First Lutheran Church
We are believers seeking to invite all into the caring, sharing and growing ways of Christ.

Healing Service
Saturday, December 7, 2019; 5:30pm
Sunday, December 8, 2019; 8:30am

Prelude
G3 Dancers (Sunday)
Welcome/Announcements
Hymn  Arise, Your Light Has Come  ELW 314

Litany of Healing
One:  God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
All:  We praise you and thank you, O Lord.
One:  God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
All:  We praise you and thank you, O Lord.
One:  God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
All:  We praise you and thank you, O Lord.
One:  Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
All:  We praise you and thank you, O Lord.
One:  Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that in you they may be made whole;
All:  Hear us, O Lord of life.
One:  Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
All:  Hear us, O Lord of life.
One:  Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
All:  Hear us, O Lord of life.
One:  Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
All:  Hear us, O Lord of life.
One:  Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
All:  Hear us, O Lord of life.
One:  Restore to wholeness all that is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
All:  Hear us, O Lord of life.
One:  You are the Lord who does wonders: You have declared your power among the peoples. With you, O Lord, is the well of life, And in your light we see light.
All:  Hear us, O Lord of life: Heal us, and make us whole.

Prayer of the Day
Hymn (Saturday)  He Came Down  ELW 253
Men’s Choir (Sunday)  All Earth is Hopeful
Passages and Prayers for Healing

Response:  Jesus, Remember Me  ELW 616

Hymn  Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers  ELW 244
Apostles’ Creed
Offering
Offertory  O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 1)  ELW 257
The Lord’s Supper

Lord’s Prayer (sung)
Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever! Amen.

Communion
Prayers for people at the altar rail
What Feast of Love  ELW 487
What Child Is This  ELW 296
Angels We Have Heard on High  ELW 289

Benediction
Closing Song  Comfort, Comfort Now My People  ELW 256
Postlude
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The Christmas Story
Sunday, December 8, 2019
10:45am

G3 Dancers
Welcome/Announcements

Hymn
Arise, Your Light Has Come
ELW 314

Prayer of the Day
O Lord our God, our spirits are lifted with the promise of the babe born in Bethlehem. We welcome your son into our hearts and lives, and pray that he will bring peace to our world. We pray in the name of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Amen.

Men’s Choir
Children’s Sermon

“The Christmas Story” Presented by ALL TLC Sunday Students Pre-K thru 6th Grade

Apostles’ Creed (inside back cover of hymnal)
Prayers of the People
Lord’s Prayer (sung)
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Offering
Offertory
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 1)
ELW 257

Benediction
Hymn
Comfort, Comfort Now My People
ELW 256

Postlude
Today’s radio broadcast is sponsored by Mike & Jenifer Klein in memory of Jim Hanson.

**Prayer List:** John Doyle, Curt Sorum, Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Vi Thomasson, Val Krogstad, Darlene Newman (sister of Janet Landby), Al Evers, Oliver Navarrete (great grandson of Harlen & Dorothy Barck), Lori Folk, Jeanette Meyer (mother of Steve Meyer), Brian Brandt, Jim Abel, Dorwin Swenson (father of Jason Swenson), Jan Maeyaert-Hansen, Lenore Haug (mother of Carolyn Fuller), Beverly Willhite (mother of Judy Miller), Norm Schoephoerster, Jim Valentin’s sister, Margaret, Dennis Tollefson, Celesta Hagg Family, Jenifer Klein (at the death of her sister, Carla).

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**Sunday December 8**
8:00am - 11:00am Cookie Walk
8:30am Healing Worship
NO TLC
9:30am Stewardship Committee
10:45am TLC Sunday Christmas Program

**Monday December 9**
6:30pm Beginning Experience
7:00pm Esther Circle
Tuesday December 10
9:00am Senior Coffee
10:30am Staff Meets
12:00pm Executive Committee
5:30pm Youth Committee
6:00pm Education Committee
7:30pm Church Council

Wednesday December 11
6:00am Deborah Circle
9:00am Hannah/Elizabeth Circle
2:30pm TLC
5:15pm TLC Christmas Program
5:45pm Light Supper - $2/person
5:45pm Confirmation
6:00pm G3
7:00pm Chancel Choir
7:00pm Faith Chats
7:00pm Game Changers

Thursday December 12
7:00pm Junior High Alive
8:00pm Senior High Alive

Friday December 13
7:00am Grub Club

Saturday December 14
5:30pm Worship

Sunday December 15
8:30 & 10:45am Worship - Christmas Music Festival
9:30am TLC
9:30am Chancel Choir Tea
9:45am 3 For Heaven’s Sake

News & Notes

NEW CHRISTMAS TRADITION…UP FOR THE CHALLENGE? Beginning December 1st read one chapter of The Book of Luke in the bible each evening. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus’s life and wake up Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate!

