



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## Welcome to Worship :: December 7, 2025

### Today's Worship Ministers

*Usher:* David Sandstrom  
*Reader:* Judy Sanberg  
*Communion Assistant:* Trace Gallagher  
*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 December we are supporting the Jamieson Community Center. Donations will support their many programs to help the needy in our community. The shopping cart for non-perishable items for the food pantry remains available, too.

**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, 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 257, O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
Verses 1-3, 7

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#### The Word/Prayer

Pastoral Greeting  
Hymn: Glory Be to God on High

#### Prayer of the Day

**Joyful God, you celebrate the harmony inherent in creation, you provide for peace between your peoples. Illuminate our pathway and lead us into your heavenly peace that it may hold sway over all our relationships. We pray in the name of the one whose advent is true light for the world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Isaiah 9:2-7; Matthew 5:13-16  
Sermon

Hymn: ELW 247, Come Now, O Prince of Peace  
Apostles' Creed  
Prayers of Intercession

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#### Communion

Offering Prayer  
Offering Hymn: ELW 294 In the Bleak Midwinter  
Dialogue  
Preface  
Hymn: ELW 473, Holy, Holy, Holy  
Communion Prayer  
Lord's Prayer  
Communion Hymn: ELW 266, All Earth Is Hopeful  
Post Communion Prayer

#### Sending

Benediction  
Benediction Refrain: ELW 288 Good Christian Friends,  
Rejoice, verse 3  
Dismissal

**Isiah 9:2-7      The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light**

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. 3 You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4 For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**Matthew 5:13-16      You are the light of the world**

13 “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14 “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.