

Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, December 10th – No LiFT! Confirmation

6 pm worship
6:30 pm Board meetings
7:15 pm Church Council

Sunday, December 14th

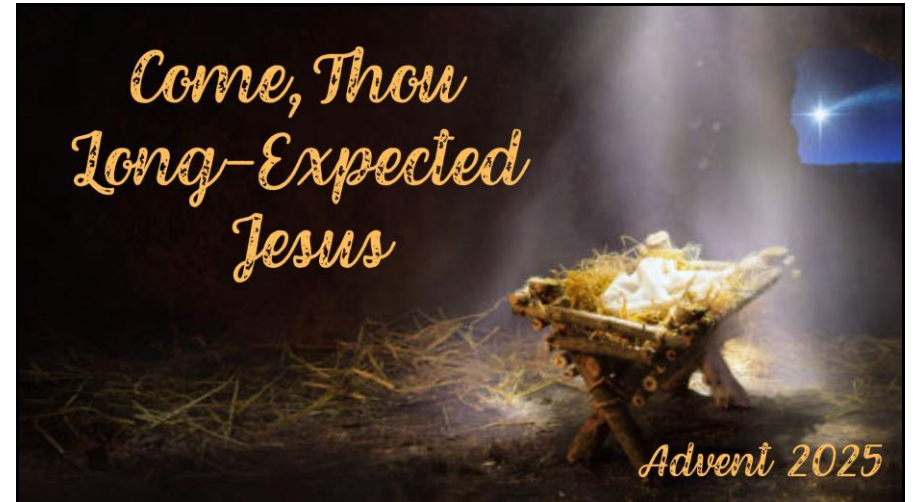
9:00 am LAUNCH Program rehearsal – sanctuary
9:15 am Coffee Fellowship
10:00 am Worship/LAUNCH

Weekly offering needed: \$3,430.00
Last week's offering: \$1,800.09
Thank you for giving joyfully!

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.

**Welcome to Worship at
First Lutheran Church
Second Sunday in Advent
December 7th, 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: Kerstin Allmaras
Acolytes: Luca Schumacher & Makaya Heskin
Ushers: Lucas & Becki Schumacher family
Reader: Marydean Weinmann
Power Point: Janel Fortney
Sound: Kenny Thompson
Communion: Joan Shroyer

The Radio Broadcast today is sponsored in memory of
Margaret Bollingberg and Pete & Donna Wobbema
by Jim and Ann Wobbema family

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of Advent Candle

Opening Hymn *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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 *(Red Willow Ministries is the recipient)*

Holy Gospel

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day & Offering 242 *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

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

Prayer Song *Oh God We Call*

Prayers of Intercession

Val, Charlotte, Tony, Camden, MarJean, Randy, Richard, Tammy, Kristi O'Connor and family on the passing of her mom,

Prayer Song *Oh God We Call*

Passing of the Peace

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

MEAL

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Prayer & Blessing

SENDING

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn 264 *Prepare the Royal Highway*

Dismissal

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

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