



# First Lutheran Church

*We are believers seeking to invite all into the caring, sharing and growing ways of Christ.*

December 2 & 3, 2017

Prelude  
Advent Wreath Lighting  
Welcome/Announcements

**Hymn** *Hark, the Glad Sound!* ELW 239  
Confession and Forgiveness p. 94

## Prayer of the Day

***God of life, No matter the trial, you are our hope. Strengthen us with your Spirit and uphold us with your love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Children's Message

Reading Daniel 3:1, 8-13, 16-20, 24-25, 28-30 pew Bible p. 807  
"The word of the Lord" Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

**Gospel Acclamation** *Celtic Alleluia* ELW 174  
Gospel Reading John 18:36-37 pew Bible p. 989  
Response after the announcement: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***  
Response after the reading: ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

**Hymn** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* ELW 759  
Sermon  
Interlude

**Apostles' Creed** (inside back cover of hymnal)

Prayers of the People

Offering

**Offertory** *Christ, Be Our Light* (v. 1, 5) ELW 715

The Great Thanksgiving (Preface, Holy, Holy, Holy) p. 206

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.***

**Lamb of God** (Sunday) p. 208  
**Communion Hymns** *Away in a Manger* ELW 277  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem* ELW 279  
*Once in Royal David's City* ELW 269

Blessing

**Closing Song** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* ELW 596

Postlude



# Announcements

December 2 & 3, 2017

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Brian & Lorinda Coudron in memory of David Peters (son of Lorinda) & Melvin Coudron (father of Brian).

**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, Don Nielsen, Tonya Ormberg, Rob Yant, Darlene Newman (sister of Janet Landby), Dianne Madrigal, JaRae Lamfers, Bill Bell at the death of his brother, Marge Moberg Family.

Thank you for serving!	5:30pm	8:30am	10:45am
Acolytes	Jonah Jensen	Cayden Werner Chase Werner	Olivia Houseman Lincoln Mellenthin
Greeters	Deidre Sanow	Anna Hawkinson Carole Halverson	Mike & Lori Engebretson Family
Ushers		Ann Nielsen Denny Oeltjenbruns Bob & Corlys Knudson	Lee & Holly Sorum Mike & Jean Henle
Lectors	Karen Murphy	Anna Hawkinson	Carolyn Fuller
Communion Assistants	Karen Murphy	La Oeltjenbruns Corlys Knudson	Carolyn Fuller Kathy Tjosaas
Music	Rosie Sorum	Rosie Sorum	Rosie Sorum
Coffee Servers		Ed & Twila Henning	
Altar Guild	Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Kim Christianson, Nancy Grams, Cathy Johnson, Carolyn Marks, Marlene Nordby		
Van Driver	Dan Marks		
Video and Projection	Jeffrey McCall	Kevin Kayser, Shelly Maes	Kevin Kayser, Dan Marks
Snow Removal	November 27-December 3: Chad Andreas December 4-10 Bruce Remme		

## Sunday December 3

8:30am & 10:45am Worship  
 9:30am TLC Sun Program Dress  
 Rehearsal  
 9:45am Stewardship Meeting

## Tuesday December 5

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

## Monday December 4

1:00pm Quilting  
 5:45pm Worship & Music Committee  
 6:30pm Beginning Experience

### **Wednesday December 6**

6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Mike's  
9:30am Rejoice Bible Study  
2:30pm TLC  
4:00pm TLC Wed Program Dress rehearsal  
5:15pm Advent Worship/Confirmation  
6:00pm G3  
7:00pm Chancel Choir  
7:00pm Faith Chats Bible Study  
7:00pm Game Changers Bible Study  
7:00pm Little League  
8:00pm SHA - Heart to Heart  
Houston Youth - Rada & Puffin forms Due

### **Thursday December 7**

5:30pm Bible & Brew

### **Friday December 8**

7:00am Breakfast Club @ HyVee  
12:00pm Book Group

### **Saturday December 9**

9:00am - 2:00pm Houston Youth bring cookies to church  
2:00pm Set up for Cookie walk  
5:30pm Worship

### **Sunday December 10**

8:00am - 11:00am FLY Cookie Walk  
8:30am Worship  
9:45am Outreach Committee  
10:45am TLC Sunday Christmas Program

## **News & Notes**

**Today we light the candle of HOPE.** The flame reminds us of John 1:5 which reads: The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. This one candle shines as shadows lengthen and chaos roars—a ray of hope to lift our spirits as we wait for the dawn of God's kingdom in our midst.

**It's time for the annual review of our pastors.** Please fill out a form and place it in the box in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact a Karl Porisch (President), Tami Dahl (Vice-President) or Melanie Pedersen (Past-President).

