



**First English Lutheran Church**  
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Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director  
Dr. Stephen and Jodi Swanson, Missionaries/Tanzania



9:00 am

January 5, 2025

**Second Sunday of Christmas**  
**ELW SETTING TWO**

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**PREPARATION**

Prelude

Bells

Welcome & KDIO Announcement

**GATHERING**

**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...to respond in joy. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn      *'Bright & Glorious Is the Sky'* vs. 1, 3, & 5      #301

Greeting      pg. 120

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      *'This is the Feast'*      pg. 122

**Prayer of the Day**

P: O God our redeemer, **C: you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness, and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**WORD**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14

OT pg. 569

L: <sup>12</sup> Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,

**C: <sup>13</sup> who has strengthened the bars of your gates and has blessed your children within you.**

L: <sup>14</sup> God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**C: <sup>15</sup> God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.**

L: <sup>16</sup> God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

**C: <sup>17</sup> God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God's cold?**

L: <sup>18</sup> The LORD sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow.

**C: <sup>19</sup> God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.**

L: <sup>20</sup> The LORD has not done so to any other nation; they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

Special Music                      *'We Three Kings of Orient Are'*                      Quartet  
Darin Ehrenberg, Jim Foster, Jonathon Ydstie, and Brent Zahrbock

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14                      NT pg. 148

Children's Message                      Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

Gospel Acclamation                      *'Alleluia'*                      pg. 124

Holy Gospel: John 1:10-18                      NT pg. 70

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

Nicene Creed                      p. 104

**C: 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

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

## **MEAL**

### **Offering Collection and Presentation**

Offertory Hymn            *'As With Gladness Men of Old'* vs. 1-4            #302

**1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by thee.**

**2. As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed, there to bend the knee before thee, whom heav'n and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.**

**3. As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.**

**4. Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.**

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872.

Offertory Prayer and Stewardship Dedication

*Stewardship board will bring forward the wooden box along with the ushers and offering that is set at the altar.*

P: Stewardship Is not merely...Let us Pray, Dear Lord,

**C: As we journey into a new year, we look ahead to discovering a continuing vision for a bright and healthy future. As we dedicate these pledges and our offering to you and your church, help us to honor our commitments and demonstrate our stewardship through faith, hope and love. In Jesus Name, Amen**

## **SHARING THE MEAL**

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

pg. 129

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.**

Preface P: It is indeed right... join their unending hymn:

*'Holy, Holy, Holy'*

pg. 130

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

pg. 134

**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'*

pg. 135

Distribution Hymn:

*'Let All Mortal Flesh...'* verses as needed

#490

Distribution Hymn:

*'Love Has Come'*

#292

Eucharistic Blessing

Post Communion Prayer **C: 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.**

Peace

P: And now before we leave... May the peace of Christ go with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Announcements

Dismissal

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

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

Closing Hymn

*'The First Noel'* vs. 1-3

#300

**1. The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

*(Refrain):* **Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**

**2. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.** *(Refrain)*

**3. And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.** *(Refrain)*

Text: English traditional. Music: English traditional; arr. John Stainer, 1840-1901.

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's Hours:** Mondays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am to 4 pm), Tuesdays (Zion Lutheran 10 am to 4 pm), Wednesdays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am to 3:30 (and then teaching confirmation classes), & Thursdays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am – 4 pm (unless up at FWV/or visiting members) or by appointment. Contact her anytime via text (605-237-1501) or email 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 Dick & Marla Strei and family in honor of their family. [2025 Radio broadcast cards are available in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

**OFFERING UPDATE:** Here are the expenses for December:  \$19,120.33. Here is what we received: \$28,721.16. 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.



**January's pink envelope emphasis is for our Technology Fund.** You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in a basket in the Narthex.

**Happy Birthday wishes go out to** Judy Beckman whose birthday is Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual reports are due into the office ASAP. Financial reports are due 1/8.**

**The annual meeting of the congregation is January 19<sup>th</sup>** (January 26<sup>th</sup> is the backup). There will be a vote on the FELC/Zion Lutheran Partnership Agreement. You can review the agreement on our website under About FELC -> Church Updates.

**Join us for a free family fun day** of skating and pizza today from 10 am -1 pm at Sioux Historic. They have plenty of skates available if you don't have a pair. **Thank you - I'd like to take this time to thank everyone** so much for the cards, gifts, and notes given to me at Christmas. I enjoyed receiving all your wonderful gifts and appreciate your thoughts and greetings during the Christmas season.  
~ Pastor Cheryl

**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.)

**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>. 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.



**CHANGES TO THE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:** You will notice a few changes to our morning worship each Sunday due to the partnership with Zion Lutheran. The pastor will leave before the end of the service to be ready for worship there at 10:30. A leader will complete the dismissal and end of service.

- The Sharing of the peace is moved to the end of the service and prior to the dismissal and closing hymn allowing the congregation to greet each other before they leave as pastor will not be greeting them.
- Announcements will be moved to the end of the service after the sharing of the peace
- The Welcome at the beginning, will be brief and only announce the KDIO sponsors.

**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—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

### Next Week's Ministry Assistants—Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>

**Organist:** Carol Ydstie **Coffee Servers:** Cody Backstrand & Kristi Ehrenberg  
**Tech Desk:** Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson **Lector:** Kathy Randall  
**Greeters:** Sara Wollschlager & Kimberly **FWV: TBD**  
**Ushers:** Glenn Henningson, Art Vollmer, Jon & Kim Anderson  
**Acolytes:** Katelyn & James

### Weekly Calendar

**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)

**Mon – 1/6** 11:00 am Staff Meeting

**Tues – 1/7** 8:30 am Day of Love  
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (Fairway View)

**Wed – 1/8** **FINANCIAL REPORTS DUE**  
9:00 am Circle 4 (in church lounge)  
9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast  
3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8<sup>th</sup> graders)  
4:30 pm Confirmation (9<sup>th</sup> graders)  
5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12<sup>th</sup> graders) & Channel 3 Broadcast  
7:00 pm Senior Choir

**Fri – 1/10** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

**Sun – 1/12** 9:00 am Worship – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live  
10:00 am Council Mtgs, Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School  
10:30 am (or TBD) – Council Voting Meeting  
10:30 am Fairway View Worship (Pre-recorded)

