



First Lutheran Church

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Mary and Elizabeth

Saturday December 15, 2018

5:30pm

Prelude *Christmas Night* Organ/Piano Duet
Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness p. 94
Hymn *Blessed Be the God of Israel* ELW 250

Prayer of the Day

God of love, you sent your Son, our savior, into a land of deep darkness to bring joy to all the world. Shine this light on us always and fill our hearts with your love. We pray in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Reading Isaiah 9:2-7 pew Bible p. 624

“The word of the Lord” Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Gospel Acclamation ***He Came Down*** (Joy) ELW 253

Gospel Reading Luke 1:39-56 pew Bible p. 934

Response after the announcement: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Response after the reading: ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Hymn ***Here I Am, Lord*** ELW 574

Sermon

Apostles’ Creed (inside back cover of hymnal)

Prayers of the People

Offering *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Organ/Piano

Duet

Offertory ***Christ, Be Our Light*** (v. 5) ELW 715

Great Thanksgiving p. 206

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 207

The Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer (sung)

Our Father, which 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 debts,

As we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever! Amen.

Communion ***It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*** ELW 282

Silent Night, Holy Night ELW 281

Go Tell It on the Mountain ELW 290

Benediction

Closing Song ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*** ELW 270

Postlude



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Festival of Christmas Music

Sunday, December 16, 2018
8:30am & 10:45am

Prelude	First Lutheran Strings	
Call To Worship	<i>Christmas Night</i>	Organ/Piano Duet
Welcome/Announcements		
Men's Choir	<i>My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness</i>	
Confession/Forgiveness		p. 94
Gathering Hymn	<i>Blessed Be the God of Israel</i>	ELW 250
<u>Prayer of the Day</u>		
<i>God of love, you sent your Son, our savior, into a land of deep darkness to bring joy to all the world. Shine this light on us always and fill our hearts with your love. We pray in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.</i>		
Children's Sermon		
Trio	<i>Mary's Lullaby</i>	Czech Carol arr by Ruth Artman
Reading	Isaiah 9:2-7	pew bible p. 624
	"The word of the Lord" Response: <i>Thanks be to God!</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>The Wexford Carol</i> , arr. Wilberg	Chancel Choir
Gospel Reading	Luke 1:39-56	pew bible p. 934
	Response after the announcement: <i>Glory to you, O Lord.</i>	
	Response after the reading: <i>Praise to you, O Christ.</i>	
Chancel Choir	<i>Still, Still, Still</i>	arr. Wilberg
Chancel Choir	<i>The First Nowell</i>	arr. Wilberg
Offering	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	Organ/Piano
Duet		
Offertory	<i>Christ Be Our Light</i> (v. 5)	ELW 715
The Lord's Supper		
The Lord's Prayer (sung)	<i>Our Father, which 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 debts, As we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever! Amen.</i>	
Communion	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	ELW 282
	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	ELW 281
	<i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>	ELW 290
Blessing		

***Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! in excelsis Deo!***

***Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let Earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.***

***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!***

***The first nowell the angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel.***

***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.***

***Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild: God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful all ye 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."***

***Deck the hall with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, Fa la la la la, la la la la.***

***We wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin,
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy New Year.
We wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.***

Benediction

Postlude



Announcements

December 15 & 16, 2018

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Curt & Rosie Sorum in honor of their 61st wedding anniversary.

Prayer List: John Doyle, Curt Sorum, Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Brian Brandt, Tonya Ormberg, Rob Yant, Pat Leary, Casey Porisch (great nephew of Karl & Shirley Porisch), Lois Dellwo (sister of Linda VanOverbeke), Vi Thomasson, Brian Gelster & Family (deployment), Val Krogstad, David Valentin (son of Jim & Joanne), Darlene Newman (sister of Janet Landby), Marilyn Green (sister of Shirley Anderson-Porisch), Jenifer Klein's sister, Carla, Vincent & Lucella VanOverbeke (parents of Linda), Larry Pratt (father of Heather Purrington), Dennis Tollefson, Jo Blomme, Delores Holm, Al Evers, Adam & Katie Rigge & family (at the death of Katie's Grandmother Beverly Kremin).

