

## Third Sunday in Advent: Sunday, December 11, 2022

*A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent amount us.*

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### Gathering *\*Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness (on screen)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" #242 (verse 1)*

Isaiah 35:1-10 (page 622 OT in pew Bible)

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

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

### Word

Psalms 146:5-10 (on screen)

James 5:7-10 (page 204 NT in pew Bible)

Special Music: "Rejoice! The King Shall Come" arr. Kevin Keil

\* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 142**

\* Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11 (page 9 NT in pew Bible)

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

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

Children's Message

Message

*"Lost in the Night" #243*

\* Statement of Faith: Apostle's Creed **pg. 105**

\* Prayers

\* Sharing the Peace

### Meal

\* Offering

\* Offertory *"Create in Me a Clean Heart" #188*

\* 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

*"People, Look East" #248*

### Remember In your prayers

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*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

**Mid Week Advent Worship** will be held at 12:00pm and 5:15pm each Wednesday during Advent.

**Christmas Eve Worship** Saturday, December 24. 4:00pm and 9:00pm  
Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion.

**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.

### In Today's Service: December 11

**Ushers:** Bob Heck, Linda Holland, Dave Jungst

**Lector:** LeAnn Dean

**Nursery:** Jone Anderson

**Acolyte:** Aaden Schultz & Brayden Carlson

**Communion Prep:** Sandy Grove (silver tray with bread)

**Comm Servers:** Bob & Vicki Dalager, Steve Van Kempen

**Video:** Mike Odello & Kye Suess

**TV slides:** Taylor Anderson

### Next Week's Service: December 18

**Ushers:** Steve Just family, Matt & Cowen Mortenson

**Nursery:** Pam Wiese

**Acolyte:** Gianna Feuchtenberger & Lilly Nesvig

**Video:** Steve Wagner

**TV slides:** Jaxon Hilbrands

# welcome

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Sun., Dec 11	8:30am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30am	Coffee Hour
	3:00-4:30pm	Christmas Program Practice
	6:30pm	Sr. Fusion Christmas Party at First
Mon., Dec 12		— No events scheduled
Tues., Dec 13	11:00am	Pastor's Text Study
Wed., Dec 14	12:00pm	Midweek Advent Worship
	5:15pm	Midweek Advent Worship
	6:00pm	Element Classes (confirmation)
Thurs., Dec 15	9:30am	Glacial Ridge Pastor's Conference
	2:00pm	Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship hall
Fri., Dec 16		— No events scheduled
Sat., Dec 17	8:00am	Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
Sun., Dec 18	8:30am	Choir Rehearsal
	8:30am	Sunday school
	9:30am	Christmas Program/Worship
	10:30am	Coffee Hour
	3:00-4:00pm	Cub Scouts