



Worship Notes

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Friends and Family,

This Sunday, we will have a brief congregation meeting after worship. We have a minor update to our congregation constitution so we can adjust allocations from our endowment fund. For this meeting to occur, we will need a quorum of 32. If we do not reach quorum, the meeting will be rescheduled.

Do not attend if you have been sick or exposed to someone who is sick. Otherwise, please do consider attending and helping us accomplish this important work of our congregation.

Please keep in prayer the following:



Bradley Anderson, Josie Blake, Bev Coulter, Nancy Dowell, John Ellison, Linda Ellison, Dave Erlandson, Jim Erlandson, Brad and Jodie Haist, Cassie Jern & Family, Delores Johnson, Graham Johnson, Bob Kerschke, Ila Roseberry, Norman Worthington, Evelyn Volz, Darrell Thirtyacre, Donna Larson, Beckie Bean, Joy Johnson, Pat Root, Jim and Kim Johnson, Kay and Glenn Bailey, Vickie Feehan, Diane Bradley, and Sgt. Lacey Elliott, who continues to serve our country

Please let the church office know any updates that are needed to our prayer list.

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry

This November, we will be talking stewardship and while our lives are impacted by the coronavirus, the ministry of the church continues to move forward. Take time to pray about the ways you support the ministry of First Lutheran, through regular and special offerings as well as volunteering opportunities.

God loves a cheerful giver. We are cheerful givers when we are fully passionate about something. May First Lutheran Church be something you are passionate about.



In-Person Worship Habits

Thank you. We are doing a great job reducing the risks of the pandemic as we continue following these habits:

- * If you are sick, please stay home.
- * Face masks are required for attending in-person worship. The church has extra masks if you forget yours at home.
- * Social distancing in the pews means we sit at least 6-feet apart from other family units.
- * Offering plates are at each entrance for you to place your giving as you enter or depart.
- * Communion practices include social distancing as well, follow the signs on the floor for where to receive and where to consume.

This week in worship



The LORD is preparing to send the Israelites away from Mt. Sinai, but Moses knows they are not ready to leave God's presence. Also, Moses yearns for God to accompany them, something God has so far decided against doing. Moses will change God's mind and God promises to accompany the Israelites after they leave the holy mountain.

Where do we gather today to experience God's presence? Do we feel God's presence accompanying us when we leave from our sacred sites today? Join us in worship and discover God's eternal presence which always accompanies us everywhere we go.

WORSHIP
VOLUNTEER
opportunities



This Week

Worship Assistant: Pam Van Kirk

Usher: Steve Erlandson

Thank you to all who volunteer to assist in leading worship.

We have openings for altar flowers

October 18

October 25

November 1

November 8



**Altar
Flowers**

Living the Creed

This is your Sunday School—At Home Version

This week you will get a chance to visit Mt. Sinai and see the monastery built there. Also, as a family you will reflect on places that you experience God's presence as well as how you know God is accompanying you everywhere you go.

Print out the PDF and grow in faith at home this week!

We are beginning preparations for Advent and Christmas season. We are looking for volunteers who are open to be recorded saying the Lord's Prayer, as well as willing to lead a brief Advent Wreath devotionals. These will be used in worship in December, and Pastor Jamie is hoping to record these in November.

Please contact Pastor Jamie if you are willing to share for either of these options.

Blessings

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain in Jerusalem,

for the LORD our God is holy!

Psalm 99:9

Worship is one of the highlights of the week. It is an opportunity to enter into holy dialogue with the entire congregation. It is a chance to join our prayers together as community. Our heart sings, even as our voices are silenced by the on-going pandemic. It is a reminder that we made it through the past week, and our God will accompany us as we enter into a new week.

Worship is when God's Living Word intersect the very lives we lead. The current situations around us meet the cross of Christ, death is defeated and new life wins every time. The Good News floods over the bad of the world, granting us serenity and a spirit of rejoicing.

Worship is an hour, but it is training for the other 167 hours of the week. It teaches us to be thankful at all times and to offer ourselves to God's work. It reminds us we are forgiven and we have a daily opportunity for confessional cleansing. It feeds us with a meal which has been feeding the world for 2000 + years and will continue for as long as creation itself continues.

Worship is a place and a time but it is also a spirit and a lifestyle. It does not remain encapsulated by four walls of a precious sanctuary, it goes ahead of us, beside us, within us. It is rejoicing at finding the presence of God in the smallest of moments, it is awe-inspiring at the overwhelming presence in the vastest reaches of the universe. It is in everything the LORD our God has called us to be.

In Peace,

Pastor Jamie