

Sunday, January 7, 2024 – Baptism of Our Lord

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

Hymns and liturgy are located in the red hymnal unless otherwise noted

Gathering * indicates to stand if you are able

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

* Thanksgiving for Baptism **pg. 97**

* "Shall We Gather at the River" **#423**

* Greeting **pg. 138**

* Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5 (page 1 OT in pew Bible)

Psalms 29 (on screen)

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7 (page 122 NT in pew Bible)

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 142**

* Gospel: Mark 1:4-11 (page 30 NT in pew Bible)

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

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

Message

"As with Gladness Men of Old" **#302**

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

* Prayers of the Church

* Sharing the Peace

Meal

* Offering/Offertory "Create in Me a Clean Heart" **#188**

* The Great Thanksgiving **pg. 144**

* "Holy, Holy, Holy" **pg. 144**

* Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

Special Music (during Communion Distribution)

Communion Distribution: *All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you prefer, gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Just ask the server.*

* Post Communion Prayer

Sending

* Blessing

"God, Whose Almighty Word" **#673**

Dismissal and Bell

Remember in your prayers

Family and friends of Steve Van Kempen, Anita Stoker, Mick Rose, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound.

upcoming events and announcements

Coffee/Fellowship Join us in the fellowship hall for coffee and treats following the worship service. All are welcome!

Council Members Needed! We are in need to two people willing to serve on the Church Council (3 year term) starting in 2024. Anyone interested is encouraged to talk with one of the current council members or the church office for more information.

Annual Meeting First Lutheran's Annual Meeting has been set for Sunday, February 4 following the worship service. For those on committees, annual reports need to be submitted to the church office by Sunday, January 14th.

80th Birthday Party for Cheryl Higgins will be held on Sunday, January 14th from 12:00 to 4:00pm at LaFave House (305 College Ave, Morris). Light snacks and beverages will be served. Please join us!

2024 KMRS Radio Broadcast available dates are: Jan 14, Feb 18, April 14, May 19, June 30, Aug 25, Oct 6, Nov 17 and Dec 24. Help support the ELCA Worship Hour by sponsoring a broadcast (\$65) in memory or in honor of a loved one. Contact the church office for more information.

Help Needed! First Lutheran is in need of worship servants! If you are willing to help serve as an usher/head usher, communion preparer, communion server, nursery attendant or an audio/video tech, please contact the church office. Training will be provided!

Reminder! If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the church without permission.

Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, January 7

Ushers: Steve Just family

Lector: Laurie Feuchtenberger

Acolyte: Wyatt & Aaden Schultz

Communion Servers: Linda Holland, Millie Tschetter, Bob Dalager

Video: Mike Odello & Kye Suess

Nursery: Pam Wiese

Communion: Judy Buro

TV Slides: Giana Feuchtenberger

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, January 14

Ushers: Dick Smith, Brian Erdahl, Scott Staples

Lector: Dorwin Tschetter

Acolyte: Brayden Carlson & Chance Buro

Video: Steve Wagner

Nursery: Jone Anderson

TV slides: Dane Dybdahl

welcome

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TODAY: Sunday, January 7

8:30am: Sunday school

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

Monday, January 8

6:30pm: Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 9

11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

12:00pm: Gatherings at Old #1

7:00pm: Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 10

6:00-7:30pm: Element Classes at First

7:00-8:30pm: Sr. Fusion at First

Thursday, January 11

8:30am: Share & Care (quilting group)

Friday, January 12

no events scheduled

Saturday, January 13

8:00am: Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran

Sunday, January 14

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship