



## First English Lutheran Church

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### First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

ELW SETTING FOUR

9:00 am

#### PREPARATION

Prelude, Bells

Welcome & Announcements

#### GATHERING

##### Greeting & Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**Confession and Forgiveness** *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon. **C: Amen.**

P: God of mercy, **C: we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

P: God of might, **C: we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.**

P: God in our midst, **C: we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

P: A righteous branch springs...† Christ Jesus whose day draws near.  
**C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn            'Rejoice, Rejoice Believers' vs. 1-2 & 4            #244

**1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear; the evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh. Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.**

**2. The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near; go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear. The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand. Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.**

**4. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!**

## Lighting the Advent Wreath

Mailyn Sletten & Family

Advent Lighting Hymn

*'Light One Candle...'* vs. 1

#240

### Greeting

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

Kyrie

*'Lord, Have Mercy'*

St. James Christmas

To the tune of 'Infant Holy, Infant Lowly'

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy upon us. God the Lord, savior gave us. Jesus Christ is born to save us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon – Lord, have mercy on us.**

Hymn of Praise

*'Glory Be to God on High'*

St. James Christmas

To the tune of 'Angels We Have Head on High'

**1. Glory be to God on high, to all people, peace on earth, Angels, shepherds drawing nigh, join to celebrate His birth. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**2. Jesus Christ, we now declare Lamb of God and Lord of Love. Grant us mercy, hear our prayer, Give us grace from heav'n a-bove. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**3. Praises to the Holy One. Praises sing in highest heav'n, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit giv'n. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Prayer of the Day

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, **C: and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

OT pg. 572

Psalms 25:1-10

ELW Psalm 25

L: <sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**C: <sup>2</sup> My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

L: <sup>3</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**C: <sup>4</sup> Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

L: <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**C: <sup>6</sup> Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

L: <sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**C: <sup>8</sup> You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

L: <sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

**C: <sup>10</sup> All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

NT pg. 159

Children's Message

Rev. Melissa Gall

Special Music

'Waiting'

Senior Choir

Gospel Acclamation 'Go Tell It on the Mountain' (*chorus only*) #290

**Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere; go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

NT p. 65

P: The Holy Gospel according to...**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord... **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Melissa Gall

Nicene Creed

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy**

catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## MEAL

### Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn            *'The King Shall Come'* vs. 1-2 & 5    #260

Offertory Prayer        **C: Amen**

Prayers for the People of God

P: .... Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

### SHARING THE MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)    pg. 152

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sanctus    *'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord'*    St. James Christmas  
To the tune of 'The Friendly Beasts'

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord. God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he- is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer    pg. 154

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Distribution Hymn    *'Lamb of God'*    St. James Christmas  
To the tune of 'What Child is This?'

**O Lamb of God, O Holy Child, who takes the sin of the world away. Have mercy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the son of Mary. This, this is your body giv'n, your precious blood, the gift of heav'n. Take, eat ♫ for we are one in the babe, the son of Mary.**

Distribution Hymn: 'From Heaven Above' vs. 1-4 #268

Distribution Hymn 'On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry' vs 1,2,5 #249

**1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**2. Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within, and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.**

**5. All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.**

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite. Music: European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621.

Eucharistic Blessing **C: Amen**

Post Communion Prayer **C: Amen**

### **SENDING**

Blessing

P: God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, ✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

**C: We will! Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn 'Wake, Awake for the Night is Flying' vs. 1 #436

Bells

Postlude

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*1 Corinthians 13:13 (MSG) But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.*

**Pastor Cheryl plans to be in the FELC Pastor office on Wednesdays 11 - 6:30 (unless in a meeting or confirmation classes) & Thursdays 10 – 3 pm (unless up at FWV with members) or by appt. You can contact her anytime via text (605-237-1501) or email her at [CMQRondeau@outlook.com](mailto:CMQRondeau@outlook.com).**

**Thanks to Rev. Melissa Gall** for leading us today in worship.

**Welcome to all visitors and guests!** May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

**KDIO Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Barbara (Jones) Brotherton in memory of her husband, James Brotherton. [2025 Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

**OFFERING UPDATE:** Here are the expenses for October: \$18,338.96. Here is what we received: \$17,597.25 (this doesn't include Zion's portion of Pastor's salary as of yet). You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net) or scan the QR



Code from the offering cards or bulletins.

