



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## MONMOUTH, IL



## Welcome to Worship :: January 18, 2026

### Today's Worship Ministers

Usher: *Mark Shrader*  
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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

**Vision and Purpose:** In January we are supporting Mosaic, a ministry with Lutheran roots that serves in communities like Macomb, helping individuals with special needs and their families.

**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, Janet Lowe, Wes Lovdahl, Pat Clark

### Congregation Meeting

Sunday, January 25th — regular annual meeting, with vote to ratify our revised constitution

### Welcome Drew Carlson

Today, we welcome Drew Carlson as our guest musician. Drew is a senior at MRHS.

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Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.**

### Order of Service

#### Gathering

Announcements,  
Mission Statement/Prelude  
Confession/Forgiveness

The Peace

Opening Hymn; ELW 661, I Love to Tell the Story

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#### The Word/Prayer

Pastoral Greeting  
Psalm 40:1-11—Read Responsively

#### Prayer of the Day

**Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit, you hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

Sermon

Hymn: ELW 759, My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Apostles' Creed

Offering Prayer

Offering Hymn: ELW 685, Take My Life, verses 1, 4, 6

#### Prayer and Sending

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: ELW 800, Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Dismissal

Isaiah 49:1-7

The prophet tells of the work of God's servant

49 Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God."

5 And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— 6 he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul writes to Corinth

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of [c] Christ has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1:29-42 Jesus is identified by John and disciples begin following Jesus

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." 32 And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34 And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). 42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).