



## First Lutheran Church

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### **WHAT DO YOU FEAR: Insisting on Hope This Advent**

**First Sunday of Advent, December 7, 2025**



### **GATHERING**

PRELUDE

Christie Semmler

BELLS

ADVENT INTRODUCTION VIDEO *“Good News is Louder”*

CALL TO WORSHIP

screen

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY: *The Candle of Peace*

screen

ADVENT/CANDLELIGHTING SONG/VIDEO: *“Show Up”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

screen

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

screen

*HYMN OF PRAISE “Prepare the Royal Highway”*

*LBW #26 (vs. 1, 4)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

screen

**WORD**

FIRST READING

*Isaiah 43:19-21*

SONG

*Away in a Manger*

*LBW #67 (vs. 1)*

CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG

*Away in a Manger*

*LBW #67 (vs. 2-3)*

GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 11:1-11*

SERMON

TIME OF REFLECTION    *"Do Not Fear"* (video)

Audrey Assad

**MEAL**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ADVENT

screen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

ELCA Good Gifts

COMMUNION PRAYER

screen

LORD'S PRAYER

screen

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"*

*LBW #45*

*"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"*

*LBW #54*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

screen

**SENDING**

ADVENT BENEDECTION

BELLS

CLOSING HYMN

*"Joy to the World"*

*LBW #39*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace.

Do not be afraid—go forth and live with hope.

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

POSTLUDE

Christie Semmler

\*denotes a favorite hymn

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### THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

<b>Mon</b>	<a href="#">Psalm 21; Isaiah 24:1-16a; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12</a>
<b>Tue</b>	<a href="#">Psalm 21; Isaiah 41:14-20; Romans 15:14-21</a>
<b>Wed</b>	<a href="#">Psalm 21; Genesis 15:1-18; Matthew 12:33-37</a>
<b>Thu</b>	<a href="#">Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 1:6-18; 2 Peter 3:1-10</a>
<b>Fri</b>	<a href="#">Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 4:13-17; 2 Peter 3:11-18</a>
<b>Sat</b>	<a href="#">Psalm 146:5-10; 1 Samuel 2:1-8; Luke 3:1-18</a>
<b>Sun</b>	<a href="#">Psalm 146:5-10; Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11</a>

### SERVICE ASSISTANTS

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Galen & Charlotte Negen	Sherry Grantham
<b>Ushers</b>	Jay & Heather Johnson	Jay & Heather Johnson
<b>Reader</b>	De Carlson	Vi Sundermeyer
<b>Communion</b>	Dave Carlson & Mia Yoder	Shane Synstegard & Maddy Yoder

*Prayer Concerns: The people of Ukraine, The people of Israel and Palestine, ELCA Good Gifts; 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), Karen Rich (sister of Mike Jones), Bonnie & George Lueck, Tina Riggs (friend of Bobbie Wosika), Jerry Leverson (Resurrection Band singer), Jim Thomsen, Gail Buck, 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, 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), Jason Kath (friend of Bobbie Wosika), 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, David VanEye, Sarah & Sonny, Mellisa Tibbets, Jeff Massie, Harry Lecy, Tina Ericson, Johanna, Ivy Brisk (Diana Schwenke's granddaughter), Jana Dunham, Nellie, Bill T. (Shannah's cousin), Addisen Freeman, Nicole Spangenberg, (Jim & Linda Kolar family,) Gina Lenander, Pr. Jim & Ann Davis, Steve Olafson, Romello Lee Kelly (Gail Buck's great grandson)*

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### Opportunities This Week

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<b>Today</b>	Choir practice	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Program practice	11:15 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Christmas list is out for the family, from the ARCCES, we're gifting this year. We do not have to fulfill every dream. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Wrapped gifts with labels are due today. Please put the age of the boy on your gifts.

Adult & Teen Challenge Christmas Concert: December 12 – 6:00 PM at The Waters Church in Sartell

### *December Mission 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.

ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you.

**Choose an ornament  
from the Christmas Tree in the narthex.**

**Write your name on it, attach cash or a check (made to FLC ELCA GG on the memo line) and put it in the offering tray and also add your name and gift to the list on the yellow legal pad on the table in the narthex.**