



**Sunday, January 1, 2023**  
**First Sunday of Christmas: Name of Jesus**  
**10:30am Worship**

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**First Lutheran Church**

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***Our Mission Statement...***

First Lutheran Church is God's people inviting, involving, equipping, and empowering to serve, that all may know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.



# SUNDAY, January 1 – First Sunday of Christmas

8:00am – Worship  
9:15am – No Christian Education  
9:30am – Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am – Worship  
11:45am – Coffee Fellowship

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## Altar Guild

Sally Pouliot & Lisa Thomas

## Reader

Cindy Sjoquist/Carolyn Nelson

## Communion Assistant 10:30am

Jane Coyne Smith & Carol Kocsis

## Usher

Cindy Sjoquist/tbd

### Bulletin Notes

\*\* = Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

#### **Bold Print = Congregational Response**

LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship (Green Hymnal)

ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Cranberry Hymnal)

WOV= With One Voice (Blue Hymnal)

ACS= All Creation Sings (Purple Hymnal)

Screen= Electric Screen Version only, not available in print

*Page Numbers in Italics*=Liturgical Music, page # at the bottom of the page, front 1/3 of the hymnals

**Page Numbers in Bold**= Hymn numbers at the top of the page, back 2/3 of the hymnals

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Please come forward as the ushers direct to receive communion. Fill out a communion card from the pew and hand it to the ushers. Place your empty cup in the basket on the corner of the altar railing. As you return to your seat you are encouraged to pray, sing, and/or meditate while the rest of the congregation communes.*

*Children regardless of age are welcome to commune if their parents are comfortable. Parents may whisper "God loves you, and sent Jesus to be our Savior," as they take communion.\**

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\*ELCA Use of the Means of Grace pp 37-40

# GATHERING



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**\*\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*LBW p.77*

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

**\*\*GATHERING HYMN**

*"Cold December Flies Away"*

**LBW 53**

**\*\*KYRIE**

*LBW p. 78*

**\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*LBW p.79-80*

**\*\*GREETING**

*LBW p.82*

## **\*\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray,

**C: Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING Numbers 6:22-27**

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>23</sup>Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup>So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE PSALM: Psalm 8**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7**

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*LBW p. 83*

**\*\*GOSPEL: Luke 2:15-21**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

<sup>21</sup>After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, Christ**

**MINI MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

Pastor Elisabeth Daniels

**\*\*HYMN OF THE DAY**     *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*     **LBW 54**

**\*\* NICENE CREED**     *LBW p. 84*

**\*\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family...

P: Lord, in your mercy

**C: hear our prayer**

P: Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

**C: Amen.**

**\*\*THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

**SPECIAL OFFERING MUSIC**

Paul Rajala, Organist

**\*\*OFFERING SONG**     *"Let the Vineyards be Fruitful Lord"*     *LBW p 86*

**\*\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray,

**C: God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered.  
Join our hearts with the song of the angels,  
and gather us at your table of celebration.**

**Strengthen us to share with all the world  
the abundance of your grace upon grace,  
poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
Amen.**

**\*\*HOLY COMMUNION LITURGY**

*LBW P. 88-94*

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*LBW P. 88*

**SANCTUS**

*LBW P. 89*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*LBW P. 89*

**THE LORDS PRAYER**

*LBW P. 92*

**\*\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P: Glory to God in the highest!**

**Come to the table of peace.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

*LBW P. 92*

**\*\*COMMUNION SONG**     *"I Wonder as I Wander"*

**WOV 642**

**\*\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P: Let us pray,**

**C: God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table  
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.**

**As you have gathered us in joy,  
send us forth as messengers of your peace.**

**Make us shine with the good news of your glory,  
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*\*BLESSING**

*LBW P. 94*

**\*\*SENDING SONG**     *"In the Bleak Mid-Winter"*

**ELW 294**

**\*\*DISMISSAL**

**P: Christ the Savior is born!**

**Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## **POSTLUDE**

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### **COMING UP THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, January 2**

OFFICE CLOSED  
6:00pm – Cub Scouts

#### **Tuesday, January 3**

9:00am – Sewing

#### **Wednesday, January 4**

8:00am – Kiwanis  
8:30am – All Staff Meeting  
8:30am – Internship Committee  
9:30am - Bible Study

#### **Thursday, January 5**

**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**  
1:00pm – Bulletin Folding  
5:15pm - TOPS

### **NEXT SUNDAY – Sunday, January 8**

#### **Baptism of Our Lord**

Readings will be Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29,  
Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** The finance committee is seeking 1 -2 people to join them on Monday mornings at 9:00am to count the Sunday offerings. They also meet periodically throughout the year and work on the church budget. People interested should have a background in handling business finances.

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**HOPE AT THE INN:** Volunteer for the week we are hosting Hope at the Inn. Shift volunteers, meals and breakfast/snack items are needed. Sign-Up online or with Tiffany Olsick and Amanda Kippola.

**First Lutheran is hosting January 8th – 15th**

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**BIBLE STUDY:** Will resume on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Happy Holidays.

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**HOSPITAL VISITS:** Due to short hospital stays and privacy laws, we often don't know when members are hospitalized. If you or a loved one is in the hospital for a procedure or treatment, please notify the church office (428-4565) so that we may offer a prayer.

### PRAYER LIST

*Please be in prayer for the following people this week:*

|                   |                 |                 |                   |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Alex              | Andy            | Angela          | Ashley            |
| Austin            | Carley          | Carol           | Carol             |
| Chad              | Charlie         | Danny           | Darlene           |
| Dawn              | Debbie          | Vicki           | Duane             |
| Earlene           | Eli             | Ella            | Emma              |
| Everett           | Gen             | Helen           | Michelle          |
| Jim               | Joanne          | Joe             | Joey              |
| Tom               | Josh            | Kaden           | Kathy             |
| Ken               | Ken             | Mike            | Kris              |
| Lennea            | Larson          | Logan           | Luke              |
| Mark              | Mary            | Michelle        | Mildred           |
| Nancy             | Oliver          | Pat             | Paul              |
| Peggy             | Randy           | Richard         | Robert            |
| Robin             | Ron             | Sam             | Sandy             |
| Sarah             | Sherri          | Sue             | Sue               |
| Svea              | Tabitha         | Ted             |                   |
| Michelle & Family | Mike & Family   | Steve & Peggy   | Mitchell & Ashley |
| Ken & Pam Young   | Trisha & Family | Jolene & Family | Drake & Hunter    |

*Also continue to be in prayer for those serving our country:*

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|-------|-------|----------|-------------|
| Jamie | Bryan | Danielle | Christopher |
| Jesse | Jacob | Jason    | Charlie     |



updates on your requests.

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**Do you have a prayer request? *Please let us know.***

Prayer requests are lifted up each Sunday during the “Prayers of the People.” Prayer Ministry sheets are on the prayer board located by the office door.

**The office will contact you quarterly to get**

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