

January 8, 2023
Baptism of Our Lord
First Sunday after Epiphany
11:00 AM



 **First Lutheran Church**
BOTHELL

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We, the community of First Lutheran Church of Bothell, proclaim the message that the grace of our Lord is infinitely inclusive and that everyone is welcome. We believe that Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world of alienation and brokenness.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation and as disciples of Christ seeking justice and reconciliation among all peoples, we at First Lutheran Church welcome all into the fullness of God's love. **We welcome everyone, without exception and regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, or station in life.** We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God, and through grace, a child of God.

All are welcome at First Lutheran.

All are welcome to worship, to hear the Good News, to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service. As members of First Lutheran Church, we pledge ourselves and our congregation to exercise our faith in Christ, treasuring one another's similarities while embracing our God-given differences. We pledge that we will strive to live as a reconciling people, in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

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WORSHIP NOTES

- + Please sign the white card in the pew rack and place in the offering plate with your offering before Holy Communion.
- + The service is printed in this bulletin. Some hymns are located in the red hymn book.
- + Hearing enhancement receivers, large print bulletins are available. Feel free to ask an usher for assistance.
- + Our expectation is that children will be in worship. We understand, though, that there are times when your wiggly ones need a distraction. There is a “Pray Space” under the stairs in the inner narthex with soft toys and books. If you desire the nursery ask an usher for directions.
- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org
- + Public WiFi: FLC Wireless Password: MartyLuther

Assisting With Today's Service:

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Tor K. Berg
Ensemble Leader: Richard Edmonds
Pianist: June Condra
Children's Message: Roger Steinke

Greeter	Susan Berg	Sound Tech	Andrew Phelps
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Lector	Linda Siebert	Camera Tech	David Shogren
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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE:

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin. Holy One, source of our renewal,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✠ Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Shine, Jesus, Shine* (ELW 671)

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry;

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



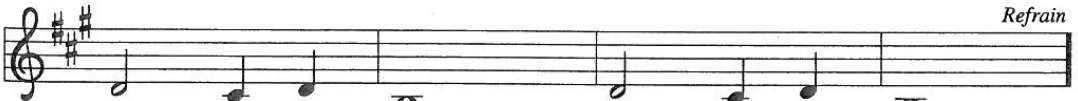
1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CANTICLE: *O Living Breath of God* (ELW 407)



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
 O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
 O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

ANTHEM: *Down Galilee's Slow Roadways* (ACS 916) Ensemble v.1 Cong. V. 2 & 3



- 1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways a strang - er trav - eled on
- 2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;
- 3 We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.



from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John.
 it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.
 We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.



He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,
The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:
But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.



but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.
“You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice.”
“You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord.”

PSALM 29

- ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- ⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- ⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”
- ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia. Lord, to Whom should We Go?*



GOSPEL: *Matthew 3:13-17*

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.”

Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

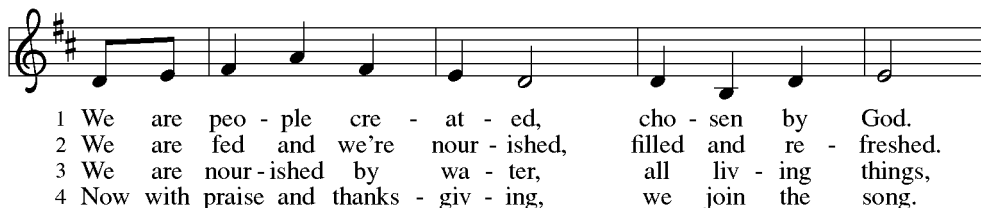
Word of God.

