

This Week at First Lutheran

Sunday, December 27th ~ 1st Sunday of Christmas

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship

Monday, December 28th

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 29th

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 30th

7:00 a.m. Worship on Wednesdays
Office Closed

Thursday, December 31st

Office Closed

Sunday, January 3rd ~ 2nd Sunday of Christmas

10:00 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion
11:15 a.m. Fellowship

Scripture Readings for Sunday, January 3rd:

Jer. 31:7-14
Ps. 147:12-20
Eph. 1:3-14
John 1:[1-9]10-18

**Attendance last Sunday was 49
online log-ins and 27 in person**

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We are on Youtube, please subscribe to catch us each week. If you don't use the internet you can follow us on the radio AM 1240 live at 10a on Sundays.

Welcome to All Our Guests and Visitors: The people of First Lutheran Church extend a very sincere welcome to you. For this morning's worship we will be using the Red Book (Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)). Ushers are available anytime for your assistance.

P: Pastor **A:** Assisting Minister **C:** Congregation * Please stand as you are able

Governors Mandate: We are not allowed to have congregational singing through January 4th. Please follow along.

The Scripture lessons today tell of God's salvation plan, from our first human disobedience through the gift of our Savior Jesus Emmanuel.

PRELUDE:

GREETING:

- A** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- A** Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Budget amounts:

November only:	+\$4,047.44
January-November:	+\$28,905.30



Kristi Horseman, Jan McElroy, Wolfgang Franz, Krista (hospitalized), Laurae Lygre (surgery 12/8), Wayne Fairburn (surgery 12/11), Renee Merten and family at the death of her father, Sorensen family at the death of Henry, Wade Lundson, Kendal & Isaac Postema, Diane Sabol, Mary Sue Johnson (lymphoma Lygre's sister in law), Don Loetterle, Angie Perkins Downs, Charlene Watterson, Suzanne Ponchene, Wanless' great granddaughter Rae Lynn Martinez (preemie), Geraldine Childress, Fred Watterson, Katie & Kalan Hope Klosterman (Debbie Butler niece & baby), Jan Riggs, Lani Maier, Ken Hunter, Erleen Beckley, Brooklyn Dawson, Samuel Herron, Yang-ae-Kim (Min's mother, dementia), Shane Williams, the people in the countries of the Middle East, for safety for all U.S. Service Men and Women and their families, especially Jake Ferris, Micah Barnhart, Erik Hurson, leaders of all nations, Immigrant families, and for peace in our world and in our families.

We pray also for our Companion Synod, the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Bread for the World, and FISH Food Bank.

*~Please update Pastor Dennis about people on the prayer list~
If you have a prayer request, fill out the blue prayer request sheet located in the pew in-between the pencils and hand it to an usher.
(Please remember that our Service is broadcast live on KXLE radio.)*

FLC Announcements

Thank you to Judy Ragland for playing the organ today.

Thank you to all our special musicians for sharing their talents with us today.

Flowers for today are provided by Estelle Johnson in memory of her Mother Malina Christopherson on her birthday in heaven.

Cold Weather Shelter is looking for volunteers. The shelter is at Grace Episcopal Church. If you are interested in signing up please, email them at eburgcws@gmail.com

Want to connect with us or be on our weekly email list? If you are would like to receive our weekly emails with the bulletin, music and online link, please notify the office at flceburg@yahoo.com

David Lygre

FIRST LESSON:

Genesis 3:8-19

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." 14 The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
 cursed are you among all animals
 and among all wild creatures;
 upon your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.
 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and hers;
 he will strike your head,
 and you will strike his heel."
 16 To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing;
 in pain you shall bring forth children,
 yet your desire shall be for your husband,
 and he shall rule over you."
 17 And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
 and have eaten of the tree
 about which I commanded you,
 'You shall not eat of it,'
 cursed is the ground because of you;
 in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
 and you shall eat the plants of the field.
 19 By the sweat of your face
 you shall eat bread
 until you return to the ground,
 for out of it you were taken;
 you are dust,
 and to dust you shall return."

HYMN:

"Angels We Have Heard on High"
 (Hum along with Sheila Johnson)

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Jean Cutlip

SECOND LESSON:

Genesis 22:15-18

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, 16 and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, 18 and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

SPECIAL MUSIC:

"In the Bleak Midwinter"
Phil Cutlip

Warren Street

THIRD LESSON:

Isaiah 9:2;6-7

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.

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 His authority shall grow continually,
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.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

"Good Christian Men Rejoice!" arr. Weekely & Arganbright
Garrett and Marilyn Snedeker, piano

Garrett Snedeker

FOURTH LESSON:

Isaiah 11:1-3a; 4a; 6-9

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
2 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,

✠ *~Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church~* ✠

*God's love inspires us to unite in worship, grow in Word and Sacrament,
and serve the need of others as the Holy Spirit empowers us.*

*To this end, as members of First Lutheran Church,
we believe we are each called to proclaim, share,
and daily live Christ's Gospel of Love.*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

*Assisting Minister: David Lygre
Readers: David Lygre, Warren Street, Jean Cutlip, Jeff & Garrett Snedeker
Sound Operator: Bruce Palmquist
Altar Guild: Estelle Johnson*

PARISH STAFF

*Pastor - Dennis Hickman
Organist - Betty Kramlich
Office Administrator - Christine Rice*

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

A Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

***THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

† **SENDING** †

***BLESSING:**

P May the good news that is Jesus, the Messiah, bring you great joy each day. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SENDING SONG:**

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”
(Hum along with Sheila Johnson)

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***DISMISSAL:**

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
3 His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
7 The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den.
9 They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

REFLECTION on the WORD

~ Garrett Snedeker

SPECIAL MUSIC:

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”
Jeff and Marilyn Snedeker, horn and piano

arr. Richard Walters

Jean Cutlip

FIFTH LESSON:

Luke 1:26-35; 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” 29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” 34 Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” 35 The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be

called Son of God.

38 Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

SPECIAL MUSIC: “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*” Redner, arr. Alexander
Jeff and Marilyn Snedeker, horn and piano

Jeff Snedeker

SIXTH LESSON: **Luke 2:1; 3-7**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.

All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. 5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

SPECIAL MUSIC: “*Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine*” German Carol, arr. Rocherolle
Jeff and Marilyn Snedeker, horn and piano

David Lygre

SEVENTH LESSON: **Luke 2:8-16**

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” 16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

SPECIAL MUSIC: “*The Snow Lay on the Ground*” arr. Leo Sowerby
Garrett Snedeker, organ

Warren Street

EIGHTH LESSON:

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah [c] was to be born. 5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” 9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Improvisation on “*We Three Kings*”
Garrett Snedeker, organ

David Holden

Jeff Snedeker

NINTH LESSON:

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.