

Order of Worship for Sunday, January 2, 2022

Second Sunday of Christmas

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

Gathering

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness **pg. 94**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" **#283**

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Word

Jeremiah 31:7-14 (*pew Bible, page 692 OT*)

Psalms 147: 12-20 (*on screen*)

Ephesians 1:3-14 (*pew Bible, page 169 NT*)

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 142**

* Gospel: John 1:10-18 (*pew Bible, page 79 NT*)

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

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

"'Twas the Moon of Wintertime" **#284**

Children's Message

Message

"Cold December Flies Away" **#299**

* Statement of Faith—Apostle's Creed **pg. 105**

Meal

* Prayers

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

Offering/Offertory **#188**

Offertory Prayer

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Announcements

Benediction

"Peace Came to Earth" **#285**

Bell & Dismissal

In today's service:

Ushers: Steve & Michelle Just family

Lector: Vicki Dalager

Acolyte: Skott & Abigail Anderson

Communion: Sharon Ehlers

Nursery: Michelle Just

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

TV slides: Giana Feuchtenberger

Next Week's service—Jan 9:

Ushers: Al Harris, Paul & Sandy Grove

Lector: LeAnn Dean

*Acolyte: Brayden Carlson
& Jaxon Hilbrands*

Nursery: Lindy Ekola

Video: Dave Jungst

TV slides: Sawyer Fynboh

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 served each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. If you can help out, please sign up on the bulletin board

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 Wednesday, 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!

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

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

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, Jan 2	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion — No Sunday school
	10:30am	Coffee/Fellowship
Mon., Jan 3	6:00pm	Girl Scouts at First
Tues., Jan 4	11:00am	Pastor's Text Study
	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wed., Jan 5	11:30am	Lunch Bunch at Pizza Ranch
	6:00-7:30pm	Element at First Lutheran
Thurs., Jan 6	3:00pm	Pastor at West Wind Village (worship)
Fri., Jan 7	3:00pm	Mission & Evangelism Meeting
Sat., Jan 8	8:00am	Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
Sun., Jan 9	9:30am	Worship
	10:00-11:00am	Sunday school
	10:30am	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:30am	WELCA in Gathering Room — Heck family gathering in fellowship hall
	12:00pm	Gatherings at Common Cup
	6:30-8:00pm	Sr. Fusion at First