



First Lutheran Church

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Stewardship of Gifts

Saturday December 16, 2017

5:30pm

Prelude	<i>Christmas Meditation, The Lord is in His Holy Temple</i>	Organ/Piano Duet
Welcome/Announcements		
Stewardship Principle		
Confession and Forgiveness		p. 94
Hymn	<i>Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn</i>	ELW 242
Stewardship Principle		
<u>Prayer of the Day</u>		
	<i>Precious Lord, our role as your steward is one of many dimensions – grateful, responsible, self-sacrificing, willing, sharing, proportionate, committed, regular, genuine, and challenged. By generously giving of ourselves, we discover joy in your loving gift of grace. In your name we pray. Amen.</i>	
Stewardship Reflection & Reverse Offering		
Reading	Isaiah 55:1-13 “The word of the Lord” Response: <i>Thanks be to God!</i>	pew Bible p. 671
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Celtic Alleluia</i>	ELW 174
Gospel Reading	Luke 1:26-38 Response after the announcement: <i>Glory to you, O Lord.</i> Response after the reading: <i>Praise to you, O Christ.</i>	pew Bible p.933
Hymn	<i>Comfort, Comfort Now My People</i>	ELW 256
Reflection		
Special Music	<i>And The Glory of the Lord</i>	Organ/Piano Duet
Stewardship Principle		
Apostles’ Creed (inside back cover of hymnal)		
Prayers of the People		
Offering	<i>Christmas Night</i>	Organ/Piano Duet
Offertory	<i>Christ, Be Our Light</i> (v. 1, 5)	ELW 715
Great Thanksgiving		p. 206
Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 207
The Words of Institution		
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		
Blessing		
Stewardship Principle		
Benediction		
Closing Song	<i>Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers</i>	ELW 244
Postlude		

Today's Readings

Isaiah 55:1-13

55 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the

myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

"The word of the Lord"

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

Luke 1:26-38

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.'²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He 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. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵The 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. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.'³⁸Then 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.

Response after the announcement:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the reading:

Praise to you, O Christ.



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Stewardship of Gifts: Festival of Christmas Music

Sunday December 17, 2017

8:30am & 10:45am

Prelude	First Lutheran Strings	
Call To Worship	<i>Christmas Meditation</i> <i>The Lord is in His Holy Temple</i>	Organ/Piano Duet
Welcome/ Announcements		
Gathering Hymn	<i>Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn</i>	ELW 242
<u>Prayer of the Day</u>	<i>Precious Lord, our role as your steward is one of many dimensions – grateful, responsible, self-sacrificing, willing, sharing, proportionate, committed, regular, genuine, and challenged. By generously giving of ourselves, we discover joy in your loving gift of grace. In your name we pray. Amen.</i>	
G3 Dancers	<i>Mary Did You Know?</i>	
Children's Message & Reverse Offering		
Organ/Piano Duet	<i>And The Glory of the Lord</i>	
Stewardship Principle		
4Him	<i>Ding Dong! Merrily on High</i>	arr. by Ruth Morris Gray
Gospel Reading	Luke 1:26-38	pew bible p.933
	Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.	
	Response after the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.	
Chancel Choir	<i>The Noel Carol</i> <i>There Is No Rose of Such Virtue</i>	arr. by Mary E. Caldwell arr. by John Joubert
Stewardship Principle		
Spirit Bells	<i>Joy to the World</i>	arr. by Valerie Stephenson
Stewardship Principle		
Offering	<i>Christmas Night</i>	Organ/Piano Duet
Offertory	<i>Joy to the World</i> (v.1)	ELW 267
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		
Spirit Bells	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i> <i>The Holly and the Ivy</i>	arr. by Bill Ingram arr. by Cathy Moglebust
Blessing		

Chancel Choir

Christmas Carol Sing-Along

arr. by Dan Goeller

**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!"
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**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.
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Announcements

December 16 & 17, 2017

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Curt & Rosie Sorum in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary December 21st.

Prayer List: John Doyle, Curt Sorum, Kathy Riemer (sister of Bob Schrupp), Linda Nelson (sister of Marlene Erickson), Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Brian Brandt, Susan Atkinson, Tonya Ormberg, Rob Yant, Darlene Newman (sister of Janet Landby), Dianne Madrigal, JaRae Lamfers, Julie Roby, Don Nielsen Family.

