



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**Welcome to Worship :: January 11, 2026**

## Today's Worship Ministers

*Usher:* Pam Van Kirk  
*Reader:* Julie Blaesing  
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*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, Janet Lowe, Wes Lovdahl, Marlene Moulden, Pat Clark

## Congregation Meeting

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

## Liturgical Arts Workshop

Wednesday, January 14th, 6 PM

## Order of Service

### Gathering

Announcements,  
Mission Statement/Prelude  
Confession/Forgiveness  
The Peace

Opening Hymn: ELW 249, On Jordan's Banks, the Baptist's Cry  
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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

**O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43  
Gospel Acclamation: ELW Setting 10, page 205  
Matthew 3:13-17  
Sermon  
Hymn: ELW 456, Baptized In Water  
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: ELW 304, Christ When for Us You Were Baptized  
Dismissal

**Isaiah 42:1-9     The prophet defines the role of God's servant**

42 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. 2 He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; 3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. 4 He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

5 Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: 6 I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8 I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. 9 See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

**Acts 10:34-43     Peter preaches about God's universality**

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**Matthew 3:13-17     Jesus is baptized**

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."