



FIRST  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
COLORADO SPRINGS

worship

12.24.25  
7 & 9 p.m.

## Welcome to First Lutheran Church!

Today, as since 1892, we welcome members and guests to glorify God and exalt his name.

### NEW HERE? HAVE A QUESTION?

Visit the Welcome Center in the Gathering Place, just north of the Sanctuary. First-time visitors receive a special gift.

### HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate Holy Communion at every worship service; all who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome at his table. To receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms over your chest. Our children celebrate First Communion in Grade 3. Earlier participation in communion is at the discretion of parents or guardians.

### NEED HEARING ASSISTANCE?

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All ages are welcome in worship; our professionally-staffed child care center is, however, an option for young children during services. The center is near the elevator on the main level.

### A PLACE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

Our **Sunday School** program meets at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Children may be dropped off as early as 9:15 a.m. Adults are invited to join our quarterly Adult Education classes.

### JOIN US FOR COFFEE

Following the worship service, please join us in the Gathering Place for coffee, treats, and fellowship.

### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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# The Nativity of Our Lord

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025

7 AND 9 P.M.

## PRELUDE

### OPENING VERSE

Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

### SONG OF LIGHT: O *Gracious Light*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the evening light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

### CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE

Pastor   The light shines in the darkness,

Everyone   **and the darkness has not overcome it.**

The Word became flesh and lived among us,  
**and we have beheld Christ’s glory.**

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.  
**In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN: O Come, All Ye Faithful  
Please stand as you are able and join in singing!

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him, born the King of angels.

O come, let us adore him!  
O come, let us adore him!  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest!

O come, let us adore him ...

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

O come, let us adore him ...

WORD OF WELCOME

PSALM 51: O Faithful God  
O faithful God, have mercy on your servant here;  
in your love, remember not my sins.  
In the waters of your grace, wash me clean of all disgrace;  
raise me up to life from death and fear.

I know my deeds, I know my faults and failings well;  
I have sinned and broken faith with you.  
For the wrong that I have done, my transgressions, ev'ry one,  
God, your judgment would be just and true.

You long for truth, for wisdom dwelling deep within;  
teach my heart to long for wisdom, too:  
Wash me clean and give me voice,  
and may all my soul rejoice;  
turn my heart from sin to live in you.

Create in me a clean and righteous heart, O God,  
put a willing spirit in my soul.  
Let me sing with joy anew the salvation found in you,  
singing praise to you who made me whole!

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 7:14 – 16

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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE: MAGNIFICAT *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness*

My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,  
and my spirit rejoices in you.

You have looked with love on your servant here,  
and blessed me all my life through.

Great and mighty are you, O Holy One:  
strong is your kindness evermore.

How you favor the weak and lowly one,  
humbling the proud of heart!

You have cast the mighty down from their thrones,  
and uplifted the humble of heart.

You have filled the hungry with wondrous things,  
and left the wealthy no part.

Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One:  
strong is your justice, strong your love.

As you promised to Sarah and Abraham,  
kindness forevermore.

My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,  
and my spirit rejoices in you.

You have looked with love on your servant here,  
and blessed me all my life through.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 JOHN 1:1 – 4

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



CANTICLE: NUNC DIMITTIS Lord, Now You Let Your Servant

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;  
your Word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

A light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 2:1 – 14

*Please stand for the reading of the gospel.*

The holy gospel according to Luke, the second chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. 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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 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.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

HYMN: *The First Noel*

The first noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, noel, noel, noel!  
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.

Noel, noel ...

This star drew nigh to the northwest;  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Noel, noel ...

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;  
that hath made heav'n and earth of nought,  
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Noel, noel ...

THE APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

#### PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The choir sings the response and everyone repeats it.*

*The response is sung after each petition.*



In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

[Sung] **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For peace and salvation, we pray to you:

**God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For peace between nations, for peace between peoples:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

For us, who are gathered to worship and praise you:

**God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For all of your servants who live out your gospel:

**God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For all those who govern, that justice might guide them:

**God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For all those who labor in service to others:

**God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Grant weather that nourishes all of creation:

**God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger:

**God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For all the beloved who rest in your mercy:

**God of mercy, hold us in love.**

## THE COLLECTS

Hear our prayers, O Lord, and let our cry for help come to you. In love, you have poured on us the light of your incarnate Word. Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most holy God, the source of all that is good, all that is right, and all that is just: give us that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for night is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of the bread. Grant this for the sake of your love: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*We invite the ushers to come forward to receive our tithes and offerings.*

OFFERING MUSIC: *Child of Peace, Child of Hope*

Child of peace, Child of hope, to light our weary way.

