



My Lord, What a Morning

Welcome to First Lutheran Church. During our services of Holy Communion, we follow Jesus' teachings that all people are welcome to his table. This meal of faith, hope, and love is meant for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Feel free to come forward and receive the bread, or wheat-free and gluten-free wafer, along with a small cup of wine or grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign of your preference

WE ASK EVERYONE to complete the "Footprints" and list if you are communing or have a prayer request. You may write your prayer request(s) on the back. Please check YES for the name to be included in the bulletin or NO if you want the name to be known only to the prayer teams. We strive for confidentiality, so be sure you have the person's permission, or use only the first name. There are activity bags for our young worshippers. Please ask an usher for assistance.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God.

WE THANK THE JOHNSON FAMILY for participating in this morning's worship. Greg, Kristen, Alex, Bryn and AJ will light the candle for the First Sunday in Advent.

TODAY WE BEGIN USING EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 5. We will use this setting for the next several weeks. It is a chant form of the liturgy. For many of you it will be unfamiliar, but some older members may recognize it. It is from Setting 2 of the Service Book and Hymnal [SBH], the old "red" hymnal [the ELW is not red, but cranberry!] that we used for worship 1958-78.

IT'S A GIRL! Women and girls of the church are invited on December 10th at 3:00 in Fellowship Hall for a baby shower for Brittani Huling-O'Leary. Please sign-up on the hallway bulletin board by December 6th so we know how many are planning to attend. Brittani has a gift registry on Amazon under Amazon.com/baby registry.

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH OUR AT-HOME MEMBERS. A current address list is posted on the bulletin board. Feel free to take a list home and send them a card. Our At-Home members always enjoy hearing from their family at First Lutheran Church.

THE 2024 FLOWER CHART is posted on the hall bulletin board. There is a full year of Sundays that need flowers to brighten not only the altar, but also either your home or the home of a shut-in. Please consider this ministry as a way to share God's love for His people.

A REMINDER THAT SACRED DAILY is ongoing at 11:30, Monday through Thursday. All are invited to Sacred Daily.

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A LAST SUPPER RENACTMENT during Holy Week? Anyone interested in helping out, please call Steve or Traci Roth at 419-722-5312 or email Traci at dragonroth@gmail.com.

BEGINNING JANUARY 2, 2024, the church office/building will be open from 8:30 – 12:00. If you need access to the church facilities after 12:00 noon, please call the office ahead of time to make arrangements. We value the involvement of each member of our congregation and want to ensure that everyone can continue to enjoy the use of our church facilities while accommodating this new schedule. If you have any concerns or specific needs regarding the new schedule, please don't hesitate to reach out to the church office.