**December's pink envelope emphasis is for ELCA Missionaries.** You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in a basket in the Narthex.

**Birthday wishes go out to Carol Newman** whose birthday is Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**The Ortonville School is looking for new or gently used youth winter gear.**

There will be a basket in the Narthex for collections on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**The "Giving Tree" is set up in the Narthex.** Next to the tree is a basket of named envelopes of choices you may donate your gift to. Place the envelope of your choice in the box labeled "GIFTS" (preferably a check written to First English Lutheran Church). You may also take with you the ornament from the tree, that you chose to gift someone. Thank you!

**Pastor Cheryl will hold a non-denominational Blue Christmas Service** at FELC on December 21<sup>st</sup> for those who mourn. A Blue Christmas service creates a safe place to join with others who mourn or struggle with loss and hear God's word of hope and healing calling you forward to the bright shining light of spring when new life will come again.

**We are looking for volunteers for our Christmas Eve Service.** The service starts at 2:30 pm (*prelude at 2*). We need 2 acolytes, 2 more lay assistants, a couple of greeters, 4 ushers and someone to help with the tech desk.

**We are always looking for people to help with our Sunday School** teaching in ANY capacity (twice a month, only a certain age groups, etc.) so PLEASE consider and let Sara Wollschlager know if you are interested. (Materials & lessons are prepped and supplied for you weekly.)

**Circle 4 will have their Christmas Luncheon (by invite only) on** Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am Although the newsletter mistakenly said it was potluck, it will be catered.

**Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection** will be meeting on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at **Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church**. The speaker will be Joan Reiffenberger of Big Stone City, SD on the topic, "A Word a Day." Special feature will be Alicia Dixon speaking about a Light in the darkness – Transitional living in Ortonville. Special music will be Linda Ostlund of Ortonville, accompanied by keyboard leading the group singing Christmas Carols. The cost is \$6.00, and you can register with Paula Reisdorph at (320) 760-9583 or just be a walk-in. Free nursery by reservation.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** Carol Barrett, Jane Debner, Arlen LaCombe, Gail Olson, Harris Selvig, Beth Swanson, Brandi Tweeter; Monty Athey, Paul Erdman, Rosie Frank, Larry Helgeson, Natalie Henneberg, McCoy Jipson, Janice Redfield, David Scholberg, and Jerry Stotesbery. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Ricky Anderson, Arvilla Bergseth, Adeline Burgess, Ruth Hansen, Jim Hipple, Vivian Janssen, Roger Nornes; and Mary Lou Olson in Madison. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict. If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.



**The Silence and the Sound is a musical presentation** of the story of Christmas, which will be performed at the Abbey of the Hills in Marvin, SD on Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm and Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 pm and 4:30 pm. A freewill donation for the event will benefit the local food shelf and the ongoing mission of The Abbey of the Hills. There will be cookies & coffee following the presentation. There are no reserved seats, but please register your concert preferences online [abbey@abbeyofthehills.org](mailto:abbey@abbeyofthehills.org) or by calling the Abbey (605) 398-9200. *Limited Seating Available*

**From Bishop Dee Pederson:** At the request of the congregational leadership of First English Lutheran Church, Jack Holmquest and Deacon Melissa Gall have been authorized by the synod bishop to preach and preside at the sacrament of Holy Communion. Mr. Holmquest is not an ordained pastor. The authorization is granted in accord with the ELCA's guiding statement, The Use of the Means of Grace, which says, "In witness that this sacrament is a celebration of the Church, serving its unity, an ordained minister presides in the service of Holy Communion and proclaims the Great Thanksgiving. Where it is not possible for an extended period of time to provide ordained pastoral leadership, a synod bishop may authorize a properly trained lay person to preside for a specified period of time and in a given location only."