Perfect love, the Son of God, came to earth today.

For the old, the young, the lost, not merely for a few.

Joy to ev'ry longing heart, he was born for you.

Child of peace, Child of hope, Incarnate Deity.

A simple throne in Bethlehem, so far from Calvary.

Tiny stranger wrapped in light, cleanse us, make us new.

Majesty, bound up in love, he was born for you.

The Father's heart, so merciful, forgives us, sets us free,  
through Jesus Christ, his only Son, for all eternity!

Child of peace, Child of hope, clothed in righteousness.

Trust in his redeeming love, and he will give you rest.

Worship him as King of Kings, in spirit and in truth.

Blameless sacrifice for sin, he was born for you.

Make him Lord, your King of Kings, kneel in gratitude.

Quietly, invite him in – he was born for you!

We extend a special welcome to all who are new to First Lutheran today! Please text **GUEST** to **719.988.3524** to let us know about yourself.

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MESSAGE: PASTOR CARRIE BAYLIS

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please remain standing as we sing the Offertory.*

OFFERTORY: *Of the Father's Love Begotten*



1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be - gan\_\_ to be,  
2. Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,



he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the end - ing he,  
hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing and un - wea-ried prais - es be:



of the things that are, that have\_\_\_\_\_ been, and that fu-ture years shall see,  
hon-or, glo - ry, and do-min - ion, and e - ter-nal vic - to - ry



ev - er-more and ev - er - more.\_\_\_



A - men.\_\_\_

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh, you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody continues with triplets marked '3'. The third staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody continues with triplets marked '3'. The fourth staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody continues with triplets marked '3'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

## BREAD AND WINE ARE SHARED

Come to the table for all is now ready. **Thanks be to God!**

*The ushers will direct you to the nearest station to receive communion. Extend your hands and allow the bread to be placed in your hand. Take either the wine or white grape juice from the center of the tray. After communing, place your empty glass in the tray and return to your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available; if you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher so we may serve you in the pew. All who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome at his table.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Please join in singing!

HYMN: O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light.

The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
and, gathered all above  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wond'ring love.

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O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
but, in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him,  
still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in;  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
oh, come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Immanuel!

HYMN: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild;  
God and sinners reconciled.”  
Joyful, all you nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”*



Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail, incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel!

*Hark! the herald angels sing ...*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild, he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise each child of earth,  
born to give us second birth.

*Hark! the herald angels sing ...*

*Please stand for the blessing.*

#### COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled world, the light of your Son. Let the star of your hope touch the minds of all people with the bright beams of mercy and truth; and so direct our steps that we may ever walk in the way revealed to us, as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy to the manger where he dwelt, who now and ever reigns in our hearts, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The candles are lit by tipping the unlit candle toward a lit candle.*

*To guard against hot wax on skin or clothing, please avoid tipping a lit candle.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

Joyous light of heav'nly glory,  
loving glow of God's own face,  
you who sing creation's story,  
shine on ev'ry land and race.

Now as evening falls around us,  
we shall raise our songs to you.  
God of daybreak, God of shadows,  
come and light our hearts anew.

In the stars that grace the darkness,  
in the blazing sun of dawn,  
in the light of peace and wisdom,  
we can hear your quiet song.  
Love that fills the night with wonder,  
love that warms the weary soul,  
love that bursts all chains asunder,  
set us free and make us whole.

You who made the heavens' spelndor,  
ev'ry dancing star of night,  
make us shine with gentle justice,  
let us each reflect your light.

Mighty God of all creation,  
gentle Christ who lights our way,  
loving Spirit of salvation,  
lead us on to endless day!

GOSPEL OF THE INCARNATION: JOHN 1:1 – 5, 9 – 14, 16

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 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. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

HYMN: *Silent Night, Holy Night!*

Silent night, holy night!

All is calm, all is bright

'round yon virgin mother and Child.

Holy Infant, so tender and mild,

sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight;

glories stream from heaven afar,

heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!"