Word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Baptized and Set Free* (ELW 453)





Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Cleanse and protect oceans, rivers, and watersheds. Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue between nations. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving or experiencing crisis. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Blessing God, in Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany the newly baptized, those recently ordained, and any beginning a new ministry. Inspire synodical leaders and congregational councils to serve with imagination and wisdom. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

Promising God, your faithfulness endures throughout all generations. We give thanks for those who have died in Christ, trusting that we will be united with them and all the saints in Christ's resurrection life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

PEACE

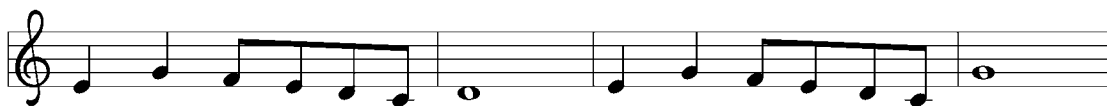
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY:

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am* (ELW 814)



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION: We will receive the body of Christ as bread with these or similar words: The body of Christ, given for you. If you desire a gluten-free option is available. The blood of Christ will be received as either red wine or white grape juice with these or similar words: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

WHO MAY COMMUNE? All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words "for you" really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the communion assistants.

DIRECTIONS FOR COMMUNION: Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers to receive the sacrament and return to your seat down the side aisle. Please register each person taking communion on a pew card.

LAMB OF GOD



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



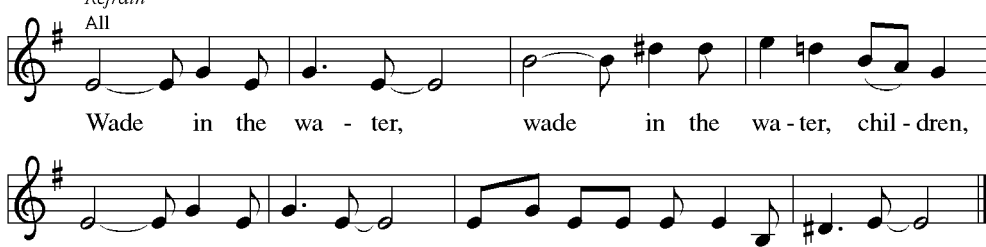
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.


COMMUNION SONG: *Wade in the Water* (ELW 459)

Refrain
All




Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,
wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader All



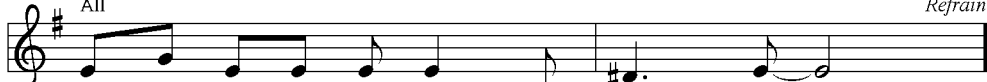
1 See that host all dressed in white,
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.
looks like the band that . . Mo - ses led.
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All *Refrain*



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod
bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *Rise Up! Shine! Walk in the Light* (next page)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

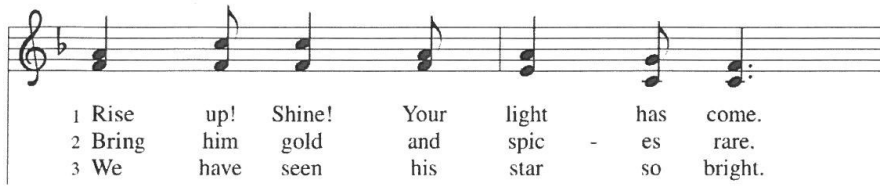
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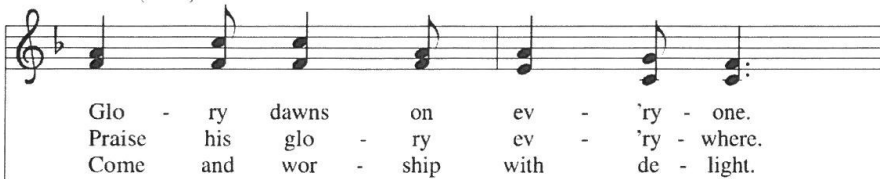
Rise Up! Shine! Walk in the Light



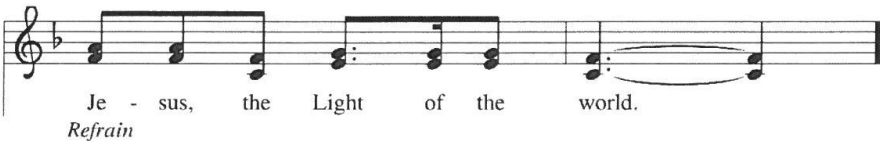
1 Rise up! Shine! Your light has come.
2 Bring him gold and spic - es rare.
3 We have seen his star so bright.



