



First Lutheran Church

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

The Light of the World

Sunday December 31, 2017

9:30am

Welcome/Announcements

Baptism

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One: O Morning Star, O Heavenly Light,

All: *Shine on us as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death.*

One: O Guiding Light, O Ruler of the Heavens,

All: *Lead us in paths of righteousness for your name's sake.*

One: O Bright and shining Star, O precious Light of the World,

All: *Give to us the Light of life.*

One: You are the light that shines in the darkness,

All: *A light no darkness will ever overcome!*

Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW 270

Prayer of the Day

Fill us, Lord, with the light of life. Show yourself to all the world through him who is the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading 1

Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory

ELW 275

Reading 2

Matthew 2:13-18

Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ELW 272

Reading 3

Matthew 2:19-23

Hymn

What Child Is This?

ELW 296

Reading 4

Luke 2:21-40

Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

ELW 288

Reading 5

Luke 2:41-52

Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

ELW 269

Reading 6

John 1:1-5

Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW 283

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (inside back cover of hymnal)

Offering

Offertory

O God of Mercy, God of Light (v. 1, 6)

ELW 714

Benediction

Hymn

Joy to the World

ELW 267

Postlude



Announcements

December 31, 2017

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Jim & Kim Christianson and family wishing everyone a joyful new year.

Blessings to Brayden Joseph Myhre baptized today. His parents are Dude & Jessica Myhre. Sponsors are Stephan & Michelle Tjaden and Missy Burner & Josh Rollag.

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.

Thank you for serving!	9:30am
Acolytes	Ella Cole
Greeters	Clint & Nikki Gehrke
Ushers	Harry & Shirley Bruns Tom & Marlene Nordby
Lectors	Nikki Gehrke
Music	Susan Jones
Coffee Servers	Audrey Norris, Denise Myhrberg
Altar Guild	Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Kim Christianson, Nancy Grams, Cathy Johnson, Carolyn Marks, Marlene Nordby
Van Driver	Dan Marks
Video and Projection	Steve Hamner, Jeffrey McCall
Snow Removal	Dec 25-31: Dan Marks, Jim Fischer Jan 1-7: Mark Jensen, Eric Miller

Sunday December 31

No TLC Sunday
9:30am Worship - Myhre Baptism

Tuesday January 2

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

Wednesday January 3

No Women's Board Meeting
No Little League
6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Mike's
9:30am Rejoice Bible Study
2:30pm TLC Wednesday
5:15pm Worship
5:45pm Confirmation
6:00pm G3
6:00pm Worship & Music Committee

6:30pm CTI Concert
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Saturday January 6
5:30pm Worship

Friday January 5
7:00am Senior High Breakfast Club @
HyVee

Sunday January 7
8:30am & 10:45am Worship
9:30am TLC

News & Notes

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!

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 bdtdahl@gmail.com.

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. 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

Bold Women Weekend: The worship services the weekend of January 27th and 28th will be led by **BOLD women** of our congregation. Watch for sign-up sheets or call the church office if you would like to be a part of this **BOLD Women's** weekend. There are many ways in which you can help.

Effective January 1st, Studio1 will broadcast First Lutheran worship on Wednesdays at 11am and Thursdays at 5pm.

Today's Readings

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2:13-18

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." ¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

Matthew 2:19-23

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰"Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Luke 2:21-40

²¹After 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. ²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young

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pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” ³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.” ⁴⁹He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.