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

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Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light radiant  
beams from your holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Please raise your candle high as we sing the fourth verse:

Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend your light;  
with the angels let us sing,  
"Alleluia to our King!"  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

#### PRAYER

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word:  
Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### BENEDICTION

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

#### SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*Please extinguish your candle, and go in peace. As you exit, place your candle and candleholder in one of the large boxes in the narthex, the thruway, or the Gathering Place. Merry Christmas!*

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My family: Cindy Koger, Kim, Devin, Angela Watsts, and Raquel Vasques  
by Eve Koger

Special friends: Debbie Chlebus, Jan Hanlin, Anna Wiese, and Nick McKibben  
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Aunt Julie Wick by Emberly Ackerman

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Our children Alayne, Charles, Todd, and Ellen; and granddaughters Grace, Gabrielle,  
and Calliope by Steve and Jill Brown

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Jeff and James Haring and their families by Erna Haring

Grandchildren and Godchildren by Elbert and Eileen Carter

Children and Grandchildren by Joe and Barbara Dixon

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Our family, Leah, Graham, Calla, and Sadie by Larry and Sandy Wiebe

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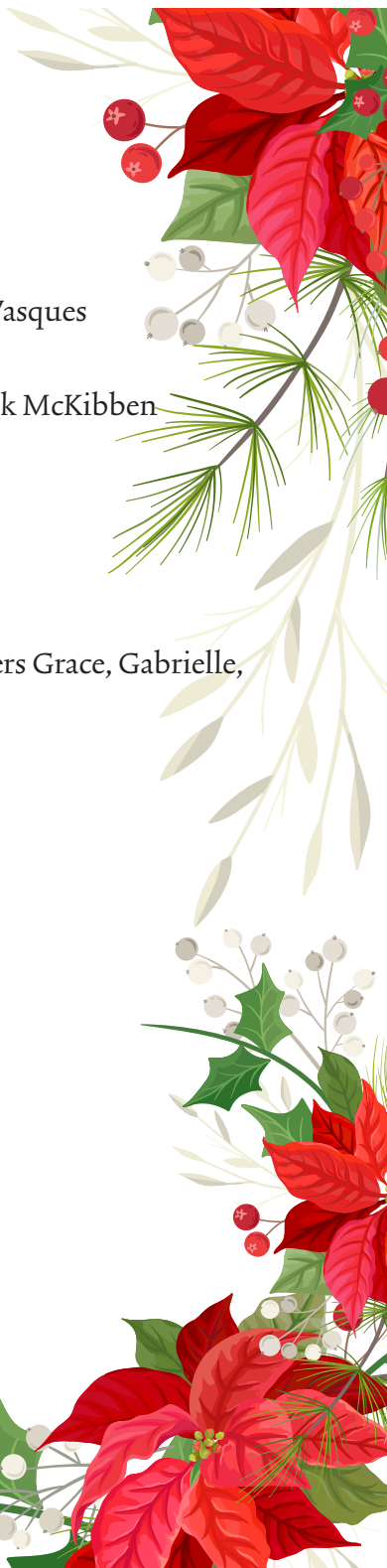
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To our loving children: Brian, Carrie, Cameron, Amanda, Brian,  
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Eugene Cartwright, Kris father by Kris and Sharon Cartwright

