

Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, December 24th – No LiFT! Confirmation

4 pm Christmas Eve Worship – Family Friendly Service

6 pm Christmas Eve Worship – Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 25th – Merry Christmas

No Services

Weekly offering needed: \$3,430.00

Last week's offering: \$1,800.09

Thank you for giving joyfully!

Hunger-Free Food Pantry December Item of the Month is pasta sauce.

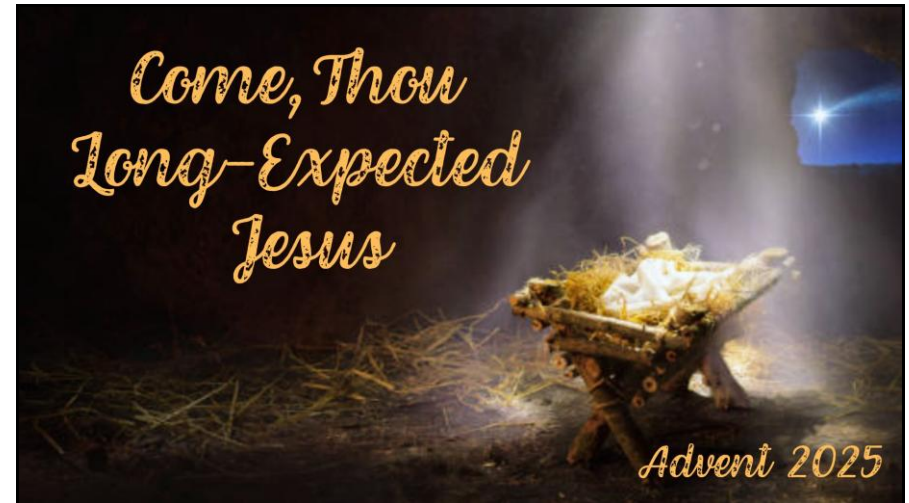
LAUNCH Sunday School will be held today. **LAUNCH Christmas Play Program** is today at 6 pm and will be followed by a **Soup & Sandwich Supper**. All are welcome, please join us to both support and celebrate the kids. Meal will be a free-will offering to benefit the children's programs like LAUNCH, VBS, MiM events, etc.

Advent Offering for 2025 will be split evenly between Red Willow Ministries and ELCA Good Gifts. Envelopes are available in the narthex.

Women's Ministry will be plating Christmas goodie platters immediately following worship today. If you are willing to help assemble and/or deliver, please stay after worship. It won't take longer than 30 minutes.



**Welcome to Worship at
First Lutheran Church
Third Sunday in Advent
December 21st, 2025**



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PASTOR: Rev. Amy Kippen

MINISTERS: All Members of the Congregation

MISSIONARIES: Willie Langdji, Central Africa

MISSION PARTNER CHURCH: The Neighborhood Church, Fargo

Musician: Annette Hovey

Acolytes: Layne Allmaras & Raegyn Lange

Ushers: Curtis & Marty Larson family

Reader: Linda Lies

Power Point: Jon Johnson

Sound: Cherry Heinz

Communion: Nan Taverna

The Radio Broadcast today is sponsored in honor of
Leonard & Lois Jacobson's anniversary,
by Tom & Kathy Ryan

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of Advent Candle

Opening Hymn *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness pg. 94

Greeting & Kyrie pg. 147

Canticle of Praise: **This is the Feast** pg. 149

Prayer of the Day in Celebrate Insert

WORD

Scripture Readings *(in Celebrate insert)*

First Reading

Psalm (Responsive)

Second Reading

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Storytime & Noisy Offering *(The Neighborhood Church is the recipient)*

Gospel Acclamation pg. 151

Holy Gospel

L: The Gospel of our Lord. **P: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day & Offering 251 *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness*

Offertory *Doxology*

Advent Statement of Faith

We are an Advent people, a people of hope.

For us, Advent is a time of waiting and so we wait. We wait for the coming of the One who is the fulfillment of God's promise, the fulfillment of hope, the declaration that we have been redeemed.

Even so, we are not a naïve people. We know that the world in which we live will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow. We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist. We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives.

But because we are an Advent people, we know that none of these things will win in the end.

The Holy One is coming, to make holy once again all that was, is, and ever will be.

And in our waiting and our trusting, we work and worship, pray and play, in all things trusting that peace, love, and joy will reign in our lives and in our world, now and forever. Come, thou long expected Jesus. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Val, Charlotte, Tony, Camden, MarJean, Randy, Richard, Tammy, Jenny

L: God, in your mercy, **C: receive our prayer**

Passing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **P: And also with you.**

MEAL

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving pg. 152

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Prayer & Blessing

SENDING

Benediction

Closing Hymn 242 *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

Dismissal

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God!**

A Note about Communion

As Lutherans, we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord. All who desire to receive the gifts of grace, forgiveness, and new life are welcome to come to the Lord's table. You do not need to be Lutheran or a member of this congregation to receive these gifts of God. All are welcome at the table of the Lord, including children (with parent consent). Both red wine and white grape juice are provided. Gluten free wafers are available.