Thank you for serving!	5:30pm	8:30am	10:45am
Acolytes	Shep Jensen	Scott Griebel Gavin Schaefer	Logan Miller Olivia Houseman
Greeters	Ed & Twila Henning	Marlene Nordby Carole Halverson	Chace & Emily Pollock
Ushers		Tim & Sue DeSaer Bruce & Vicki Lamprecht	Bruce Mitlyng Eric & Stella Miller
Lectors	Karen Murphy	Pam Neet	Brian Kruse
Communion Assistants	Karen Murphy	Pam Neet, Brian Kruse Marlene Nordby	Deb Mitlyng, Twila Henning, John Marshall
Music	Rosie Sorum	Rosie Sorum, Susan Jones Chancel Choir Directed by Stephen Kingsbury Trio: Connie Knott, Steve Meyer, Kristin Neet-Holien, Accompanied by Diane Wright	
Video and Projection		Steve Hamner	Steve Hamner Tanner Fales
Altar Guild	Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Kim Christianson, Nancy Grams, Cathy Johnson, Marlene Nordby		
Van Driver	Dan Marks - call 828-1769 by 5pm Friday if ride is needed		
Donut Hole Pickup	12/23: Lisa Henning		
Snow Removal	Dec 10-16: Dan Marks Dec 17-23: Dan Marks, Jim Fischer		

Sunday December 16

8:30am & 10:45am Worship
9:30am TLC
9:30am Chancel Choir Tea -Fellowship Hall
9:45am 3 For Heaven Sake

Monday December 17

1:00pm Quilting
6:30pm Beginning Experience

Tuesday December 18

9:00am Senior Coffee
10:15am Staff Meets

Wednesday December 19

No TLC or Youth Events
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:30am Rejoice Bible Study
5:15pm Advent Worship
6:30pm Women's Choir

Thursday December 20

Parish Visitor Articles Due
3:00pm Serve Esther's Kitchen

Saturday December 22

5:30pm Worship

Sunday December 23

9:30am Worship

Monday December 24

3pm, 5pm, 9pm - Christmas Eve
Candlelight Worship

Wednesday December 26

No Worship, TLC or Youth Events
9:30am Rejoice Bible Study
6:30pm Women's Choir
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday December 27

Shetek Winter Fun Day

Saturday December 29

No Worship

Sunday December 30

No TLC
9:30am Worship

News & Notes

Hy-Vee Cards available for Purchase The Senior High Youth will be selling Hy-Vee gift cards throughout the year as a part of their fundraisers. We have \$25, \$50, and \$100 cards. The youth will receive 5% of the money. Everyone needs groceries or gas, and it's money you would spend anyway, if not all at one time, eventually. By using the gift cards, part of the money will go to the youth! Proceeds will go toward the summer Mystery Mission Trip to Pine Ridge, SD. They can be purchased in the office or between services on Sunday mornings.

Would you be willing to sponsor a Radio Broadcast? Each Sunday morning, First Lutheran Church's worship service can be heard on KMHL radio (1400 AM) at 11:00 a.m. This is an important ministry for those who are ill, hospitalized / homebound, or those who have limited vision and mobility. The cost for each broadcast is \$93. You are invited to sponsor a Sunday broadcast. It can be done in honor of someone, in gratitude for something

or someone, in memory of someone, in celebration of an event, or for no particular reason. You will find a clipboard on the table in the narthex on which you may write your name(s) next to the Sunday(s) of your choice. Please include your address so the reminder card, sent the month before your chosen Sunday, will go to your current address. At that time, you will send your \$93 to the church office and tell Becky what wording you would like in the bulletin. Thank you for supporting this important ministry. Thank you also, so very much, to everyone who sponsored a broadcast in 2018. Marlene Nordby

First Lutheran night at Loaves & Fishes - Esther's Kitchen will be Thursday, December 20. We need 3 volunteers for meal prep from 3pm-5pm and 6 volunteers from 5-7pm for serving and clean-up. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex. We will be volunteering every 3rd Thursday of the month at Esther's Kitchen.

Help put thousands of dollars back in the pockets of hardworking families by volunteering at United Community Action Partnership's Free Tax Clinics. Volunteer opportunities include: Tax site Assistants, to welcome customers and screen their documents, and Tax Preparers. No experience necessary! UCAP provides the training you need! Please contact: Shelly Rykhus @ 507-537-1416 #2141 for more information.

Ring, Ring for Cha-Ching! Outreach Committee is asking for your consideration in helping with bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Ringing takes place at Runnings, HyVee and Shopko and there is plenty of space on the schedule to fill. Ringing takes place from 9 am – 8 pm, Monday – Saturday, through Christmas Eve. Please prayerfully consider helping this holiday season. If interested, contact Delores Richards at 532-2038 or drichards@westtechwb.com.

If you had your picture taken for the directory, your complimentary directory and 8 by 10 photo are now available in the Narthex. If you would like to purchase a directory, they are \$5.

The Angel Tree is an annual Christmas fundraiser, benefitting our missionary overseas. There is a suggested donation of \$25.00, and you will receive an angel ornament. This year we are featuring angel ornaments that were made by members during the God's Work Our Hands Event. We will be selling ornaments in the narthex at the Wednesday, Saturday and in between Sunday church services through Sunday December 23rd.

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Today's Readings

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For 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. ⁷His 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”

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Luke 1:39-56

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is

she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”⁴⁶And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Response after the announcement:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the reading:

Praise to you, O Christ.