

WELCOME

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH – Muskegon, Michigan

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Welcome to this time of worship. We are especially grateful for those of you who are visitors. You make us more whole. First Lutheran is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a church body committed to the welcome of the stranger and to the questions and doubts of all seekers.

Readings for This Weekend

First Reading	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Psalm	148
Second Reading	Colossians 3:12-17
Gospel Reading	Luke 2:41-52

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Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday, December 24th, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service

Pre-Service Music

“Christmas Duets for Trumpet” Matthew Badley, Liam Backus
“The First Noel” Simon and Ben Werling
“Away in a Manger” Emily & Elizabeth Lucht
“Christmas Trees” Maddie Stewart
“Silent Night” Michael Thomas
“Go Tell it on the Mountain” Vocal Quartet
“We Wish You a Merry Christmas” Sofia Besteman

Organ Prelude

Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #283 (red) (vv. 1-3)

Opening Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Hymn of Praise “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” #270 (red)

Salutation/Prayer of the Day

Children’s Time/Gospel Lesson

Noisy Offering

Hymn “Jesus, What A Wonderful Child” #297 (red)

Parish Concerns

Prayers

Peace

Offering

Offering Music

At the conclusion of the offering the children will join Pastor Bill around the altar.

The Poinsettias are given in honor of:

- ◆ Our children, grandchildren, and great grandchild by Steve and Rhonda Smith
- ◆ Jayson, Jeny, Ryan, Taylor, Emma, Max, Avery, Jessica, Chase, and Jayden by Jerry & Robbin Dibble
- ◆ Evan, Tianna, Tristan and Lavena Dusseljee and Nathan Dusseljee and Trisha Milligan by Paula Dusseljee
- ◆ Our family by Tom and Sabina Freeman
- ◆ The Frietsch family by Elin and Jake Frietsch, Anna, Lizzy and Augie
- ◆ Annette Jack by John Jack
- ◆ Tom Mullinex by Jim and Marcy Sutton
- ◆ Our friendships, old and new by Mike and Rhonda Sweet
- ◆ Our kids and grandkids by Terry and Sara Henry
- ◆ Carol Hoffman by Phil Sielski, Bonnie Nolan, and Roy Hoffman
- ◆ Barb Pellerin and Barb Bonifield for being such wonderful second mothers to us by Dale and Deb Roest
- ◆ Martin Shields by the Shields family

Please pick up your Poinsettias after the 11:00 p.m. service.



The Poinsettias are given in memory of:

- ◆ Our parents Chester and Bonnie Smith and Don and Donna Daunt by Steve and Rhonda Smith
- ◆ Morris Powers and Jo and Don Buchan by Theresa and Dave Buchan
- ◆ Milly and Bob Lindell by Dan and Jane Horton
- ◆ Bob and Bettie Schultz, Jerome and Frieda Dibble, and Carol Postmus by Jerry and Robbin Dibble
- ◆ Frank DiPiazza, Jr. by Evie, Mike, Darin, and Travis DiPiazza
- ◆ Bernie and Carol Harrell by David Harrell
- ◆ Garry D. Bradfield and Garry S. Bradfield by Marilyn Bradfield and the White family
- ◆ Ward and Virginia Crampton by the Bradfield and the White families
- ◆ Gerald and Elizabeth Sielski by Phil Sielski, Bonnie Nolan and Roy Hoffman
- ◆ Our Moms Mildred Mattson and Almeda O'Neill by Jerry and Suzette Mattson
- ◆ Evelyn and Paul Swanson by Paula Dusseljee
- ◆ Loved ones by Catherine Tolley
- ◆ Gene Tietsort by Ruthanne Tietsort
- ◆ Don and Mary Ann Henry by Terry and Sara Henry
- ◆ James Sutton, Virginia Sutton, Rosemary Mullinex, Special Friend, Don Gust, and Jenny DeLong by Jim and Marcy Sutton
- ◆ Scott Dickover by Jon and Julie Traver
- ◆ Sharon Cooke by Dave Cooke family
- ◆ Lollie Shields and Dee DeBoef by the Shields family
- ◆ Our fathers Bernie Wickstrom and George Roest and our grandparents by Dale and Deb Roest
- ◆ Our parents by Tim and Sylvia Israels
- ◆ Tara Petrick—my oldest sister on my Mom's side by Grace Sweet
- ◆ Dad and Papa Larry Frietsch by Elin and Jake Frietsch, Anna, Lizzy and Augie

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Communion Liturgy

Holy, Holy

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

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The Lord's Prayer

Communion

"All Are Welcome"	(screen)
"What Feast of Love"	#487 (red)
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	#279 (red)
"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"	#282 (red)
"Love Has Come"	#292 (red)
"Away in a Manger"	#277 (red)

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Closing Hymn "Silent Night" (words on next page)

Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

“Silent Night”

Verse 1

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Verse 2

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heav’nly hosts sing, alleluia! Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the savior is born!

Verse 3

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light, radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

THOSE WHO SERVE 12/24 (p.m. Services)

Assisting Minister (6:00 and 11:00 p.m.)	Paula Dusseljee
Lector 6:00 p.m.	N/A
11:00 p.m.	Deb Wosinski
Servers 6:00 p.m.	Laura and Elizabeth Lucht
11:00 p.m.	Ed and Deb Wosinski
Acolytes 6:00 p.m.	Ethan Lucht, Liam Simons
11:00 p.m.	Connor Simerick, Lauren Slater
Ushers 6:00 p.m.	Stan Daszko, Ethan Lucht, Jeff Lucht
11:00 p.m.	Stan Daszko
Song Leaders 6:00 p.m.	Joel Westerholm, Eva Backus
11:00 p.m.	Sande Borushko, Barb Elliott
Sound System 6:00 p.m.	Karl Ziemelis
11:00 p.m.	Karl Ziemelis
Information Station	N/A
Counters	Diana Duell, Sandra Fluharty
Communion Bread 6:00 p.m.	Amy Werling
11:00 p.m.	Kim Westerholm
Communion Set-Up 6:00 p.m.	Mary Will
11:00 p.m.	Kim Westerholm
Clean-Up 6:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
11:00 p.m.	Wosinski Family

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

We will **not be having Wednesday night dinners** for the next few weeks. We will resume on January 8th, 2025.

The **sign-up sheet** for hosting **coffee hour in 2025** is on the information station by the office. Please pick a date to host coffee hour.

The church **office will be closed** on December 25th for the Christmas holiday.

Our **chili cook-off** and **annual meeting** will take place on Sunday, January 26 following worship.

There will be no Thursday night service next Thursday, December 26th.

Our **library has many puzzles** that are free to take. If you are a puzzler, stop in and grab one or two!

No faith formation classes on December 29. We will reconvene on January 5.

There will be **no Thursday Bible** study this coming Thursday (December 26). Wednesday (6:10 p.m.) and Thursday (noon) studies will start up again on January 2 (Thursday) and January 8 (Wednesday.)

Thank you for your continued **generosity** with our **Adopt-A-Family tree**. This year we served 18 families, which meant we had 80 tags to fill, doubling our usual amount. Your kindness is overwhelming!