

## Sunday, January 5, 2025 | Epiphany of Our Lord

*The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes with the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.*

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### GATHERING

Prelude and Bell  
Welcome & Announcements  
Confession & Forgiveness pg. 211  
*"Rise, Shine, You People!"* #665  
Greeting & Kyrie pg. 213  
Hymn of Praise pg. 213 *"Glory to God"*  
Prayer of the Day

### WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (on screen)  
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12  
Gospel Acclamation pg. 216  
Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12  
Message  
*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* #815  
Statement of Faith pg. 217  
Prayers of Intercession: *God of grace, receive our prayer*  
Sharing the Peace

### THANKSGIVING

Special Music during Offering  
Offering  
Canticle of Thanksgiving pg. 219  
Thanksgiving for the Word pg. 220  
The Lord's Prayer pg. 221

### SENDING

Blessing  
*"We Are Marching in the Light"* #866  
Dismissal

*Hymns are located in the red hymnal unless noted otherwise.*

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank you to Rev. Denise Fossen for leading us in worship this morning.*

### Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2025 are available for you to pick up in the Narthex. If you don't see one for yourself and would like a box, please let the church office know.

### Lunch Bunch

All are welcome to join us for lunch and fellowship us on Wednesday, January 8th at 11:30am at Old #1. Order off the menu and pay your own way.

### Annual Reports

A reminder for Committee Chairs that Annual Reports will need to be turned into the church office by Monday, January 5.

### Annual Meeting

First Lutheran will hold its annual meeting on **Sunday, January 26** following the 11:00am service. There will also be a budget meeting held with the congregation on **Sunday, January 12 at 10:00am**. Please attend these two important meetings!

### Pastoral Visits

If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or homebound 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.

### Share & Care

This group puts quilts together for Lutheran World Relief and meets at 9:00am on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. All are welcome to join us. Sewing skills not needed as there are many other tasks to work on.

### Zipporah Bible Study

meets at 2:00pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to join us!

### Coffee Hour

Join us in the fellowship hall each Sunday morning prior to worship at 10:00am for coffee and treats. All are welcome! If you able to help serve a coffee hour, please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tim Stoker, Anita Stoker, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound.



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## Online Giving Options

Using your iPhone or Android phone's camera, point it at one of the QR codes like your focusing to take a photo. When it shows a web address, click on the address for online giving options.



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## WORSHIP SERVANTS

### Sunday, January 5

**Ushers:** Steve Just family, Kent & Erica Swenson

**Lector:** Laurie Feuchtenberger

**Acolytes:** Aubrey & Ashlyn Williamson

**TV slides:** Sarah Dougherty

**Nursery:** Pam Wiese

**Video:** Tony Feuchtenberger

**Accompanist:** Deb Mahoney

### Sunday, January 12

**Ushers:** Dick Smith, Brian Erdahl, Ward Voorhees

**Nursery:** Jone Anderson

**Communion Servers:** Linda Holland, Millie Tschetter, Emilie Brusten

**Acolytes:** Zoe Krosch & Kenzie Just

**TV slides:** Micah Ulrich

**Lector:** Jennie Odello

**Communion:** Judy Buro

**Video:** Mike Odello

**Accompanist:**

## CONNECT WITH US

1/5/2025

(place in the offering plate or drop off at the church office)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am....

☐ Member

☐ Visitor

☐ Returning Visitor

☐ Non-Member/Regular Attender

I would like....

☐ to learn more about First

☐ to become a member of First

☐ to have the pastor contact me

☐ receive the monthly newsletter

Prayer requests or comments \_\_\_\_\_

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# welcome

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### **TODAY: Sunday, January 5**

10:00am: Coffee/Fellowship

11:00am: Worship

### **Monday, January 6**

no events scheduled

### **Tuesday, January 7**

11:00am: Pastors' Text Study

7:00pm: Council Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 8**

11:30am: Lunch Bunch at Old #1

No Element class

### **Thursday, January 9**

9:00am: Share & Care (quilting)

### **Friday, January 10**

no events scheduled

### **Saturday, January 11**

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

### **Sunday, January 12**

10:00am: Coffee/Fellowship

11:00am: Worship HC

Budget Meeting