



## First English Lutheran Church

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### First Sunday of Christmas

#### SERVICE OF THE WORD

December 29, 2024

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, whose steadfast love is everlasting. **C: Amen.**

P: God-with-us, **C: we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news and rejoice!...and freed to respond in joy.

**C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

*Favorite Hymn*

#### 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.**

Hymn of Praise

*'Glory to God in the Highest'*

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## Prayer of the Day

P: Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, **C: and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

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Psalms 148

ELW Psalm 148

L: <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

**C: <sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

L: <sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

**C: <sup>4</sup> Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

L: <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

**C: <sup>6</sup> who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

L: <sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

**C: <sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

L: <sup>9</sup> mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

**C: <sup>10</sup> wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

L: <sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

**C: <sup>12</sup> young men and maidens, old and young together.**

L: <sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**C: <sup>14</sup> The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17

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Children's Message

Ellie Helgeson

Noisy Offering

Hymn

*Favorite Hymn*

Gospel Acclamation *'Alleluia. Lord to whom.....'*

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Holy Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

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

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

**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

*Favorite Hymn*

Offertory Prayer     **C: Amen**

Prayers for the People of God

P: .... God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

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**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: The God of love, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

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

Closing Hymn

*Favorite Hymn*

Bells

Postlude

*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 Marla & Dick Strei in honor of their family and in celebration of their 27th wedding anniversary. [2025 Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

**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](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.

**Today, December 29th, is Larry and Jyla Dahle's 65th** Wedding Anniversary. Please join them for cupcakes during coffee fellowship to help celebrate.

**The bouquet of yellow roses on the altar have been** given in celebration of Larry & Jyla's wedding anniversary by their children.



**Happy Birthday wishes go out to** Kate Heinecke whose birthday is this Tues. the 31<sup>st</sup>, and Carol Knutson whose birthday is this Friday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**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 next Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**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.)

**The Ortonville School is looking for new or gently used youth winter gear.** There is a basket in the Narthex for this collection.

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

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** Jyla Dahle, Jane Debner, Ruth Hansen, Arlen LaCombe, Gail Olson, Harris Selvig, Beth Swanson, Brandi Tweeter; Dick Verheul; 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, 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.



### **This Week's Ministry Assistants—Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Organist:** Kathy Haukos      **Coffee Servers:** Larry and Jyla Dahle's Family  
**Tech Desk:** Marina Thomson      **Lector:** Liv Wollschlager  
**Greeters:** Jim Schmeichel & Oliver      **FWV:** Neva & Jim Foster  
**Ushers:** Tami Lundberg, Gale May, Scott & Julie Schneider  
**Acolytes:** Ava & Chase

### **Next Week's Ministry Assistants—Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Organist:** Amy Adelman      **Coffee Servers:** Judy Beckman & Burton Pansch  
**Tech Desk:** Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson      **Lector:** Jim Schmeichel  
**Greeters:** Barb Wiese & Liv      **FWV: TBD**  
**Ushers:** Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Scott & Julie Schneider  
**Lay Assistants:** Becky Parker & Marla Strei      **Acolytes:** Brandon & Lexi

## Weekly Calendar

**Sun – 12/29** 9:00 am Worship (w/Ellie Helgeson) – Noisy Offering –  
KDIO & Facebook Live Broadcast

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship

10:30 am Fairway View – Pre-recorded

**Mon – 12/30** 9:30 am Visitation for Carol Barrett

10:30 am Carol Barrett's Funeral

1:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting

**Tues – 12/31** **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

NO DAY OF LOVE & NO BIBLE STUDY AT FAIRWAY VIEW

**Wed – 1/1** **NEW YEAR'S DAY - OFFICE CLOSED**

**Fri – 1/3** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

**Sun – 1/5** 9:00 am Worship – Communion – Pledge Dedication –  
Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship

10:00 am -1:00 pm Roller Skating at Sioux Historic

10:30 am Fairway View Worship (pre-recorded)

