

# Third Sunday in Advent

## Sunday, December 17, 2023

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*Thank you to the Sunday school students and their teachers for presenting "Room at the Inn" this morning along with their gifts of music. Please join us in the fellowship hall for coffee and treats following the service.*

*\*Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *(during hymn)*

"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" #242 *(verses 1-4)*



## Room at the Inn

presented by the Sunday school students

Hymn *(sung by all)*: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #270

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Hymn *(sung by all)*: "Away in the Manger" #277

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Hymn *(sung by all)*: "Silent Night" #281 *(vs 1 & 2, sung acapella)*

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Hymn *(sung by all)*: "Go Tell it On the Mountain" #290

Room at the Inn

Hymn: "Joy to the World" #267

*students sing vs 1-2, congregation sings 3-4*

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

\* Prayer

\* Lord's Prayer

\* "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" #244

Dismissal and Bell

### Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, December 17

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

**Acolyte:** Mackenzie Just & Aubrey Williamson

**Nursery:** Erica Swenson

**Video:** Kyle Dougherty      **TV slides:** Owen Anderson

### Christmas Eve Worship Servants: Sunday, December 24 9:30am

**Ushers:** Bob Heck, Al & Julie Monroe, Scott Staples

**Lector:** Vicki Dalager      **Nursery:** Lindy Ekola

**Acolyte:** Abram Suess & Connor Siegel

**Communion Prep:** Liz Harris

**Communion Servers:** Ward Voorhees, Judy Buro, Emilie Brusten

**Video:** Dave Jungst      **TV slides:** Micah Ulrich

### Remember in your prayers

*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

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**COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP** Join us in the fellowship hall for coffee and treats following the worship service. All are welcome!

**POINSETTIA ORDER DUE TODAY!** If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone, please grab an order form in the Narthex and return to the church office. Deadline to order is today!

**CHRISTMAS TREATS NEEDED!** Christmas goodies are needed for the annual Christmas Dinner held at First Lutheran on Monday, December 25. If you can provide some treats, please sign up in the Narthex.

**CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY MEAL** will be held on Monday, December 25th with serving starting at noon. This is a free will donation meal and is open to all that wish to attend. More information is available in our December newsletter.

**FOR RENT** Studio apartment for rent above Common Cup Coffeehouse. For more information, please contact Abby at 320-287-3417.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** Rita will be on vacation and out of the church office from Sunday, December 24 until Tuesday, January 2. In the event of an emergency (hospital visit) she can be reached on her cell phone.

**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.

# Christmas Eve SERVICES

Sunday, December 24

9:30am: Traditional Christmas Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee, treats and fellowship

5:00pm: Candlelight Lessons & Carols Service (no communion)

# welcome

## First Lutheran Church, ELCA

**Chosen by Christ - Empowered to Serve**

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*(all services are live streamed via Facebook and YouTube)*

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### TODAY: Sunday, Dec 17

8:30am: Sunday school (program practice)

9:30am: Christmas Program

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

2:00-4:00pm: Girl Scouts

### Monday, Dec 18

12:00pm: Newsletter Articles Due

### Tuesday, Dec 19

11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

7:00pm: Council Meeting

### Wednesday, Dec 20

No Element or Sr. Fusion

### Thursday, Dec 21

2:00pm: Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship hall

### Friday, Dec 22

no events scheduled

### Saturday, Dec 23

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

### Sunday, Dec 24

9:30am: Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

5:00pm: Lessons & Carols Service (no communion)