



# First Lutheran Church

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## ***Epiphany Sunday: "The Road Isn't Straight"***

January 5, 2025

### **GATHERING**

PRELUDE

BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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GATHERING SONG FOR EPIPHANY *Echolocation*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

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SONG OF PRAISE *Bright and Glorious Is the Sky*

LBW 75

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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### **WORD**

FIRST READING

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 2:1-12*

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

WOV #646

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God of stars and light,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

2024 STAR GIFT STORIES

RECEIVING OUR STAR GIFTS

*Noel Music Video* – Lauren Daigle

*Light of the World Music Video* – Lauren Daigle

STAR GIFT PRAYER

OFFERING Mission for January – Y.E.S.S Program

OFFERTORY PRAYER

## MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC *Candlelight Carol* – John Rutter

*Christ Be Our Light*

*I Am the Bread of Life*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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## SENDING

BENEDICTION

BELLS

CLOSING HYMN

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

WOV 651

DISMISSAL

P: Go forth as light into the world, rejoicing in the power of God.  
Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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## WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

<b>Mon</b>	<u>Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12</u>
<b>Tue</b>	<u>Psalm 72; Daniel 2:1-19; Ephesians 4:17-5:1</u>
<b>Wed</b>	<u>Psalm 72; Daniel 2:24-49; Ephesians 5:15-20</u>
<b>Thu</b>	<u>Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31</u>
<b>Fri</b>	<u>Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10</u>
<b>Sat</b>	<u>Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; 1 Corinthians 2:11-16</u>
<b>Sun</b>	<u>Psalm 29; Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</u>

## SERVICE ASSISTANTS

### **This Week**

### **Next Week**

**Greeters**

Tom & Shane Synstegard

Denice Johnson

**Ushers**

Duane & Cina Pidde

Duane & Cina Pidde

**Reader**

Jay Johnson

Morgan Monroe

Communion Assistants: Heather  
Johnson & Raylan Stanley

Communion Assistants: Diana  
Schwenke & Maja Cox

**Prayer Concerns:** *The people of the Ukraine, The people of Israel and Palestine, YESS program; The family and friends of Larry Gass; Marlys Stainbrook, Carl & Linda Anderson, Phyllis Carlson, Tim Atwater (brother-in-law of Carol Jones), Jean (cousin of Vi Sundermeyer), Emily (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Elaine Kelsey (friend of Peg Davies), Rose & Don (Vi Sundermeyer's sister and brother-in-law), Jerry Johnson (brother of Jay Johnson), Ryan Lau, Carla & Scott (friends of Corina Bronczyk), Ryan Wood (Darrin & Corina Bronczyk's nephew), Mike & Leah O'Rourke (friends of Peg Davies), Karen Rich (sister of Mike Jones), Bonnie & George Lueck, Tina Riggs (friend of Bobbie Wosika), Jerry Leverson (Resurrection Band singer), Jim Thomsen, Gail Buck, Mark Hiene (Linda Anderson's brother-in-law), Matthew Lane (Carl Anderson's step grandson), Erika W. (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Jennifer Lyons (niece of Carol Jones), Jimmie & Joyce Lecy (Harry Lecy's brother & sister-in-law), Dr. Brian Bratloff, Kelly Stover (Kirk Stover's brother), Sebrina Hegg (Tina Ericson's sister), Phyllis Deer, Georgia Alexander (Pat Tinklenberg's granddaughter), Bruce Dahl (friend of Jay Johnson), Pat Tinklenberg (Heather Lenander's mom), Matt (nephew of De & Dave Carlson), Jason Kath (friend of Bobbie Wosika), Jim Kolar, Riki and her family, Bernice Seward (De Carlson's mother), Nicky (friend of Peg Davies), Kent Stover (Kirk Stover's brother), Paul Benson (Betty Lecy's brother), Dawn, Barb Hanson, Tim Cooper, David VanEye*

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Opportunities This Week

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<b>Today</b>	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM
<b>Sun</b>	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM
	Church Council Meeting	11:30 AM

### Announcements

- ✓ **YESS Program tote is in the narthex. Lists of needed office supplies are near the tote. Personal hygiene items may also be added to the tote.**
- ✓ **Reports of committees etc. are due by January 6<sup>th</sup>, please.**
- ✓ **ANNUAL MEETING - January 19<sup>th</sup> following the worship service.**

### 2024 ELCA Good Gifts Tally

5 Honey Bees, 4 Stock a back pack with food, 1 School fee & uniform  
 7 Chicks, 3 Roosters, 4 Pigs, 1 Feed a family, 1 Microloan for a woman  
 8 Goats, 1 Bible, 2 Vaccinations, 4 School Supplies for a child,  
 1 Water Filter

Good Work everyone!!

*January Mission of the Month*  
*Y.E.S.S Program*

The MN State Statute defines homeless youth as anyone 24 years old or younger who is without shelter, appropriate care, or supervision or has a parent or guardian who is unable to provide sufficient and fixed care or shelter. (256K.45 HOMELESS YOUTH ACT)

With the help of donations, we provide emergency residential care, temporary housing, counseling, and preventative services to help kids transition into a more stable living situation. We are a 501 (C) 3 non-profit organization established in 2023 to assist children and families in northern Minnesota.

If you wish to donate to the YESS program, please make your check to FLC with YESS on the memo line.