



# First Lutheran Church

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## **ADVENT 1: Being Present with Hope**

December 3, 2023

PRELUDE

Barb Hanson

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GIFT OF BEING PRESENT

### **BECOMING PRESENT – an Advent Ritual**

GATHERING SONG

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

*LBW #25*

*(vs. 1,4)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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SHARING THE PEACE

### **THE WORD PRESENT AMONG US: PROCLAIMING**

PSALM

*Psalm 80:1-2*

SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 1: 4-7*

THE GIFT OF CHILDREN

HYMN

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

*WOV #649*

GOSPEL

*Mark 13:24-37*

SERMON

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### **FULLY PRESENT IN THE MOMENT: PRAYING**

### **OFFERING**

MISSION FOCUS: ELCA GOOD GIFTS & ARCC EMERGENCY SHELTER

### **MEAL**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF PRAISE (Tune: *What Child is This*)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

## **PRESENT TO THE WORLD: SENDING**

BENEDICTION

BELLS

CLOSING SONG

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

*LBW #54*

DISMISSAL

**P:** Now go forth, and be the presence of HOPE to all the world.

**C: Amen! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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### THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

<b>Mon</b>	<a href="#"><u>Psalm 79; Micah 4:1-5; Revelation 15:1-8</u></a>
<b>Tue</b>	<a href="#"><u>Psalm 79; Micah 4:6-13; Revelation 18:1-10</u></a>
<b>Wed</b>	<a href="#"><u>Psalm 79; Micah 5:1-5a; Luke 21:34-38</u></a>
<b>Thu</b>	<a href="#"><u>Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Hosea 6:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10</u></a>
<b>Fri</b>	<a href="#"><u>Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 11:19-26</u></a>
<b>Sat</b>	<a href="#"><u>Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Ezekiel 36:24-28; Mark 11:27-33</u></a>
<b>Sun</b>	<a href="#"><u>Psalm 85; Isaiah 40:1-11; 2Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8</u></a>

### SERVICE ASSISTANTS

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Denice Johnson & Raylan Stanley	Danny & Betty Lecy
<b>Ushers</b>	Jay & Heather Johnson	Jay & Heather Johnson
<b>Reader</b>	Billie Marie Larson	Diana Schwenke
	Communion Assistants: Billie Marie Larson & Brady Weckwerth	Communion Assistants: Diana Schwenke & Addy Weckwerth

*Prayer Concerns: **The people of the Ukraine, The people of Israel and Palestine, The ARCC Emergency Shelter, Lutheran Disaster Response; The family of Tom Rogers; Marlys Stainbrook, Dorothy Pohl, Kristine Schlagel (Carl Anderson's niece), Carl & Linda Anderson, Sharon Arvik, Billie Marie Larson, Phyllis Carlson, Tim Atwater (brother-in-law of Carol Jones), Johanna Jones, (niece of Mike Jones), Jean (cousin of Vi Sundermeyer), Emily (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Elaine Kelsey (friend of Peg Davies), Lori, Rose & Don (Vi Sundermeyer's sister and brother-in-law), Jerry Johnson (brother of Jay Johnson), Ryan Lau, Suzanne Dock (friend of Carol Lenander & Larry Gass), Don (Corina Bronczyk's brother-in-law), Carla & Scott (friends of Corina Bronczyk), Ryan Wood (Darrin & Corina Bronczyk's nephew), Mike O'Rourke (friend of Peg Davies), Karen Rich (sister of Mike Jones), Bonnie & George Lueck, Peggy Lindstrom (friend of Cina Pidde), Carole Olafson (friend of Peg Davies & Aunt of***

Wayne Lenander), **Tina Riggs** (friend of Bobbie Wosika), **Susan Nyhusmoen**, **Jerry Levenson** (Resurrection Band singer), **Jim Thomsen**, **Lee Johnson** (husband of Denice Johnson), **Deb Britton** (friend of Cina Pidde), **Gail Buck**, **Mark Hiene** (Linda Anderson's brother-in-law), **Mike Husby** (friend of Peg Davies), **Bryanna Hegg** (granddaughter of Denice Johnson), **Matthew Lane** (Carl Anderson's step grandson), **Erika W.** (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), **Liz Lau and her family**, **Laurel Yae** (niece of Vi Sundermeyer), **Christina & Emmy Rose** (nieces of Dave & De Carlson), **Pr. Glenn Anderson**

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#### Opportunities This Week

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<b>Today</b>	Worship Service First Sunday of Advent	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00 AM
<b>Tues</b>	Quilting – contact Bernie or Shane	9:30-11:00?
<b>Sun</b>	Worship Service – Second Sunday of Advent	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00 AM
	Church Council meeting	11:30 AM

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you haven't had the opportunity to fill out a time and talent slip, there's a sheet on the table in the narthex. We really need **everyone** to let us know in what you'd like to be involved.
- Thanks to all who helped with the funeral service for Bob Mechelke yesterday.

## The December Missions of the Month ELCA Good Gifts

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference.

We are following tradition at First Lutheran this December by once again featuring ELCA's Good Gifts and God's Global Barnyard as our mission of the month. Once again our Giving Tree in the Narthex will have suggested gift ideas. The gifts will support the sustainable development programs of ELCA World Hunger. Choose a specific gift by taking the ornament off the tree and writing your check to First Lutheran Church with "Good Gifts" on the memo line. Put your check with the ornament in the offering plate.

Good Gifts can also be given by following the ELCA link from [www.flcakeley.org](http://www.flcakeley.org) or [www.ELCA.org/goodgifts](http://www.ELCA.org/goodgifts) to give on-line in honor of a loved one.

### **ARCC Emergency Shelter Christmas Project**

We are also following tradition and buying actual gifts for families in need in our local community. This year our gifts will go to the families residing in the ARCC Emergency Shelter. Since the families come and go, we have made “ornaments” with specific ideas and sizes. Those ornaments are on the Giving Tree in the fellowship hall. Choose an ornament and go shopping! Deadline for bringing wrapped gifts to the church is Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

First Lutheran families are encouraged to participate in both kinds of Christmas gift giving. We are truly blessed!