



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Gathered by God, We Live Our Faith With:**  
**Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.**

## Welcome to Worship :: November 30, 2025

### Today's Worship Ministers

*Usher:* Steve Erlandson  
*Reader:* Pam Best  
*Communion Assistant:* David Sandstrom  
*Narthex Host:* Linda McGuire

#### Staff

*Pastor:* Jamie Gallagher  
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*Musicians:* Janice Algren and Carolyn Kellert

### Check Out Our Welcome Center

**Coffee Station:** We have a variety of Coffee and Tea options in our Narthex. Feel free to enjoy your beverage throughout the worship service

**Giving Station:** Our offering Plate and Vision and Purpose Giving Jar are located under the Narthex window

**Vision and Purpose:** In November, we are collecting for the Lutheran Preschool and Day Care to help support the center receiving new games, crafts, and other activities.

**Weekly Newsletters:** Print Copies of our weekly newsletter are available under the Narthex Window. The email version will be sent out on Monday. If you wish to receive a copy by email or a hard copy by mail, please let Pastor Jamie know.

### In Our Prayers

Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Dean Sandstrom, Emily Agema, Janet Lowe, Brian Elliott, Wes Lovdahl, Doug Moulden, Marlene Moulden, Teresa Eyler

### Mid Week Advent Soup and Devotions

Join us Wednesdays in Advent for Soup and an Advent Devotion

6 PM

Wednesdays Dec 3, 10, and 17

**Christmas Eve Worship is at 7 PM on Dec 24**

### Order of Service

#### Gathering

Announcements,  
Mission Statement/Prelude  
Confession/Forgiveness  
Advent Wreath  
The Peace  
Opening Hymn; ELW 239, Hark, the Glad Sound

#### The Word/Prayer

Pastoral Greeting

#### Prayer of the Day

**O God of radiance, your first light woke creation out of chaotic slumber into ordered goodness. The light of your Son now stirs our souls from chaotic unrest into ordered holiness. Illuminate our hearts again today, stir us with music, word, and prayer, that our hope in you may guide our spirit into your fullness. We pray in the name of the one whose advent is the true light for the world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

#### Special Performance

MRHS Madrigals

Genesis 1:1-5; John 8:12-20

Sermon

Hymn: ELW 249, On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Apostles' Creed

Offering

Offering Hymn: ELW 294, In the Bleak Midwinter

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

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#### Sending

Benediction

Closing Hymn: ELW 251, My Sout Proclaims Your Greatness

Dismissal

1 When God began to create the heavens and the earth, 2 the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” 13 Then the Pharisees said to him, “You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid.” 14 Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge by human standards; I judge no one. 16 Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid, for it is not I alone who judge but I and the Father who sent me. 17 In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. 18 I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf.” 19 Then they said to him, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” 20 He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.