Thank you for serving!	5:30pm	8:30am	10:45am
Acolytes	Reese Jensen	Isaiah Brusven Paige Christianson	Gwen Roberts Tyler Sprik
Greeters	Bill & Kathy Engler	Glenn & Connie Olson	David & Elly Sprik
Ushers		Dan & Kitsi Marks Carole Halverson Steve Sandquist	Mark & Shannon Pedersen
Lectors	Karen Murphy		
Communion Assistants	Karen Murphy	Connie Olson Dorothy Krogen	Elly Sprik Brian Kruse
Music	Rosie Sorum Susan Jones	Rosie Sorum, Susan Jones Chancel Choir Directed by Stephen Kingsbury Spirit Bells Directed by Steve Meyer 4Him: Connie Knott, Steve Meyer, Kristin Neet-Holien Accom. by Angela Fischer	
Coffee Servers			
Altar Guild	Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Kim Christianson, Nancy Grams, Cathy Johnson, Carolyn Marks, Marlene Nordby		
Van Driver		Dan Marks	
Video and Projection	Jeff Anderson	Shelly Maes Ernie Moe	Jeffrey McCall Ernie Moe
Snow Removal	December 11-17: Jack Houseman, Brian Kruse December 18-24: Dan Marks		

Sunday December 17

8:30am & 10:45am Worship - Music
Festival
9:30am Chancel Choir Tea
9:30am TLC
9:45am 3 For Heaven Sake - Movie Rm

Monday December 18

6:30pm Beginning Experience

Tuesday December 19

9:00am Senior Coffee

10:15am Staff Meets
5:30pm Outreach Committee - Nursery

Saturday December 23
NO Worship

Wednesday December 20
No TLC, Meal, or Youth Events
RADA and Puffin orders will be delivered
Parish Visitor Articles Due
9:30am Rejoice Bible Study
5:15pm Advent Worship
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Sunday December 24
No TLC Sunday
9:30am Worship
3:00pm, 5:00pm, 9:00pm Christmas Eve
Worship

News & Notes

Today we light a third candle that promises the gift of JOY. As the psalmist says, *Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy!* (Psalm 47:1) Three candles shine as God's promise draws near, calling us to joyfully let our hearts be filled with the good news of God's grace for all people.

What's YOUR Stewardship Story? Time and Talent Worksheets are available in the Narthex. Please fill one out and return it to the Narthex or the church office. Decide how YOU will share in the many opportunities to serve at First Lutheran in 2018!

Christmas Tea! Sponsored by the Chancel Choir is today at 9:30am between worships in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend! Serving hot cider, coffee and tea with assorted goodies, plus Lefse to eat and buy (for \$9.00 a package.)

Still available..... REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR BAGS. Instead of receiving a treat every day counting down through the season of Advent, we're going to put something in a bag for people who make use of the FOOD SHELF. Every day you're invited to add something practical for a family to use like food items or personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, soaps, etc.

How do I extend my commitment to First Lutheran? Join a Committee in 2018!

For more information on what each committee does, visit First Lutheran web page at www.1stlutheran.org. Select the STEWARDSHIP Tab and select SHARE, each committee is listed at the bottom of the page. Once you have selected the committee you would like to join, reference your interest on the Time & Talents sheet. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Tami Dahl, 507-828-9559 or bdtddahl@gmail.com.

Wednesday Dec 27th at 7:00pm FIRST EVER Game night for SHA and Alumni FLY! Come back to a night of games, laughing and reminiscing with your faith family!

Holiday Worship Schedule:

Saturday December 23rd - No Worship

Sunday December 24th - 9:30am, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 9:00pm

Saturday December 30 - No Worship

Sunday December 31 - 9:30am

Hy-Vee Cards available for Purchase! We have \$25, \$50 cards and \$100 cards. The youth will receive 5% of the money. Everyone needs groceries or gasand its money you would spend anyway, if not all at one time, eventually....and holiday baking is around the corner... and so are Christmas gift ideas. Proceeds will go toward the Senior High Summer Trip. Thanks!

“Schwans Cares” Online Fundraiser through December 30, we will receive 20% of product and 40% of e-certificate sales. The rest of the year Schwans will continue 5% profit of sales that use our code. Two ways to order:

1. Visit schwans-cares.com.....click on “find a campaign”..... enter our name “First Lutheran Church, Marshall MN” OR our ID: 35270click “support now” button and shop!

2. Call 1-855-870-7208 and provide Campaign ID: 35270

This is perfect timing because you can purchase for Christmas, and New Years and help the youth at the same time!! Thanks for all of your support!

Missionary Angels for Sale! Come to the narthex to get your handmade missionary angel, and support our missionary in Camaroon! There are many styles to choose from. This year we're inviting you to take your angel home as soon as you make a donation, so you can have it on your tree this Christmas season! Suggested donation is \$25.

There Is No Rose Of Such Virtue

There is no rose of such virtue

As is the rose that bare Jesu;

Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was

Heaven and earth in little space;

Res miranda (thing to be marveled at, i.e. “Heaven and Earth in little space”).

By that rose we may well see

There be one God in persons three;

Pares forma (of equal form, i.e. “one God in persons three”)

Then leave we all this worldly mirth,

And follow we this joyful birth;

Transeamus. (let us cross over, i.e., from “worldly mirth” to “joyful birth”)