

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Hospice: Lois Bandt, Allen Jones, Jack Kislia

St. Mary's Madison: Jane Hessian

Prayers: Jamie, Ben (great grandson of Will & Jan Reck), Nathan & Heather Barlass, Norma Bushaw, Brad Cartwright, Rachel Collins, Renee Comstock, Karen Curry, Violette Eichman, Connie Evans, Bill Foss, Linda Fronczak, JoAnn Haeberlin, Bea Hanson, Diane Harrier, Kathy Hendricks, Norma Higgins, Oher Janice, Sharleanne Jones, Nancy Kelleher, Kip, Audrey Kvistad, Eli, Jackie, K. Letheby, Marion Maddock, Joan Meister, Jan Metzger, Kathy Mikkelsen, Andrew Oliver, Susan Popp, Kevin Punzel, Willard Reck, Alex Rockman, Mary Sather, Elaine Schilling, Helen Strand, Linda Sturdevant, Jan Wathke

Nursing Home Care: Carol Brunner, Kathy Foss, Nancy Guse, Rose Jensen, Bethyl (Betty) Johnson, Betty Johnson, Bruce Pearson, Jerry Roehl, Phil Selgren
Homebound: Dorothy Babcock, Marlys Carlson, Evelyn Dahl, George Dallman, Ray & Liz Decker, Harriet Hanson, Wayne Koste, Shirley Mooney, Lynn Reddel, Jan Sampson
Military: Zach Bumpus-Air Force, Tyler Carin-Army, Gunner Call-Air Force, Trevor Young-Army National Guard, Marisa Gohlke-Navy, Sean Gohlke-Navy, Kim Klusmeyer-Army, Erica Lindroth-Army, Marc Sunby-Navy, Jon Sunby-Air Force, Scott Kjendlie-Army, Brett Krueger-Army, Nick Krueger-Army, Alexander Shew-Navy.'

This Day in Worship

8am

Greeters: Jim & Sally Schuenke

Reader: Nina Peterson

Communion Servers: Mike & Nina Peterson

9:30am

Greeters: Jerry & Linda Nedland

Communion Servers: Barb Clem, Bob & Kathy Engstrom

Altar Guild: Barb Tapovatz

Pew Racks: Beth Bloedel

Stewardship - Week in Review

Giving

Last Week's Giving:

\$17,485.99 **Thank You!**

Avg Weekly Giving YTD: \$14,966

Weekly Need: \$18,198

The weekly need is calculated by taking the budgeted expenses and dividing by the number of weeks in the year. This budget year, the expected expenses are part of a growth strategy based on insights from members under the direction and oversight of the Church Council. With your support, we are looking forward to the future that is growing at FLC.

Attendance

9:30am: 279

Calendar of Events

Sunday, Dec 22

8:00a Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00a Masterpiece (Youth Room)
9:15a Coffee Hour (Gathering Space)
Sunday School (SS Room)
Adult Education (Chapel)
9:30a Worship (Sanctuary)
Live Broadcast (Facebook & YouTube)
10:30a Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

Monday, Dec 23

1:00p The Noteables (Choir Room)
6:00p Boy & Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
8:00p Centering Prayer (Zoom)

Tuesday, Dec 24 - BUILDING CLOSED

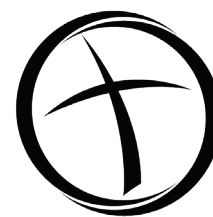
4:00p Christmas Eve Worship (Sanctuary)
7:30p Christmas Eve Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, Dec 25 - BUILDING CLOSED

Thursday, Dec 26 - BUILDING CLOSED

Readings for Next Week

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52



ALL ARE WELCOME FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

8AM & 9:30AM

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December 22, 2024

Advent

Welcome to First Lutheran Church. We are glad you joined us today.

Visitors, please take a Welcome Bag and Progress newsletter from the wooden kiosk near the sanctuary entrance. Please fill out the Connect card. Return it at your next visit or mail it to the church office. You are welcome at any worship service or church activity. We'd love to get to know you!

Communion is open to all who wish to receive it.

Individual, sealed **communion kits** available inside the center sanctuary doors, for those who prefer them.

The **nursery** is staffed during Sunday services for ages 5 and under.

Sunday School meets at 9:15am. Contact Renee Engen for information and register online at flcj.org/ssreg.

Hearing Assists available outside the center sanctuary doors.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOMING WORDS

MUSICAL PROCESSION

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

FLC Hand Bells

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG - "Come to Me, All You Who Weary" (blue sheet in pew)

GREETING AND PRAYER

WORD

FIRST READING - Micah 5:2-5a

Old Testament p. 849-850 in pew bibles

The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem. (Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.) This king will restore Israel and bring peace. New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.

After the reading:

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING - Hebrews 10:5-10

New Testament p. 219 in pew bibles

The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ's coming. Through obedient acceptance of God's will, Christ allows his own body to become the greatest sacrifice of all, one through which we are made a holy people.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "The Living Word" (blue sheet in pew)

GOSPEL - Luke 1:39-55

New Testament p. 56 in pew bibles

Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the reading:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Michael Mueller

SERMON SONG

"Holy Is Your Name"



1. My soul is filled with joy as I
3. I pro - claim your pow'r, O God! You work
5. In your love you now ful - fill all you



sing to God, my Sav - ior. You have looked up - on your
won - ders for your ser - vants; you have scat - tered the proud -
prom - ised to your peo - ple. I will praise you, God, my



ser - vant, you have vis - it - ed your peo - ple.
heart - ed, you have lift - ed up the low - ly.
Sav - ior, ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy.



And ho - ly is your name through all gen - er - a - tions!



Ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy to the peo - ple you have



cho - sen, and ho - ly is your name!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to the petitions:

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



OFFERING TIME

A story of our ministry...

OFFERING PRAYER

MEAL

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
for you strengthen us, as we wait for Christ to come in fullness.

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting Two, p. 130

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

"Gabriel's Message"

Worship Team

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING WORD

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"People Look East"

ELW 248 vs. 3 & 4

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for God-With-Us.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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Password: FLCGuest**



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