Je - sus, the Light of the world.

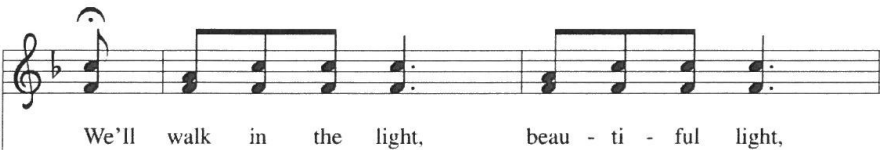


Glo - ry dawns on ev - 'ry - one.
Praise his glo - ry ev - 'ry - where.
Come and wor - ship with de - light.



Je - sus, the Light of the world.

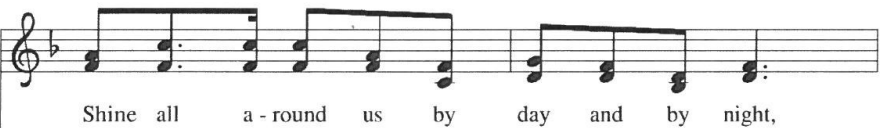
Refrain




We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light,



come where the dew - drops of mer - cy are bright.



Shine all a - round us by day and by night,



Je - sus, the Light of the world.

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, January 8

8:30 am **Worship w/Holy Communion**
9:45 am Christian Education for all ages!
11:00 am **Worship w/Holy Communion**
5:00 pm Journey Class

Monday, January 9

9:00 am 4 Year Old Preschool
10:00 am Widows Support Group
12:00 pm Staff Meeting
12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

Tuesday, January 10

9:00 am 4 Year old Preschool
9:15 am Preschool Chapel
9:30 am Lectionary
12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year old Preschool
12:30 Preschool Chapel
3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline
4:15 pm Library Committee
5:30 pm Christian Education Committee
6:30 pm Youth Committee
7:00 pm Finance Committee

Wednesday, January 11

9:00 am 4 Year old Preschool
10:00 am Deborah Circle
 Oral History Committee
12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year old Preschool
5:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting

Thursday, January 12

9 am FLC Quilters
9:00 am 3 Year old Preschool
9:15 am Preschool Chapel
12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year old Preschool
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 Special Council Meeting

Friday, January 13

Church Office Closed
9:00 am 3 Year old Preschool

Saturday, January 14

Sunday, January 15

Welcome Rev. Coe Hutchison

8:30 am **Worship w/Holy Communion**
9:45 am Christian Education for all ages!
11:00 am **Worship w/Holy Communion**
5:00 pm Journey Class

In Our Prayers

Prayers of sympathy for Andrea & Jess Faubion and family in the death of Andrea's mother, Darlene on December 24.

Our Ministry Partners:

Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief and Northwest Washington Synod.

Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), **Sonja** (Stephanie Almeida's friend), **Mark** (Dick Boyce's son), **Marianne** (Emily Curcio's friend), **Jocelyn Carberry** (Ken & Kristin Smith's friend), **Lisa** (Steve Coble's sister), **Dan** (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), **Edith Holbrook** (member), **Tracee** (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), **Jessica Hockstedler** (member), **Evelyn** (Marilyn Iverson's friend), **Dana** (Barb & Tim Theime's friend), **Bonita** (Kathy Chester's friend), **Richard** (Ruth Neitzel's brother), **Linda** (Kristi & Katie Pyne's sister-in-law and aunt), **Ted** (Sue Toyoda's friend), **Kip** (Paul Desilet's uncle), **Jim** (Hendricks' family friend), **Joanne** (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), **Diane Mackey** (Del Benson's friend), **Karen** (Nora Strothman's cousin).

