

First Sunday in Christmas: January 1, 2023

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the “holy innocents” of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

Gathering

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness **pg. 211**

“Once in Royal David’s City” **#269**

Greeting & Kyrie **pg. 213**

Prayer of the Day

Word

Isaiah 63:7-9 *(page 653 OT in pew Bible)*

Hebrews 2:10-18 *(page 193 NT in pew Bible)*

Special Music:

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 216**

* Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23 *(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)

Children’s Message

Message

“Love Has Come” **#292**

* Statement of Faith: Apostle's Creed **pg. 217**

* Prayers

* Sharing the Peace

Thanksgiving

* Offering

* Offertory “Create in Me a Clean Heart” **#188**

* Canticle of Thanksgiving **pg. 219**

* Lord’s Prayer

Sending

Blessing

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

Dismissal and Bell

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.

upcoming events and announcements

Lunch Bunch meets on Wed., January 4th at 11:30am at Old #1 in Morris. All our welcome to join us for lunch!

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!

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 and Thursdays: 5:30-6:30pm; Wednesdays and Fridays: 10:30-11:30am. You can reach the food shelf at 320.589.7436.

welcome

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Sun., Jan 1	9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Coffee Hour
Mon., Jan 2	— No events scheduled; church office closed
Tues., Jan 3	11:00am Pastor's Text Study 6:00pm Property Committee Meeting
Wed., Jan 4	11:30am Lunch Bunch at Old #1 6:00pm Element Classes at First
Thurs., Jan 5	— No events scheduled
Fri., Jan 6	— No events scheduled
Sat., Jan 7	8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
Sun., Jan 8	8:30am Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Sunday school 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 3:00-4:00pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Sr. Fusion at First

In Today's Service: January 1

Ushers: Al Harris, Tom & Heather Schneider family

Lector: Bob Dalager

Nursery: Pam Wiese

Acolyte: Jennie & Wes Odello

Video: Mike Odello

TV slides: Hannah Schneider

Next Week's Service: January 8

Ushers: Bob Heck, Matt & Cowan Mortenson

Nursery: Lindy Ekola

Acolyte: Taylor Anderson & Brenna Jergenson

Video: Dave Jungst

TV slides: Connor Siegel