

Nativity of Our Lord: Sunday, December 25, 2022

As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas Day the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ's birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of "the salvation of our God." O come, let us adore!

Gathering

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Confession & Forgiveness (on screen)

"From Heaven Above" #268 (verses 1, 3-4, 8)

"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" #242 (verses 2-4)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Word

Isaiah 52:7-10 (page 642 OT in pew Bible)

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #276

Psalms 98 (on screen)

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" #276 (verses 1 & 3)

Hebrews 1:1-12 (page 192 NT in pew Bible)

Choir: *"Peace, Perfect Peace"* by Robin Cain & Phil Kadidlo

* Gospel Acclamation pg. 142

* Gospel: John 1:1-14 (page 79 NT in pew Bible)

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

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

Message

"'Twas the Moon of Wintertime" #284

* Statement of Faith: Luther's Explanation of the Third Article (on screen)

* Prayers

* Sharing the Peace

Meal

* Offering

* Offertory *"What Child is This" #296*

* The Great Thanksgiving pg. 144

* Proper Preface

* *"You Are Holy" #525*

* Words of Institution

* Lord's Prayer

Communion *You are welcome to come to the altar to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer, gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Just ask the server.*

* Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Blessing

"Angels We Have Heard on High" #289 (verses 1 & 3)

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

Church Office Closed from Monday, December 26 until Tuesday, January 3. In the event of needed pastoral care or an emergency, Pastor Dan voicemail will contain information on the pastor covering during this timeframe.

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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In Today's Service: December 25

Ushers: Steve Just family, Dennis & Laurie Feuchtenberger

Lector: Cathy Anderson **Nursery:** Sandy Grove

Acolyte: Abigail Anderson & Skott Anderson

Communion Prep: Laurie Feuchtenberger (silver tray with bread)

Comm Servers: Bob & Vicki Dalager

Video: Steve Wagner **TV slides:** Isaac Just

Next Week's Service: Jan 1

Ushers: Al Harris, Tom & Heather Schneider

Lector: Bob Dalager **Nursery:** Pam Wiese

Acolyte: Jennie & Wes Odello

Video: Mike Odello **TV slides:** Hannah Schneider

Sun., Dec 25	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30am	Coffee Hour
Mon., Dec 26		— No events scheduled
Tues., Dec 27	11:00am	Pastor's Text Study
Wed., Dec 28		— No events scheduled
Thurs., Dec 29		— No events scheduled
Fri., Dec 30		— No events scheduled
Sat., Dec 31	8:00am	Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
Sun., Jan 1	8:30am	Sunday school
	9:30am	Worship