

Order of Worship for Sunday, December 26, 2021

First Sunday in Christmas

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and human-kind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still.

Gathering

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism **pg. 97**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!” **#288**

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Word

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (page 228 OT in pew Bible)

Psalms 148 (on screen)

Colossians 3:12-17 (page 178 NT in pew Bible)

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 142**

* Gospel: Luke 2:41-52 (page 51 NT in pew Bible)

(after announcement of Gospel: Glory to you, O Lord)

(response after reading of Gospel: Praise to you, O Christ)

“He Came Down” **#253**

Children’s Message

Message

“Your Little Ones, Dear Lord” **#286**

* Statement of Faith: Apostles’ Creed **pg. 105**

Offering/Offertory **#188**

Offertory Prayer

* Prayers & Lord’s Prayer

Sharing the Peace *(please share a sign of peace with one another)*

Sending

Benediction

“Joy to the World” **#267**

Announcements

Bell & Dismissal

in today’s service:

Ushers: Al Harris,

Jon & Shana Ulrich family

Lector: Karen Bolling

Acolyte: Micah Ulrich & Ellen Reed

Nursery: Jone Anderson

Video: Steve Wagner

TV slides: Kye Suess

next week’s service—Jan 2:

Ushers: Steve & Michelle Just family

Lector: Vicki Dalager

Acolyte: Skott & Abigail Anderson

Nursery: Michelle Just

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

TV slides: Giana Feuchtenberger

Remember in your prayers

Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support, Pastor Alex LaChappelle serving as a pastor of Nairobi International Lutheran in Kenya, Africa. Note: you may honor a loved one and support Pastor LaChappelle in Kenya. Contact the church office for information.

upcoming events and announcements

Coffee Hour will be serving each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. If you can help out, please sign up on the bulletin board

Women of First (WELCA) will meet on Sunday, January 9th after worship to decide which charities we want to donate to. Brings your ideas!

Sunday school Classes meets on Sundays, January 9th and 16th from 10:00am to 11:00am.

Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, January 5th at 11:30am at Pizza Ranch. All are welcome, please join us!

Element for Youth 6-8 Grade meets on Wed., January 5th from 6:00—7:30pm at First Lutheran.

Offering Envelopes are Here! Please pick up your 2022 Offering Envelopes in the Narthex. Thank you!

Donate with Venmo! You can quickly and easily make donations to First Lutheran through Venmo. Check out and download the app on your smart phone (available for Android and Apple) and then search for "FirstLutheranChurch MorrisMN".

Stevens County Food Shelf supplies a 5-day emergency or supplemental food package to residents of Stevens County. There is no fee for this service, but clients must provide proof of residency. The food shelf welcomes people's donations of food to support our community. Monetary donations are also very helpful. The Food Shelf is located on the corner of 7th Street and Iowa Ave. and their hours are: Mondays: 2:30-3:30pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 10:30-11:30am, Thursdays: 5:30-6:30pm. You can reach the food shelf at 320.589.7436.

Church Council Members We are beginning to organize church leadership for 2022. We have a wonderful staff in place who have many years of experience to minister with us, and to our needs as a congregation. Our financials are stable because of a generous congregation. We continue to support our youth and contribute to worthy needs in our community and church. We need continued input from our congregation to guide church council decisions and provide fresh perspectives. To provide continuity and also guide change, church council has a pattern of turn-over each year: two years of two members and then one year of three members. We will need to replace four church council members at the 2022 annual meeting. A term on council is three years. We ask you to prayerfully consider serving on the council.

welcome

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this week at First

TODAY, Dec 26	9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship
Mon., Dec 27	— No events scheduled
Tues., Dec 28	11:00am Pastor's Text Study
Wed., Dec 29	— No events scheduled
Thurs., Dec 30	— No events scheduled
Fri., Dec 31	— No events scheduled
Sat., Jan 1	— No events scheduled
Sun., Jan 2	9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship