



First English Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

ELW SETTING FOUR

9:00 am

PREPARATION

Prelude and solo by Jim Foster "The Birthday of a King: Christmas Song"

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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 'Fling Wide the Door' vs. 1-3 #259

Lighting the Advent Wreath Miley Block & Family

Advent Lighting Hymn 'Light One Candle...' vs. 4 #240

Greeting pg. 147

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. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

OT pg. 671

Psalms 80:1-7

ELW Psalm 80

L: ¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned up-on the cherubim.

C: ² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

L: ³ Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C: ⁴ O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

L: ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

C: ⁶ You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

L: ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10

NT pg. 174

Special Music 'Christ, Be Born in Us' 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 1:39-55 NT p. 43-44
 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 Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett
Apostle's Creed p. 217

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel' vs. 1-2 #257

Offertory Prayer **C: Amen**

Prayers for the People of God

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

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.

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

'Joy to the World'

#267

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.

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.

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 Larry & Jyla Dahle in honor of December 29, 1959, 65 years ago here in First English Larry & Jyla Dahle were married by Pastor Ward. [2025 Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

May the God of all consolation be with the family of Carol Barrett who passed away on Thursday. Funeral Services are pending at this time.

OFFERING UPDATE: Here are the expenses for November: \$16,605.12. Here is what we received: \$24,001.22. You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at 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.

Annual reports are due into the office ASAP. Financial reports are due 1/8. The end of the year is approaching fast, have you turned in your opportunity sheets and pledges yet? Pledge dedication is January 5th.

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

We are looking for a tech desk volunteer for our Christmas Eve Service. The service starts at 2:30 pm (*prelude at 2*).

All are welcome to enjoy a free Community Christmas Dinner, December 25th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. John's Catholic Church in Ortonville. You are invited to join us for fellowship and a sit down Christmas Dinner.

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 8th.

God's Creations Fundraiser Calendars can be bought in the office or in the Narthex following church! They're \$8.00. You can bring cash or pay by check (please write checks for calendars out to **FELC Youth**).

If you would like to give a poinsettia or Christmas Flower to FELC during this advent/Christmas season, please bring or have it delivered to the church office *the week leading up to Christmas*. Don't forget to let us know who it is from and the memorial/in-honor-of information so that we can list it in our Christmas Eve bulletin. If you want your poinsettia back, please put your name on it.

GLLM's summer programs have opened and spots can fill up fast. There is a \$65 early bird discount by Feb. 13th. If interested, we have flyers in the pickup room or office.

Mark your calendars and join us for a free family fun day of skating and pizza from 10am-1pm Sunday January 5 at Sioux Historic. They have plenty

of skates available if you don't have a pair at home or bring your own if you prefer.

A NOTE FROM THE FELCW --Due to a mouse infestation in the area where the lefse equipment was stored, most of the items had to be thrown. The surviving items are the round rolling boards (\$10.00), rolling pins (\$5.00), griddles (\$10.00) and some turning sticks (\$2.00). If you are interested in any of these items, please contact Jocelyn at 651-357-2163 or Ethel at 320-305-0825. It is first come, first serve.

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!

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT Jyla Dahle, Jane Debner, Ruth Hansen, 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, Jerry Stotesbery, and Harvey Vollmer. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Ricky Anderson, Arvilla Bergseth, Adeline Burgess, 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.



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

This Week's Ministry Assistants—Dec. 22nd

Organist: Lisa Berdan

Lector: Kelsey Kaye

Coffee Servers: Henningsons

Greeters: Austin Schoon & Jace

Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson

Acolytes: Ashton & Madilyn

Ushers: Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Keven Berdan

December 24th Ministry Assistants

(2:30 PM Christmas Eve Service)

Greeters: Fladhammer Family

Acolytes: Archer & Liv

Organist: Marilyn Hanson

Lector: Archer Dorry

Lay Assistants: Kari Dorry, Lori Strei, Marla Strei, Kelsey Kaye, Kirsten Karels, Bryson Karels, & Liz Ketz

Ushers: Dick Strei, Adam Strei, Ron Athey, Russ Thielke, Vern Nickolauson, & Gale May

Tech Desk: Marina Thomson & TBD

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—Dec. 29th

Organist: Kathy Haukos

Tech Desk: Marina Thomson

Greeters: Jim Schmeichel & Oliver

Ushers: Tami Lundberg, Josh Wollschlager, Scott & Julie Schneider

Acolytes: Ava & Chase

Coffee Server: June Harms

Lector: Liv Wollschlager

FWV: Neva & Jim Foster

Weekly Calendar

Sun – 12/22 9:00 am Worship (w/Pastor Cheryl) –

Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Council Voting Mtg.

10:15 am WAM Meeting



Tues – 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE

2:00 pm FELC Prelude Music Starts - Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

2:30 pm FELC Candlelight Christmas Eve. Service with Pastor Cheryl & communion – *continuing on KDIO & FB Live*

4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service with Pastor Cheryl **at Zion Lutheran Church.**

Wed – 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

Thurs – 12/26 Pastor Cheryl working from home

Fri – 12/27 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 12/29 9:00 am Fav. Hymns Worship (w/Ellie Helgeson)
– Noisy Offering – KDIO & Facebook Live Broadcast
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
10:30 am Fairway View – Pre-recorded