Nils and Sylvia Sandner, Sharon's parents by Sharon and Kris Cartwright

Theo Chambers by the Todd and Maryellen Mitchell family

Albert and Diana Kobilan by the Todd and Maryellen Mitchell family

James Callahan by John and Jeanne Smith

Roland and Janice Baldwin by Elizabeth Heiny

George and Delsie Schulte by Stacy and John Gatto, and Stephanie Rouse

Sam Rouse by Stephanie Rouse

Pat Brettmann by Pat and Chris White

Colleen White by Pam and Chris White

Allison Nist by Carl Nist Lund

Carol Harriet Palmen by John Palmen

Nancy O'Keefe by Charlotte Ankeny and Kris Morgan

Terry Spotts by Charlotte Ankeny and Kris Morgan

Stephen Lehmkuhl by Chris and Kiersten Lehmkuhl

Connie Swift by Chris and Kiersten Lehmkuhl

Susan Truchses by Chris and Kiersten Lehmkuhl

Rose Eggum by Kids and Grandkids

Jo Lynn Cook by Mark and Cindy Stanley and family







Joyce Cook by Mark and Cindy Stanley and family

Heather Campbell Chaney by Mark and Mindy Mahler

Ellen Zahn Mahler by Mark and Mindy Mahler

Gary Miller by Gwynethe Miller

Erv Rokke by his family

Gretl and Thomas Vaughn by Gudrun, Karin, Thom, and families

Jan Smith by Don and Jane Smith

John Gossman by Jane and Don Smith

Josh Sommervold by Bob and Linda Sommervold

Brandon Walsh by Amelia, Riley, and Ayla Walsh

Amone Brice by Chrissy and Randy

Herman and Mary Schmitz by Carol Schmitz

Roy Hartwell by Mary Hartwell and Stephanie Haas

James Hartwell by Mary Hartwell and Stephanie Haas

Departed Loved Ones by Debbie and Bob

Lucinda Ivy by Bob and Debbie

Larry Thomas by Debbie and Bob

Shari Olson by Gary Olson

Ned and Lola Dixon, Robert, Helen, and Scott Thompson by Joe and Barbara Dixon

Arnie Arneson by Joyce Arneson

Bill Perry by Amilu Stewart

Elizabeth Ann Koditek by the Koditek family

Robert Loudon by Suzanne and children

The Rev. Myron and Dorothy Eichner, and Paul and Violet Peel  
by the Rev. Paul R. Peel and Lois Peel





Andy Peel by the Rev. Paul R. Peel and Lois Peel

Doug Auten by Mary, Jill and family, and Bart and family

Our parents: John and Phyllis Bockstahler; Joseph and Pauline Busovsky; our nephew, Trevor Busovsky by Bill and Karen Busovsky

Our parents: Russ and Jane Vogel, and Harry and Helen Mosco by Cathy and Harry Mosco

Millie Kamperschroer by Gini Simonson

Valerie Ann Romano by Fran and Brian Freese

Marilyn Miller by Marcus and Liz Kochis

Charlie Miller by Marcus and Liz Kochis

Jim Kochis by Marcus and Liz Kochis

My dear husband, Jack by Annette Kester

Tim Bowie by Steve and Loretta Rea

Dorothy Fleming, Loretta's mom by Loretta and Steve Rea

The Linnenburger family by Jane Linnenburger

Norm Peterson and Kobus Kraai by Lynn Peterson

Beloved husband David DuBois, MD by Suzanne DuBois

Dennis David Robbins by Rondi Robbins, and Jenny and Scott Estes

Donna Flores by Rick and Donna Flores

Edward Leasburg by Donna and Rick Flores

Olive Harding by Anita Eckley

Bernice Eckley by Anita Eckley

Amy Rivers by Rick and Anne Rivers

Doug Zobec by Anne and Rick Rivers





# WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN

## WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Our mission is to equip members to be fully committed followers of Jesus Christ, who seek to glorify Almighty God in their lives and share with others the joy and salvation of the Christian faith.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

One Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.

Potluck brunch in Gathering Place following service

### REGULARLY SCHEDULED SUNDAY SERVICES

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (Sanctuary) at 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (Worship Center) at 10:15 a.m.

First Kids at 10:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHT

ROLLING DINNER (Gathering Place) at 5:15 p.m.

WORSHIP (Worship Center) at 6:30 p.m.

Small groups for Grades 6 – 12 and adults following worship

### PASTORAL TEAM

The Rev. Travis Norton, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Carrie Baylis, Associate Pastor

The Rev. Michaela Eskew, Associate Pastor





*Merry Christmas, church family!* We have a God who loves us, loves this world, and refuses to give up on either. This week we celebrate salvation by grace, foundational to our Lutheran faith. God doesn't wait for us to come up to him – he came down to us! The baby in the manger is the rescue we all need. So, we bend the knee and worship our Savior. Come, let us adore him!

I pray for you every morning, asking God to strengthen your faith, give you wisdom and guidance, and fill you with joy. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas with whom-ever you are celebrating. I am glad you are here to worship, and I pray the Holy Spirit will speak clearly to you with words of love, challenge, and comfort. Jesus is for you, and God has an invitation for each of you to serve in a way unique to you and your gifts. God comes to us just as we are – but he doesn't leave us that way. We are all invited to change and follow Jesus' way of service, love, and sacrifice. Come, let us adore him! Come and follow the Savior!

As we turn the corner to a new year, I remind you that on Sunday, December 28, we will have one worship service at 9:30 a.m. followed by a potluck. Please bring something to share and plan to stick around after worship as we enjoy fellowship as a church family.

May God bless you and may God bless First Lutheran as we aim to follow Jesus into the world and share the good news of the God who comes to us.

With love,

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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