

CHRISTNAS

signs of

in our differences

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 20 - ISAIAH 11:1-10

December 20, 2020: Celebration Worship Fourth Sunday of Advent: Signs of Christmas - LOVE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESSAGE: Rollie Johnson

OPENING PRAYER

SONG: Silent Night

SONG: Away in a Manger

APOSTLES' CREED

SONG: Lord, I Need You

OFFERING:

QUIET TIME

Thank you for your new or continued generosity towards God's mission at First Lutheran Church. While we worship online, our stewardship continues. Offerings can be mailed to the church office and we also encourage you to use our online giving and texting options. Please reference the back page of the worship bulletin for more information or visit our

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Dear Lord,

LORD'S PRAYER

I need to confess I have really only loved those who love me back. I only seek out those that will return what I give. I neglect the neglected and forgotten. I've passed by the invisible people, and focused my love in a selfish inner circle. I have not prayed for my enemies. I have not loved my neighbor with my whole heart. I have not forgiven those who have wronged me. Lord, forgive me, and give me eyes to see, and a heart to feel for those in need. Amen.

BLESSING/BENEDICTION

SONG: What Child Is This

SENDING SONG: The Blessing

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2a, 6; 11:6b

SECOND READING: Isaiah 11:1-3, 6-10



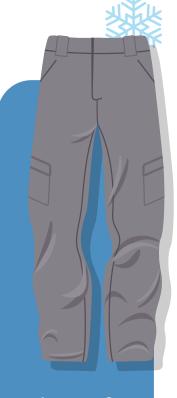
Winter Coat Ministry

For many years, First Lutheran has partnered with local agencies supporting those in need in our community by supplying winter coats and apparel.

KEY PARTNERS







Jeans & Sweatpants

Men & Women's Winter Coats

Greatest need: L, XL, XXL

Donations can be dropped off at the church.

Please call the church 701.235.7389 or email info@flcfargo.org to arrange a convenient drop off time. Men's & Women's Shoes & Boots





ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Community Outreach Volunteers Needed

The homeless shelter community is seeking individuals who would be willing to connect with COVID-19 positive homeless residents *via telephone* on a daily basis through their quarantine period. These residents have been housed in isolation and have minimal if any contact with others.

Please contact Polly Kloster, RN, Faith Community Nurse at FLC, pkloster@flcfargo.org, or 701.235.7389, if you are interested in reaching out through this ministry.

Care Bag Outreach Ministry Opportunity

The FLC Health Ministry Committee has assembled Care Bags to be distributed to parishioners in need. Each bag is filled with a variety of items to provide spiritual support and encouragement. This is especially important during our pandemic break from in-person worship and ministry.

If you know someone who could use extra encouragement and support at this time, contact Polly Kloster, RN, Faith Community Nurse at FLC, pkloster@flcfargo.org, or 701.235.7389, to pick up a bag for delivery or to request a delivery. We would love to extend this support to as many people as possible through this outreach ministry!



Parking Lot Christmas

Sunday, December 20, 4-5 p.m. First Lutheran East Parking Lot - 619 Broadway

Come to the east parking lot of First Lutheran where we will join our hearts and voices together in celebration of the Christmas season. You can stay in your cars or warm up by a fire pit—keeping socially distanced of course. Come with the whole family to hear the Christmas story and sing Christmas songs. Hot cider and warm wishes available. Dress warm, mask up and respect social distancing.

We have prepared a Christmas worship bag for you to take home that contains the wine, a wafer, and a candle for each member of your family. Come for Parking Lot Christmas and pick-up your Christmas worship bag at the same time!



During the COVID-19/Coronavirus response, in-person worship at First Lutheran Church is suspended. However, we will broadcast worship on radio, television and online as noted below. Please join us for worship to praise Jesus and to stay connected as a faith community.



ONLINE STREAMING (flcfargo.org & Facebook):

- Traditional Worship, Sundays, 9 a.m.
- Contemporary Worship, Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
- Face-to-Face Worship, Wednesdays, 6 p.m.



TELEVISION:

- Fargo channels, Tuesdays,
 6:30 p.m.; and Sundays 1:30 p.m. (Midco 68, Sparklight 1068)
- Moorhead channels, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; and Sundays 5 p.m. (Midco 99, Sparklight 69)



RADIO:

 Sundays, 9 a.m., WDAY 970 AM and 93.1 FM

SUPPORT FIRST LUTHERAN MINISTRIES:

ONLINE GIVING: www.flcfargo.org (click "Donate Now" in the quick links)

TEXT TO GIVE: Text 701.354.1495 with the dollar amount you would like to give

MAIL A CHECK: 619 Broadway, Fargo, ND 58102

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE:

We as God's people believe in the power of prayer. Please pray for the following who have asked to be prayed for publicly: Fran Nelson, Jordan Nettum, Mark Nettum, Michelle Reitan, Brenda Cummins, Amy Carey, Kathy Otheim, Jim Frisk, Gail Zimprich, Dewey Nielsen, Clark Hoffman, Peggy Isakson, Steve Brown, George and Kaity.

The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **Bev Odden**, mother of Broc Roberson; and **Marvin Anderson**, uncle of Danelle Kjar.

CONTACT US:

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