

## First Sunday in Advent: Sunday, December 4, 2022

*At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.*

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### Gathering

*\*Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #254 (melody of #631)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

### Word

Isaiah 11:1-10 (page 600 OT in pew Bible)

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 (on screen)

Romans 15:4-13 (page 143 NT in pew Bible)

\* Gospel Acclamation

\* Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12 (page 2 NT in pew Bible)

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

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

Prayers

Offering

### Sending

"Prepare the Royal Highway" #264

Blessing



Once again we will be having a Poinsettia Garden around our altar to decorate for Christmas. If you would like to order a plant to contribute to this garden, please fill out this form and return it to the church office by **Sunday, December 18th**. Your poinsettia may be in memory of or in honor of a loved one. The plants will decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas season and may be picked up after the 9:00pm Christmas Eve service.

Poinsettia Plant (\$12.00) \_\_\_\_\_ (Quantity)

In loving memory of:

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Or... In honor of:

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Given by:

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*Please note: if you wish to keep your poinsettia plant, it can be picked up after the 9pm Christmas Eve Services. Any plants left at the church after January 3rd will be disposed of.*

## upcoming events and announcements

**Mid Week Advent Worship** will be held at 12:00pm and 5:15pm each Wednesday during Advent. November 30, Dec 7, 14 and 21.

**First Lutheran Women of the ELCA (WELCA)** will meet during coffee hour on Sunday, December 4 in the Gathering Room to discuss donations we would like to make to charities for this year. Please bring your suggestions and join us.

**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".

**Missionary for the Day** Our missionaries are Rev. Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson and you can sponsor them for \$15 per day. You may give this in memory, or in honor, of someone. Thank you for your support of our missionaries!

### In Today's Service: December 4

**Ushers:** Al Harris, Tom & Heather Schneider family

**Lector:** Lindy Ekola

**Nursery:** Robi Bowman

**Acolyte:** Hannah Schneider & Brenna Jergenson

**Video:** Dave Jungst

**TV slides:** Grant Anderson

### Next Week's Service: December 11

**Ushers:** Bob Heck, Linda Holland, Dave Jungst

**Lector:** LeAnn Dean

**Nursery:** Jone Anderson

**Acolyte:** Aaden Schultz & Brayden Carlson

**Communion Prep:** Sandy Grove (silver tray with bread)

**Comm Servers:** Bob & Vicki Dalager, Steve Van Kempen

**Video:** Mike Odello & Kye Suess

**TV slides:** Taylor Anderson

## Remember In your prayers

Marla Miller, 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, Reverend Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson serving in South Africa.

# welcome

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TODAY, Dec 4	8:30am Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Sunday school 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am WELCA Meeting (Gathering Room) 3:00-4:00pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Fusion
Mon., Dec 5	— No events scheduled
Tues., Dec 6	11:00am Pastor's Text Study 3:00pm Pastor at WCCH (worship) 6:00pm Property Committee Meeting
Wed., Dec 7	11:30am Lunch Bunch at DeToy's 12:00pm Mid Week Worship 5:15pm Mid Week Worship 6:00pm Element Classes (confirmation)
Thurs., Dec 8	8:30am Share & Care (quilting group) 10:00am Pastor at Skyview Plaza (worship) 6:30pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Fri., Dec 9	— No events scheduled
Sat., Dec 10	8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
Sun., Dec 11	8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Coffee Hour 3:00-4:30pm Christmas Program Practice 6:30pm Sr. Fusion Christmas Party at First