

This Week at First Lutheran

Sunday, November 29th ~ 1st Sunday in Advent

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

Wednesday, December 2nd

7:00 a.m. Worship on Wednesdays
9:00 a.m. Quilters
No Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Advent Worship (half hour)

Thursday, December 3rd

9:00 a.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 6th ~ 2nd Sunday in Advent

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

Scripture Readings for Sunday, December 6th:

Isa. 40:1-11
Ps. 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

**Attendance last Sunday was 19
online log-ins and 26 in person**

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† GATHERING †

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is the light and life of all the ages.

C Amen.

P Trusting in Jesus Christ, who came to share our humanity and bring light to this broken world, let us come before God without fear to make our confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Comforting God,

C **we confess before you and in the presence of one another that we are sinners who fail to live as you desire. So often we place our trust in ourselves and not in you. We do not love each other as you have commanded. Because of us, your whole creation suffers. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us. In your boundless patience and mercy, lead us to live by faith in your promise. Amen.**

P God's love for us is greater than all our sins. God promises full pardon and complete forgiveness to all who turn from sin and place their trust in Christ, the light of the world. Hear and believe the good news that all your sins are forgiven. With God nothing is impossible.

C Amen.

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.

***HYMN OF PRAISE: (hum)**

Leader
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

All
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

Leader All
To God be glo-ry for-ev-er! To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!

Leader Leader
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1 Group 1, 2
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- A** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

FLC Announcements

Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer Services in Advent: Half hour worship services during the season of Advent will be on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm, December 2, 9 and 16. These are short services of scripture, prayer and song.

During the hectic month of December, you are invited to take a brief time-out for worship and it's always great to do Holden Evening Prayer together.

FISH will be coordinating efforts again this year to provide gifts for local families and seniors through our Community Christmas program. Last year, with the help of donors we were able to make Christmas a reality for 150 families and an additional 160 children and teens were provided Christmas presents during a secondary program for those who missed the deadline for adoption.

If you'd like to adopt a family or senior this year please email us at communitychristmas@kvfish.org.

Offering Envelopes: The 2021 offering envelopes are available in the fellowship hall. Stop by and pick yours up Sunday mornings if you attend service, or if you stop by the church to drop off your offering or for some other reason during the week. These are getting out earlier than normal to allow people more time to pick them up as you may not get to the church as often. Christine can help find yours when she is working during the week. For those that are not picked up by the end of the year they will be mailed out. If you have any questions let the church office know or contact James Stolte.

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

REJOICE! is the third candle on Advent wreath and our theme. Calling all musicians to an informal Christmas music fest 9:00AM Sunday, December 13, in the Fellowship hall. If you would like to participate, please call Ida Malde, 962-9682, or leave message in church office.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Assisting Minister: David Lygre

Reader: Jeff Snedeker

Sound Operator: Patty Akers

Altar Guild: Bea Fairburn

PARISH STAFF

Pastor - Dennis Hickman

Organist - Betty Kramlich, Youth Director - Vacant

Office Administrator - Christine Rice



Renee Merten and family at the death of her father, Sorensen family at the death of Henry, Laurae Lygre (upcoming surgery), 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.)

Special Music (if available)

*"Secret Winter"
Jeff and Marilyn Snedeker horn and piano*

~ Amir Zaheri

Light One Candle (Vs.1) (hum)

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

†WORD†

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 64:1-9

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40-55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,

and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

PSALM: **Read Responsively**
Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. (Ps. 80:7)

Psalm 80

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

**²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and | come to help us.**

³Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

**⁴O LORD | God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?**

⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

**⁶You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

**¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,
the one you have made so strong | for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

**¹⁹Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.**

SECOND READING: **1 Corinthians 1:3–9**
As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SENDING SONG:** (hum) *“Soon and Very Soon”* **ELW #439**

***DISMISSAL:**

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *“Trumpet Tune”* ~ McCabe
Jeff Snedeker and Betty Kramlich

✝ ~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.*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

For in person worship: The bread and wine are in individual serving cups on tables up front. The wafer is on top and juice beneath, simply peel back the foil to consume.

For those who are taking part in the Lord's Supper at home; Please give the bread to one another or yourself with the words "The body of Christ given for you." Then give the wine or grape juice to one another or yourself with the words "The blood of Christ shed for you." If you have children please lay your hands on their heads and bless them with words such as "The risen Jesus loves and saves you." (Or similar words)

After worship please consume any remaining bread and wine/grape juice or return it to the ground from which it came. (Don't throw it in the garbage.)

OTHER HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION:

ELW #438

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

A **God for whom we wait, we give you thanks for this meal of life that you have set before us. May our sharing of this heavenly food, in which you are present even now, nourish our faith, strengthen us for service, and deepen our hunger for the coming of your reign on earth as in heaven.**

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

*BLESSING:

P God our Father fill you with the light of divine love.

C Amen.

P Jesus, our Emmanuel, bring you assurance he will come again.

C Amen.

P The Holy Spirit lead you until the dawning of the new day.

C Amen.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

ELW # 175

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*HOLY GOSPEL:

Mark 13:24–37

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In today's reading, Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

[Jesus said:]

"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON:

Pastor Dennis Hickman

HYMN OF THE DAY: (hum) "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

ELW # 244

APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

** catholic means universal*

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(The congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord: "Peace be with you.")

OFFERING:

organ solo by Garrett Snedeker

(Download Vanco Give Plus app to give via your phone)

***OFFERTORY:** (hum) *"What Feast of Love"* **ELW # 487 vs 1, 3**
What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven? What food of ever lasting life, what gracious gift is given? This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven? What stream of ever lasting life, what precious blood is given? This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

A **God of faithfulness, we bring before you the precious gifts of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for those in need and prepare for your Son's advent into our hearts.**

C **Amen.**

‡ **PRAYERS** ‡

A In hope and expectation, let us pray for restoration and peace, light and life.

P You are with us, O God, and our spirits rejoice in your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen**

‡ **THE LORD'S SUPPER** ‡

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ELW # 190(first 6 lines) (hum)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

P The Words of Institution

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