

GATHERING

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Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Lighting of the Advent Wreath: *"Light One Candle"* #240 (vs 3)
*Confession & Forgiveness *(on screen)*
* Gathering Hymn: *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* #254
*Prayer of the Day

WORD

Reading: James 5:7-10
* Gospel Acclamation pg. 216
* Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" #283
The Angel Appears to Mary
Mary & Joseph travel to Bethlehem

"Away in a Manger" #277
The Nativity

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" #239
Angels and the Shepherds

"We Three Kings of Orient Are" #646 *(blue hymnal)*

"Joy to the World" *(bells only)*
Nativity Scene

THANKSGIVING

* Prayers of the Church: *God of grace, hear our prayer.*
* Sharing the Peace
Offering/Offertory *"Create in Me"* #188
* The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

* Blessing
Sending Hymn: *"People Look East"* #248
Dismissal

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



Midweek Advent at First:

Wednesday, Dec 17: Soup Supper 5-5:45pm
Worship at 6:00pm

Christmas Eve Worship, December 24:

Candlelight Services:

4:00pm at Federated Church

7:00pm at First Lutheran

Lessons & Carols *(lay led service)*

9:00pm at First Lutheran

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Worship Schedule

- Sunday, December 21 at FEDERATED: 8:30am Sunday school, 9:30am worship with fellowship following.
- Sunday, December 28 at FIRST: no Sunday school, 9:30am Worship with fellowship following.

Deadline TODAY for Poinsettia orders If you would like to purchase a poinsettia that will decorate the sanctuary this Christmas, please pick up and complete an order form located in the Narthex. Cost is \$15 per plant.

Free Community Christmas Dinner at First Lutheran on December 25 with serving starting at noon. Dine in or delivery (to shut-ins only). Volunteers and donations of cookies are needed. Contact Pam at 320-287-2134 if you can help out.

Element *(grades 6-8)* and **Fusion** *(grades 9-12)*

Element does not meet until Wed., January 14th

Fusion Christmas Party on Wed., Dec 17 from 6:30-8:00pm at Faith Lutheran

Offering Envelopes for 2026 are in the Narthex. If you would like to be added to those receiving offering envelopes, please let the church office know.

Common Cup Gift Cards Buy \$50 in gifts cards and receive a free \$5 gift card. Offer good until Christmas.

Pastoral Visits 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.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Family and friends of Judy Bluth, Al Watson, Jim Thraen, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14:

Ushers: *Dick Smith, Michael Bjorklund, Fynboh Family*
Nursery: *Vicki Dalager* Acolytes: *Jamis Burnett & Wes Odello*
Video: *Tony Feuchtenberger* TV slides: *Aaden Schultz*
Accompanist: *Suzanne Smith*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21: WORSHIP AT FEDERATED CHURCH

7PM: CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24:

Ushers: *Bob Heck, Ward Voorhees, Dennis Feuchtenberger*
Lector: *Sharon Ehlers* Nursery: *Lindy Ekola*
Communion Prep: *Laurie Feuchtenberger*
Communion Server: *Ward Voorhees*
Acolytes: *Zach & Breaден Huebner*
Video: *Dave Jungst* TV slides: *Abigail Anderson*
Accompanist: *Suzanne Smith*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28:

Ushers: *Steve Just, Brian Erdahl, Doug Ehlers*
Lector: *Sharon Ehlers* Nursery: *Jone Anderson*
Communion Prep: *Liz Harris* Communion Server: *Emilie Brustuen*
Acolytes: *Kenzie Just & Lucy Feuchtenberger*
Video: *Tony Feuchtenberger* TV slides: *Sawyer Fynboh*
Accompanist: *Lois Strei*

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welcome

TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 | THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:30am: Sunday school at FIRST

9:30am: Sunday school Christmas Program at FIRST
with fellowship following

deadline for Poinsettia orders and Christmas Toy Shoppe donations

Monday, December 15

no events scheduled

Tuesday, December 16

11:00am: Pastors' Text Study

Wednesday, December 17

5:00-5:45pm: Soup Supper

6:00pm: Midweek Advent at FIRST

6:30-8:00pm: No Element; Fusion at FAITH

Thursday, December 18

12:00pm: Newsletter articles due

2:00pm: Zipporah Bible Study

Friday, December 19

7:15-8:00pm: Fusion Breakfast (Morris only)

Saturday, December 20

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

Sunday, December 21

8:30am: Sunday school at FEDERATED

9:30am: Worship at FEDERATED with fellowship following