**REMINDER:** Calendar and other important information is on our website, [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net) & our bulletin boards. The church office number is (320) 839-2527.

**This Week's Ministry Assistants—Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Organist:** Carol Ydstie **Lector:** Becky Parker  
**Coffee Servers:** Ranet Schmeichel, Deb Ellingson, & Mary Weber  
**Tech Desk:** Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson **FWV: TBD**  
**Greeters:** Amy Hodenfield & Hartley  
**Ushers:** Kim Anderson, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, and Dave Ellingson  
**Lay Assistants:** Marilyn Chindvall & Kirsten Karels **Acolytes:** Archer & Lexi

**Next Week's Ministry Assistants—Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Organist:** Kathy Haukos **Coffee Servers: NEED VOLUNTEERS**  
**Tech Desk:** David Ellingson & Marina Thomson **Lector: TBD**  
**Greeters:** Cameron & Mike Lovgren **FWV: TBD**  
**Ushers:** Darin Ehrenberg, Eldon Knutson, Ellie & Harley Helgeson  
**Lay Assistants:** Darin Ehrenberg & Jim Foster **Acolytes:** Martino & Nash



# Weekly Calendar

- Sun – 12/1** 9:00 am Worship (w/Rev. Melissa Gall) – Communion –  
Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship (**No Sunday School**)  
10:30 am Worship at Fairway View (pre-recorded)  
4:00 – 5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice
- Tues – 12/3** 8:30 am Day of Love  
11:30 am Day of Love's Christmas Lunch (*by invite only*)  
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (Fairway View)
- Wed – 12/4** 9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast  
11:00 am Staff Meeting  
3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
4:30 pm Confirmation (9<sup>th</sup> grade)  
5:30 pm Channel 3 broadcast & Youth Group (7-12<sup>th</sup> gr.)  
*Decorating the Narthex & Basement*  
7:30-8:30 pm Christmas Cantata Practice
- Thur – 12/5** 7:00-8:15 pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal at FELC
- Fri – 12/6** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed
- Sat – 12/7** 10:30 am Christmas Cantata Dress Rehearsal  
*(at Abbey of the Hills)*  
3:00 pm Christmas Cantata Performance  
*(at Abbey of the Hills)*
- Sun – 12/8** Before & After Service FELC Women's Craft Sale  
9:00 am Worship (w/Pastor Cheryl) – Communion –  
Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live  
10:00 am FELC W Craft Sale, Coffee Fellowship, Sunday School  
(Christmas Program Practice), Church Council Boards Meet (Individually)  
10:30 am Fairway View (Pre-recorded) Worship  
10:30 am (or TBD) Church Council Voting Meeting  
1:15 pm Christmas Cantata Performance  
*(at Abbey of the Hills)*  
4:30 pm Christmas Cantata Performance  
*(at Abbey of the Hills)*





# WINTER

## *Youth Coat Drive*

*Please bring new or gently used coats to the church to then be delivered to Ortonville School.*



Coats can be donated any time throughout the year.



If you or someone you know is in need of a coat please contact:  
Mrs. Koval, Mrs. Kuechenmeister,  
Mrs. Zupfer or Mrs. Rademacher

*Hosted by  
Ortonville Christian Educators*





*Tomorrow is the New Moon,  
and you will be missed  
if your seat is empty.  
(1 Samuel 20: 18)*

*The Congregations of  
First English and Zion Lutheran*  
**Invite you to a  
Blue Christmas Service  
for those who Mourn**  
**3 pm - Saturday, December 21st**

*All are welcome to come!*  
**First English Lutheran Church**  
*9 3rd St NW ~ Ortonville, Minnesota*