



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**Welcome to Worship :: January 25, 2026**

## Today's Worship Ministers

*Usher:* Adam Sanberg  
*Reader:* Steve Erlandson  
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### 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

**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

## Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 8th, Join us as we celebrate our Scout units—Cub Pack 3705 and Scouts BSA Troop 4705.

## Scout Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17th, join the Scouts for a Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, served from 5 to 6:30 PM. This is a freewill donation, all proceeds help scouts pay for camp.

## Order of Service

### Gathering

Announcements,  
Mission Statement/Prelude  
Confession/Forgiveness  
The Peace

Opening Hymn; ELW 798, Will You Come and Follow Me  
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### The Word/Prayer

Pastoral Greeting  
Kyrie: ELW Setting 10, page 203  
Hymn of Praise: ELW Setting 10, page 204

### Prayer of the Day

**Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Gospel Acclamation: ELW Setting 10, page 205  
Matthew 4:12-23  
Sermon  
Hymn: ELW 696, Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult  
Apostles' Creed  
Prayers of Intercession  
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### Communion

Offering Prayer  
Offering Hymn: ELW 685, Take My Life, verses 1, 4, 6  
Dialogue: ELW Setting 10, page 206  
Preface  
"Holy, Holy, Holy": ELW Setting 10, page 207  
Communion Prayer  
Lord's Prayer  
Distribution  
Post Communion Prayer  
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### Sending

Benediction  
Closing Hymn: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus  
Dismissal

**Isaiah 9:1-4      Matthew quotes the beginning of this prophet's message in today's Gospel reading**

9 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

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.

**1 Corinthians 1:10-18      Unity is found in the message of Christ**

10 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. 11 For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. 12 What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." 13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16 I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**Matthew 4:12-23      Jesus begins his ministry**

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15 "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— 16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

23 Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.