



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Welcome to Worship :: January 26, 2025**

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

## Today's Worship Ministers

*Usher:* Diane Carlson  
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*Altar Flowers:*

### Staff

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## 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

**January's Vision and Purpose Giving** will support the Strom Center here in Monmouth.

**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

Linda Ellison, Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Dean Sandstrom, Emily Agema, Cecil Lovdahl, Janet Lowe, Brian Elliott, Hannah Taylor, Suzanne Lovdahl, Wes Lovdahl, Christopher Greene, Chuck Michling

## Who Is Jesus Bible Study

Our Bible Study continues on Sundays, except for January 26th, through March 2nd.

## Scout Sunday

Next week, February 2nd, we celebrate Scout Sunday by hosting Pack 705 and Troop 705 in worship.

## Order of Service

### Gathering

Announcements, Prelude  
Confession and Forgiveness  
Peace

Opening Hymn: ELW 807 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
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### The Word

Pastoral Greeting  
Kyrie: ACS Setting 12, page 31  
Hymn of Praise: ACS Setting 12, page 31

### Prayer of the Day

**Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Gospel Acclamation: ACS Setting 12, page 33  
Luke 4:14-21

Sermon  
Hymn of the Day: ELW 710 Let Streams of Living Justice  
Apostles' Creed  
Prayers of Intercession  
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### Holy Communion

Offering Prayer  
Offering Hymn: ACS 1000, God's Work, Our Hands vv 1 & 4  
Great Thanksgiving: ACS Setting 12, page 36  
"Holy, Holy, Holy": ACS Setting 12, page 36  
Lord's Prayer  
"Be Known to Us": ACS Setting 12, page 40  
Distribution  
Post Communion Prayer  
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### Sending

Closing Hymn: ELW 858, Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
Benediction  
Dismissal

## **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

1 all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. 2 Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. 3 He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. 5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6 Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. 8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

## **1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, 24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But strive for the greater gifts.

## **Luke 4:14-21**

14 Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."