

Order of Worship for Sunday, December 12, 2021

Third Sunday in Advent

Christ's presence in our midst as we worship is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of the one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday in Advent.

Gathering

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Confession & Forgiveness *(on screen)*

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Word

Zephaniah 3:14-20 *(page 830 OT in pew Bible)*

Psalmody: Isaiah 12:2-6 *(on screen)*

Philippians 4:4-7 *(page 175 NT in pew Bible)*

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 142**

* Gospel: Luke 3:7-18 *(page 52 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

"Away in a Manger"

* The Second Article—On Redemption *(on screen)*

Offering/Offertory **#188**

Offertory Prayer

* Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Peace *(please share a sign of peace with one another)*

Sending

Benediction

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Announcements

Bell & Dismissal

*Thank you to Mike Odello and the Contemporary Worship Team
for their gifts of music this morning.*

In today's service:

*Ushers: Al Harris,
Doug & Sharon Ehlers*

Acolyte: Charli Erdahl & Kye Suess

Lector: Bob Dalager

Nursery: Vicki Dalager

Video: Steve Wagner

TV slides: Chance Buro

Next Week's service—Dec 19:

*Ushers: Steve Just, Dennis & Laurie
Feuchtenberger*

*Acolyte: Brenna Jergenson
& Jennie Odello*

Nursery: Robi Bowman

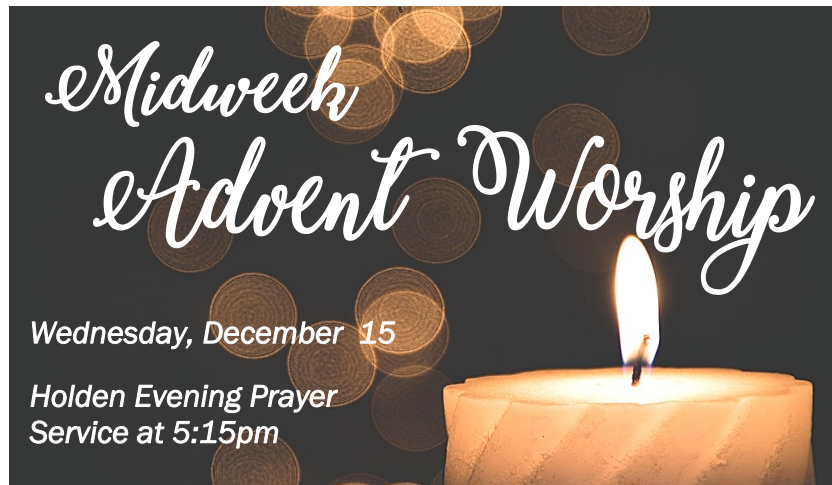
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Remember in your prayers

Arlene Fellows, 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, Pastor Alex LaChappelle serving as a pastor of Nairobi International Lutheran in Kenya, Africa. Note: you may honor a loved one and support Pastor LaChappelle in Kenya. Contact the church office for information.

Upcoming Events and Announcements



Sunday School Christmas Program will be held next Sunday, December 19th at 9:30am.

Sunday school Classes meets on Sunday, December 19th at 8:30am. We will be practicing our Christmas Program.

Coffee Hour will be serving each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. If you can help out, please sign up on the bulletin board

Element for Youth 6-8 Grade meets on Wed., December 15th from 6:00—7:30pm at First Lutheran.

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".

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, Wednesdays and Fridays: 10:30-11:30am, Thursdays: 5:30-6:30pm. You can reach the food shelf at 320.589.7436.

Soap Drive—Lutheran World Relief Commercially wrapped soap needed! This soap is used over-seas for schools, hospitals, clinics, households and refugee camps. This is an ongoing drive, so please continue to donate. A collection basket is located on the table in the lower Narthex area.

welcome

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this week at First

TODAY, Dec 12	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30am	Coffee/Fellowship
	6:30-8:00pm	Sr. Fusion at First
Mon., Dec 13		— No events scheduled
Tues., Dec 14	11:00am	Pastor's Text Study
Wed., Dec 15	5:15pm	Midweek Advent Worship
	6:00-7:30pm	Element (at First Lutheran)
Thurs., Dec 16	12:00pm	Newsletter Articles Due
	2:00pm	Zipporah Bible Study (fellowship hall)
Fri., Dec 17		— No events scheduled
Sat., Dec 18	8:00am	Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
Sun., Dec 19	8:30am	Sunday school (program practice)
	9:30am	Christmas Program
	3:00-4:00pm	Cub Scouts
	10:30am	Coffee/Fellowship
		Sr. Fusion Christmas Party