**Sunday, December 10th** You're all invited to the TLC Sunday Children's Christmas Program During the 10:45am Worship Service "*The Christmas Story*" Presented by the TLC Sunday Students Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Wednesday, December 13** You're all invited to the TLC Wednesday Children's Christmas Program During the 5:15pm Worship Service. "*The Christmas Story*" Presented by the TLC Wednesday Students Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Advent Candles are available** at First Lutheran again for families. This festive 12" tall taper artfully displays 24 numbers detailed in red and green to represent each day of advent. Each day your family can light the candle and watch one day melt away as you visit together about your day. It's simple, faith-filled, and easy to have this activity become a tradition in your household. The candles are available in the Narthex! Please, one per family.

**NEW! Along with the Advent candles,** First Lutheran will be passing out 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. (As part of your devotions, you could add the item to the bag after you light the advent candle?!) If you don't need a candle you can still pick up a bag to support the Food Shelf!

**Heart to Heart** - Just a reminder that this is the last week the Heart to Heart tree will be up. Thank you to all who have already made a gift or cash contribution. If you have chosen a tag from the tree please bring the unwrapped gift with the tag attached to it, and place it by the tree, by Sunday, December 11th. If you haven't chosen a tag yet, please do, as there is always a need. Should you prefer to make a cash donation, there are envelopes by the tree that may be put in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. Thank you for your contribution to Heart to Heart. Their purpose is to provide a food box for every family and a gift for every child in need this Christmas.

**Different Ways you can help the youth attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this summer:**

**1. 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 \$50 cards and \$100 cards. The youth will receive 5% of the money. Everyone needs groceries or gas ....and its money you would spend anyway, if not all at one time, eventually....and holiday baking is around the corner. By using the gift cards, part of the money will go to the youth! Proceeds will go toward the Senior High Summer Trip. Thanks!

**2. Puffin pastries and Rada Cutlery** will be sold Nov 22-Dec 6 (with the delivery on Dec 20). If you need to find a youth, contact Tonya!

**3. "Schwans Cares" Online Fundraiser** from November 15 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](http://schwans-cares.com).....click on "find a campaign"..... enter our name "First Lutheran Church, Marshall MN" OR our ID: 35270 .....click "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 Thanksgiving, Christmas, and News Years and help the youth at the same time!! Thanks for all of your support!

**4. FLY Christmas Cookie Walk** will be Sunday December 10th from 8am-11am, and Wednesday December 13th from 4:30pm-6:30pm. Youth who will be attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering this summer will be hosting TWO Christmas Cookie Walks to raise funds for their trip. Trays will be available for you to fill in the Fellowship Hall (on Sunday) with your choice of yummy treats OR we will have trays pre-filled up in the Narthex ready to go (on BOTH Sunday and Wednesday.) So please save the date and plan to join us and get your baking done with no mess in your kitchen!

**Heart to Heart Food Deliveries** 3:30pm on Friday Dec 15th (meet at the church)

Youth and Family Ministries will be delivering food boxes for Heart to Heart on December 15th. We are extending the invitation to any family that would like to help out with a route on that Friday after school. Please sign up with Tonya to participate so we know how many routes to make up. This is an awesome way to give of yourself during this Christmas season!!! And has become a great family tradition for some!

**Shetek Winter Fun Day** for grades 3-6 is Thursday December 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-4:30pm. Come to camp over your holiday break to be reminded of God's love and to have a blustery blast with winter camp activities like: snowshoeing, broomball, Bible Time, Cross country skiing and more! Cost: \$25 per youth (Checks payable to Shetek) Deadline to sign up is Wednesday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> with form and money. Questions? Ask Tonya. Don't miss out! Invite your friends to something different and awesome over Christmas Break!

**Violin, viola, cello, and string bass players** of any age, get your fingers warmed up and bow rosined. You are invited to play prelude music at First Lutheran on Sunday, Dec. 17, for both the 8:30 and 10:45 church services. Players from the community are also welcome so bring your friends. Please join us on Sat., Dec. 16, at 9:30 AM for rehearsal. Contact Diane Wright 507-532-9077 or Wes Myers - Marshall Public Schools Orchestra teacher if you plan to join us.

**Needed: Radio Broadcast Sponsors** 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 or homebound, those who have limited vision, etc. 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 2017. Marlene Nordby

**Poinsettias can be ordered through the church** again this year! If you'd like to help decorate the sanctuary, please drop off or send your payment of \$12.00 along with the information below. All donations and dedications are due in the church office by December 1.

Given in honor/memory (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

# Today's Readings

## Daniel, Chapter 3

3 King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon.

8 Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. <sup>9</sup>They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, 'O king, live for ever! <sup>10</sup>You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, <sup>11</sup>and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. <sup>12</sup>There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up.' <sup>13</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king.

<sup>16</sup>Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defence to you in this matter. <sup>17</sup>If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. <sup>18</sup>But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.'

<sup>19</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace to be heated up seven times more than was customary, <sup>20</sup>and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire.

<sup>24</sup>Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his

counsellors, 'Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?' They answered the king, 'True, O king.' <sup>25</sup>He replied, 'But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god.'

<sup>28</sup>Nebuchadnezzar said, 'Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. <sup>29</sup>Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.' <sup>30</sup>Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

"The word of the Lord"

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

## John 18:36-37

<sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Response after the announcement:

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

Response after the reading:

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