

**Shetek Lutheran Ministries Upcoming Events – mark your calendars!!**

Date	Event	Additional information
April 28-29, 2023	Confirmation Retreat	More information will be forthcoming.

*\*Register for these events online at: [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org) or contact the church office for a registration form.*

**CHURCH DIRECTORY 2022**

All members should have received an email or a letter in the mail regarding log-in information as well as how to get your picture and family information updated in the online church directory. Information is also available on our website so make sure to check that out. We would love to have everyone's picture included in the directory so that Pastor Ann can get to know your face as well as your name!

Parsonage Project:

We are so thankful to have Pastor Ann all settled into our parsonage!! Please consider donating toward the \$80,000 project (this is also a tax-deductible donation). Identify your check as going toward the parsonage project. We are lucky to be debt free as a church and would like to pay for the remodel entirely through generous donations from our members and from funds available in accounts held within the church. Having an updated home for our Pastor supports our ministry in the community. Please consider contributing to our mission in this way. The total amount donated to this date is \$71,870.00. *Thank you for your support of this mission.*

**All are welcome to join in on our book study!**  
**Books can also be purchased on Amazon.**  
**Dates for Book Study will be as follows right after worship:**  
**January 8<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**First Lutheran Church "Partners in Ministry"**

"Partners in Ministry" is a program that is now available at First Lutheran. We are excited have people who will be making home visits, provide a listening ear, and prayer support to members of First Lutheran Church. The "Partners in Ministry" servants are also willing to bring communion to people who are unable to attend worship. These volunteers are here to serve the greater community of First Lutheran. Are you facing surgery and want prayer? We are here for you. Would you like a friendly visitor to share in your journey of faith and life? We are here for you. Call the church office 825-5837 to find out more information. The people who are willing to serve as your "Partners in Ministry" are:

**Nancy Finzen**

**Carol Johnson**

**Becky Kaffar**

**LaDonna Myers**

**Mavis Pierson**

**Judy Stubbe**

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