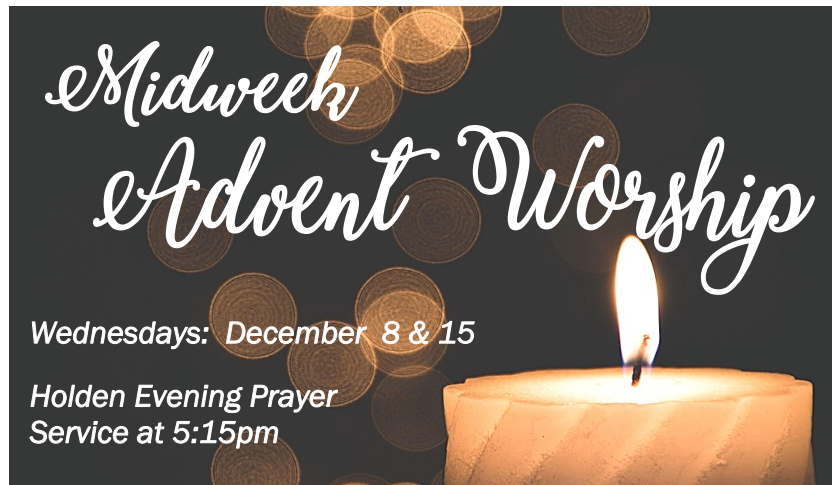


Upcoming Events and Announcements



Midweek Advent Worship This year, we will practice *lectio divina* (sacred reading of Scripture) and contemplative prayer during our Sermon/Meditation. Come and grow in prayer...for self, others and the world.

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

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 12th from 6:00—7:30pm at First Lutheran.

Sunday school Classes meets TODAY from 10:00-11:00am.

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

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| TODAY, Dec 5 | 9:30am | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 10:00-11:00am | Sunday school |
| | 10:30am | Coffee/Fellowship |
| | 12:00pm | Gatherings at Common Cup |
| | 3:00-4:00pm | Cub Scouts at First |
| | 6:30-8:00pm | Sr. Fusion at First |
| Mon., Dec 6 | 6:00pm | Girl Scouts at First |
| Tues., Dec 7 | 11:00am | Pastor's Text Study |
| Wed., Dec 8 | 5:15pm | Midweek Advent Worship |
| | 6:00-7:30pm | Element (at First Lutheran) |
| Thurs., Dec 9 | 8:30am | Share & Care (quilting group) |
| | 10:00am | Pastor at Skyview Plaza Worship |
| Fri., Dec 10 | — | No events scheduled |
| Sat., Dec 11 | 8:00am | Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran |
| Sun., Dec 12 | 9:30am | Worship |
| | 10:30am | Coffee/Fellowship |
| | 6:30-8:00pm | Sr. Fusion at First |

Order of Worship for Sunday, December 5, 2021

Second Sunday in Advent

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

Gathering

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Confession & Forgiveness *(on screen)*

"Prepare the Royal Highway" #264

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Word

Malachi 3:1-4 *(page 841 OT in pew Bible)*

Psalmody: Luke 1:68-79 *(on screen)*

Philippians 1:3-11 *(page 173 NT in pew Bible)*

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 142**

* Gospel: Luke 3:1-6 *(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)

Message

"You Are Mine" #581

* The First Article—On Creation *(on screen)*

Meal

* Prayers

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

Offering/Offertory **#188**

Offertory Prayer

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Announcements

Benediction

"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #254

Bell & Dismissal

In today's service:

*Ushers: Dick Smith, Tom & Heather
Schneider family*

Acolyte: Hannah & Tyler Schneider

Lector: Lindy Ekola

Communion: Cheryl Higgins

Nursery: Pam Wiese

Video: Dave Jungst

TV slides: Steve Wagner

Next Week's service—Dec 12:

*Ushers: Al Harris,
Doug & Sharon Ehlers*

Acolyte: Charli Erdahl & Kye Suess

Lector: Bob Dalager

Nursery: Vicki Dalager

Video: Steve Wagner

TV slides: Chance Buro

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.