Those who are ill, have an injury or who are recovering from surgery:

Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), **Kurt** (Stephanie Almeida's father), **Don** (Almeida family friend), **Kathy** (Almeida family friend), **Jan Anderson** (member), **Tim** (Beth & Gordy Phelps' friend), **Rene Baker** (member), **Larry Baker** (member), **Del Benson** (member), **Erika Beers** (member), **Judy** (Judy Richards' friend), **Susan** (Bob Berg's cousin), **Randy** (Chris Martin's friend), **Leanne** (Krista Daniels' sister), **Elizabeth** (Jane King's friend), **Nancy Davis** (member), **Carol Jo** (Joan and Carl Christian's granddaughter), **Cathy** (Paul Desilet's mother), **Jess Faubion** (member), **Ruby** (Christy Freriks' grandmother), **Rachael** (Stephanie Almeida's friend), **Steve** (Del Benson's friend), **Loa** (Karen Thomas' friend), **Mark Hatlen** (member), **Axton** (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), **Jane King** (member), **Karl Kloster** (member), **Albert** (Chris Martin's friend), **Jana** (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), **Emma** (Leon Romaniuk's daughter), **Andy** (Vickie Shanks' friend), **Donnabel** (Derrick StaRosa's sister), **Hildur O'Connor** (member), **Lola** (Bob Berg's aunt), **Sandy Sailand** (member), **Tracy** (Linda Siebert's friend), **David Shogren** (member), **Christopher** (Karen & Ray Thomas' friend).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), **Mavis Carlson** (member), **Trudy Eichelsdoerfer** (member), **Marge Gonyea** (member), **Marlys Helgeland** (member), **Jane King** (members), **Greta Nelson** (member), **Lawrence** (Leon Romaniuk's parents), **Jacque Stoll** (member), **Sigrid** (Carsten Thode's mother).

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: **Mason Land** (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's nephew) and **Erin Siebert** (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)

NAVY: **Christopher Whipple** (Carolyn Whipple's son)

We are honored to be able to pray for your family members in need. Our policy is to publish immediate concerns for 2 weeks, unless we hear from you that an illness or situation is ongoing.

January 15, 2023 Second Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 40:1-11; John 1:29-42 The Lamb of God

Weekly Financial Report

January 1, 2023 Attendance In Person: 76 Zoom: 17

December 31, 2022 General Offerings: \$10,057 Capital Improvement: \$590

January 1, 2023 General Offerings: \$1,015 Capital Improvement: \$30

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,939

Adult Sunday School January

January 1 - No Class

January 8 - Vision 2025: Update w/Council

January 15 - Vision 2025: Update w/Council

January 22 - We Cry Justic w/Kendahl Adjorlolo

January 29 - We Cry Justic w/Kendahl Adjorlolo

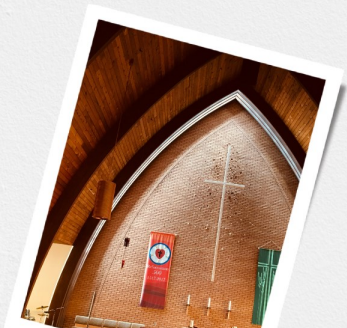
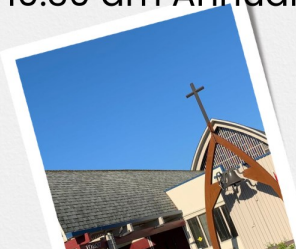
Every Sunday at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

FIRST LUTHERAN **ANNUAL MEETING**

January 29, 2023

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Annual Meeting (In Person)



SERMON NOTES

What caught my attention:

What did I hear that I am eager to share with another person?

I think the title of the sermon should be:



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.