



First Lutheran Church

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

The Promise of Life

Saturday December 9, 2017

5:30pm

Welcome/Announcements

Hymn *Arise, Your Light Has Come!* ELW 314

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Bless us with your grace that we might live trusting in your promise to bring light and life to all people. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading Micah 5:2-5a pew Bible p. 849
"The word of the Lord" Response: *Thanks be to God!*

Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia* ELW 174
Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-25 pew bible p. 879
Response after the announcement: *Glory to you, O Lord*
Response after the reading: *Praise to you, O Christ*

Hymn *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow* ELW 327

Sermon

Hymn *Blessed Be the God of Israel* ELW 250

Apostle's Creed (inside back cover of hymnal)

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (inside back cover of hymnal)

Offering

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

Benediction

Hymn *People, Look East* ELW 248

Postlude



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Sunday December 10, 2017
8:30am

Call to Worship **O Come, All Ye Faithful** (v. 1, 3, & 4) ELW 283

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Song **Joy to the World** ELW 267

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Bless us with your grace that we might live trusting in your promise to bring light and life to all people. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Reading Micah 5:2-5a pew Bible p. 849
"The word of the Lord" Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Gospel Acclamation **Thy Word** (used by permission 1984 Meadowgreen Music, Song #14301 CCLI 473052)
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (repeat)

Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-25 pew bible p. 879
Response after the announcement: ***Glory to you, O Lord***
Response after the reading: ***Praise to you, O Christ***

Hymn **What Child is This** ELW 296

Prayer for Healing

Hymn **O Holy Night**

Hymn **Silent Night, Holy Night** (CCLI Song # 27862 Franz Xaver Gruber | John Freeman Young | Joseph Mohr © Words: Public Domain Music: Public Domain CCLI License # 473052)

***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***

***Silent night holy night; Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face; With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth, Jesus Lord at Thy birth***

***Silent night holy night; Wondrous star lend thy light
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born***
Apostle's Creed (inside back cover of hymnal)

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (inside back cover of hymnal)

Offering

Christmas Offering

Offertory

All I Have (used by permission, 1986 Abundant Life Music Company, CCLI 473052)

All I have belongs to You, for all I have has come from You. Nothing I own, nothing I possess is by my own hand; It's by Your faithfulness. So please take this offering from a heart of thanksgiving, for you've given all I have.

Benediction

Hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW 290

Postlude



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Sunday December 10, 2017

10:45am

Call to Worship *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (v. 1, 3, & 4) ELW 283

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Song *Joy to the World* ELW 267

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Bless us with your grace that we might live trusting in your promise to bring light and life to all people. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

"The Christmas Story" Presented by ALL TLC Sunday Students Pre-K thru 6th Grade

Apostle's Creed (inside back cover of hymnal)

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (inside back cover of hymnal)

Offering *Christmas Offering*

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Benediction

Hymn *Go Tell It on the Mountain* ELW 290

Postlude



Announcements

December 9 & 10, 2017

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Mike & Jenifer Klein in memory of Jim & Donny Hanson.

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, Julie Roby, Carol Briggs Family.

Thank you for serving!	5:30pm	8:30am	10:45am
Acolytes		Morgan Bjella	Talan Plante
Greeters	Gary Koosmann	Doug & Dorothy Krogen	Brian & Susan Jones
Ushers		Glenn & Connie Olson Pam Russell Bruce Lamprecht	Erik, Carrie, Kaia Sueker Kathy Tjosaas
Lectors	Gary Koosmann	Dan Marks	
Music	Susan Jones	Praise Team: Jane Hartman, David Landby, Karla Luther, Elizabeth Maxwell, Matt Pedersen, Elly Sprik, Tim Tomasek, John Voit	Praise Team: Jane Hartman, David Landby, Karla Luther, Elizabeth Maxwell, Matt Pedersen, Elly Sprik, Tim Tomasek, John Voit
Coffee Servers		Bruce & Vicki Lamprecht	
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 Janet Landby	Kevin Kayser Shelly Maes
Snow Removal	December 4-10: Bruce Remme, Cliff Carmody December 11-17: Jack Houseman, Brian Kruse		

Sunday December 10

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

Monday December 11

6:30pm Beginning Experience

Tuesday December 12

9:00am Senior Coffee
10:15am Staff Meets
12:00pm Executive Committee
6:00pm Education Committee
6:30pm Youth Committee
7:30pm Church Council

Wednesday December 13

6:00am Deborah Circle
9:00am Hannah/Elizabeth Circle
2:30pm TLC
5:15pm Advent Worship/Confirmation
5:15pm TLC Wed Christmas Program
6:00pm G3
7:00pm Chancel Choir
7:00pm Faith Chats/Game Changers
7:00pm Junior High Alive
8:00pm Senior High Alive

Thursday December 14

5:30pm Bible & Brew

Friday December 15

7:00am Sr High Breakfast Club @ HyVee
12:00pm Book Group
3:30pm Heart to Heart Food Deliveries

Saturday December 16

9:30am Strings Rehearsal
5:30pm Worship

Sunday December 17

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

News & Notes

Today we add the light from the candle of PEACE. Its flame reminds us of the promise in John 14:27 when Jesus says: *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.* These two candles shine as a promise of God's coming peace that passes all understanding.

FLY Christmas Cookie Walk 8AM-11AM ! Today! Youth who will be attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this summer are hosting a Christmas Cookie Walk to raise funds for their trip. Trays will be available for you to fill in the Fellowship Hall (today) with your choice of yummy treats OR we will have trays pre-filled up in the Narthex ready to go! *Plan to join us and get your baking done with no mess in your kitchen!* \$8 for one dozen and \$7 for the next dozens bought after that.

The 2nd Cookie Walk is Wednesday December 13th 4:30PM-6:30PM—only pre-filled trays will be up in the Narthex ready to go!

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 6th Grade

Both First Lutheran Children's TLC Christmas Programs will be broadcast on Charter 180 & Vast 17: Saturday & Sunday Dec. 16 & 17 @ 6:30pm, Dec. 23 & 24 @ 9:00am

Stewardship of Gifts – A Festival of Christmas Music

During this special time of Christmas and the celebration of the birth of our savior Jesus Christ, please plan on attending the Stewardship of Gifts – A Festival of Christmas Music service on Sunday, December 17th at 8:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. This special celebration will kick off our challenge to reimagine the ways in which we are a steward of God’s gifts to us – time, talents and resources. Let us respond gratefully to all that God has given us and let us begin this through a “celebration of talent” during the Stewardship of Gifts - A Festival of Christmas Music service.

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!

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 gasand 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!

“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!

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.

Shetek Winter Fun Day for grades 3-6 is Thursday, December 28. Cost is \$25 (checks payable to "Shetek"). Deadline to sign up WAS Wednesday Dec 6th with form and money. If anyone wants to still sign up, contact Tonya ASAP. Forms and information were emailed out or paper copies are at the church. 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

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Today's Readings

Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

"The word of the Lord"

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'²² All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Response after the announcement:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the reading:

Praise to you, O Christ.

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