



Christmas Services

Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM—Traditional candlelight communion service with Christmas hymns.

8:00 PM—Traditional candlelight communion service with Christmas hymns.

Sunday, December 25

9:30 AM—Intimate traditional communion service with Christmas hymns.



The office will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 for the Christmas Holiday.

There will be no Wednesday night service on December 28.

Annual Reports are due in to the office by Thursday, December 29.



2023 Offering Envelopes – Due to equipment repairs our 2023 Offering envelopes have been delayed. The company is hoping to have them out by the first of the year. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause. Natalie will try her best to get them out as soon as they come in.

Rosemary Merkel has moved to the Golden Horizon's Memory Care Unit.

Please let us know if you would like to be added to the email devotion, prayer chain or happenings/scheduling list. A devotion is sent out daily Monday-Friday when Natalie is working. The email list is in regards to happenings and scheduling changes at First. There is also an email prayer chain list for prayer requests.



The office will be closed on Friday, December 30, 2022 & Monday, January 2, 2023 for the New Year's holiday.

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December 18, 2022 – 4th Sunday in Advent

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT SONG

ELW 253, “He Came Down” (vs. 1)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (p. 94)

*GATHERING SONG ELW 242, “Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn” (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

*GREETING (p. 138)

*KYRIE (p. 138)

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW 251, “My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (p. 142)

SENDING FOR MARLESS & JOHN MILBRATH

READING: Romans 1:1-7 (p. 913-914)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

TFF 45, “Emmanuel”

*GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 783)

SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 248, “People, Look East”

*NICENE CREED (p. 104)

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*PEACE (p. 143)

OFFERING, CGC MOMENT & CHOIR ANTHEM

“Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine” (Gilbert M. Martin)

OFFERTORY SONG

ELW 246, “Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding” (vs. 1 & 4)

OFFERING PRAYER (p. 144)

*GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE (p. 144)

*PREFACE/HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 144)

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (p. 145)

*LORD’S PRAYER (p. 145)

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION (p. 146)

*COMMUNION/LAMB OF GOD (p. 146)

COMMUNION SONGS

ELW 487, “What Feast of Love”

ELW 295, “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p. 146)

SENDING OF COMMUNION (p. 146)

SENDING FOR THE ETHIOPIANS ORTHODOX CONGREGATION

*BLESSING (p. 146)

*SENDING SONG

ELW 737, “He Comes to Us as One Unknown” (vs. 1, 4 & 5)

*DISMISSAL (p. 146)

SUNDAY SERVANTS

ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR: Paula Laffrenzen

ACOLYTE:

SOUND: Kevin Fleming

POWERPOINT: Pam Fleming

ORGANIST: Lori Nienkerk

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Eric Parrish

VAN DRIVERS: 12-18 Midg White (360-3215)

12-25 Ron Hallstrom (360-7891)

GREETERS: Marie Mews & Diana White

FACEBOOK LIVE: Debbie Koob

COFFEE: Daren & Julie Bauman & John Kramer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 81

Attendance a year ago: 74

Attendance Last Wednesday: 12

Facebook Live: 266

Gift Cards will be available in the office during office hours and during coffee hour on Communion Sundays. Thank You!

“Encounter” will meet tonight at Hy-Vee from 6:30—8:00 pm. Middle School and High School youth are encouraged to attend and to bring your friends.



Members: Roger Larson, Zach Kempema, Gayle Huehn, JoAnn Kruse, Linda Towne, Al Luing, Todd Hallstrom, Charlene Wachter, Marilyn Frisch, Julie & Denny Christensen,

Members in Nursing Homes: Mary Kraft, Dianne Sanderson, Pearl Aaker, Betty Nelson, Sandra Marsh

Members in Care Facilities: Rosemary Merkel, Winora Hallstrom, Joan Doeden, Jean Bender

Family Members & Friends: Jace (Midg White’s great-grandson), Mark Richards, Kiana Svoboda (friend of John & Nora Leinen), Joe Christensen (son of Nora Leinen & Gene Christensen), Arlene (Fern Burmeister’s sister), Butch Zeiner (Valerie Veen’s brother), Josh Hansen (Mary Ingenthron’s son), Tom Morgan (Sandy Randall’s dad), Brad Martens (Valerie Veen’s son)

Our service men and women and Love INC

FELC SCHEDULE FOR December 19-25, 2022

Monday	9:00AM	Bulletin Deadline
19	2:00PM	Meadow’s Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00AM	Early Risers Bible Study
20	6:00PM	Finance Team
	7:00PM	Church Council
Wednesday	3:30PM	KFC
21	5:15PM	Meal
	6:00PM	“Silent Night” Concert
	6:30PM	Confirmation
	6:30PM	Sanctuary Choir
	7:30PM	Youth Group
Thursday		
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Friday		Pastor’s Sabbath Day
23		<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>
Saturday	4:00PM	Christmas Eve Worship
24	8:00PM	Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday	9:30AM	Christmas Day Worship
25		<i>Merry Christmas</i>

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Florence Koster, Kathy Craun’s mother.
(Service time is 8:00 am on the radio 104.3 FM.)

Join us for “Silent Night – A Musical Celebration of Christmas” on Wednesday, December 21 at 6:00 pm. This will be an evening with Paul & Nicole Summers (of Brulé) and friends of First Lutheran Church. Donations will go to the Livestream upgrade project.

2022 Offering – The last day to get your offering in for 2022 will be Tuesday, December 27. Please drop it off during office hours. All offering received through the mail will need to be in before Christmas. This allows us to get it deposited for this year. Thank you!