Hy-Vee Cards available for Purchase! The Senior High Youth will be selling Hy-Vee gift cards throughout the year as a part of their fundraisers. We have $50 cards and $100 cards. The youth will receive 5% of the money. Everyone needs groceries or gas, and it’s money you would spend anyway, if not all at one time, eventually. By using the gift cards, part of the money will go to the youth! Proceeds will go toward the 2020 High Adventures Trip to Washington. They can be purchased in the office or between services on Sunday mornings.

ADVENT CANDLES are available at First Lutheran again for families. This festive 12" tall taper artfully displays 24 numbers detailed in red and green to represent each day of advent. Each day your family can light the candle and watch one day melt away as visit together about your days. It’s simple, faith-filled, and easy to have this activity become a tradition in your household. Questions? Just ask Tonya. Please, one per family.

Along with the Advent candles, First Lutheran will be passing out REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR BAGS. Instead of receiving a treat every day counting down through the season of Advent, we’re going to put something in a bag for people who make use of the FOOD SHELF. Every day you’re invited to add something practical for a family to use like food items
or personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, soaps, etc. (As part of your devotions, you could add the item to the bag after you light the advent candle?!) The month after Christmas gets very busy at the food shelf so any items will be greatly appreciated! On or after December 26th, your family can bring your bag to the Kitchen Table-Marshall Food Shelf at 1400 S Saratoga.

**FLY Christmas Cookie Walk** TODAY 8AM-11AM AND Wednesday December 11th 4:30PM-6:30PM. Youth who will be attending the trip this summer will be hosting TWO Christmas Cookie Walks to raise funds. Trays will be available for you to fill in the Fellowship Hall (on Sunday) with your choice of yummy treats OR we will have trays pre-filled up in the Narthex ready to go (on BOTH Sunday and Wednesday.)

**TLC Christmas Programs** Sunday, December 8: You’re all invited to the TLC Sunday Children’s Christmas Program. During the 10:45am Worship Service “The Christmas Story” will be presented by the TLC Sunday Students, Pre-K thru 6th Grade

Wednesday, December 11: You’re all invited to the TLC Wednesday Children’s Christmas Program. During the 5:15pm Worship Service“The Christmas Story” will be presented by the TLC Wednesday Students, Pre-K thru 6th Grade

Both Christmas Programs will be Broadcast on Studio One (Charter 180 & Vast 17) on the following dates: December 14 & 15 @ 6:30pm & December 21 & 24 @ 9:30am

**Help is still needed! Heart to Heart Food Deliveries** 3:30pm on Friday Dec 13th (meet at the church). We are extending the invitation to any family that would like to help out with a route on that Friday after school. Questions? Just call Tonya. Please sign up with Tonya to participate so we know how many routes to make up. This is an awesome way to give of yourself during this Christmas season! And has become a great family tradition for some!

**Shetek Winter Fun Day** for grades 3-6 is Friday December 27th from 9:30-4:30pm. Come to camp over your holiday break to be reminded of God's love and to have a blustery blast with winter camp activities like: snowshoeing, broomball, Bible Time, cross country skiing and more! Cost: $25 per youth (Checks payable to Shetek).Deadline to sign up WAS Dec 4th with form and money. Let Tonya know ASAP if interested.

**Short-term Funeral Co-Coordinator Needed** - First Lutheran Women’s Board is looking for someone interested in becoming a Funeral Co-Coordinator for January 1 to March 31, 2020. When a death in the church occurs, the co-coordinator is contacted by the family and assists them with planning for and serving the reception following a funeral service. Co-Coordinators contact the caterer, workers for serving, and assist with all reception details. If anyone has questions or is interested in this important ministry, contact Shirley Anderson-Porisch (507-828-1945) or Kim Christianson (507-530-2301).

**Many First Lutheran members are Thrivent members**: If you are, did you know that you have benefits that can be put to work for First Lutheran Church. Each year every Thrivent benefit member has access to 2 Thrivent Action Teams. Thrivent Action Teams provide
$250.00 grants for each Thrivent Action Team. This money can be used for seed money for the many projects going on here at First Lutheran. The church office can be contacted for projects. If you are unsure how to apply the office staff can be of assistance.

In addition to Thrivent Action Teams, some benefit Members are given Thrivent Choice dollars. In the past you only needed to designate where you would like the Choice Dollars to go once, now you are required to do so every year. You must designate the previous years Dollars by March 31 of the following year, i.e. 2019 dollars must be designated by March 31, 2020. First Lutheran uses these dollars for worthy projects within the church. To designate dollars you can either access your account at Thrivent.com or call 800-847-4836 and ask for Thrivent Choice.

Each year we invite players of violin, viola, cello and string bass to play prelude music at First Lutheran for the annual Christmas Choir Concert Sunday at First Lutheran. String players of any age, get your fingers warmed up and bow rosined. String players from the community are very welcome also so bring your friends. We hope you will join us at the church on Sat., Dec. 14, at 3:30 PM for rehearsal and perform Sunday, Dec. 15, as prelude music for both the 8:30am and 10:45am worships. The more advanced players will rehearse first so the younger players can arrive at 4 PM. If you have questions, please contact Diane Wright 507-532-9077 or Wes Myers - Marshall Public Schools Orchestra Teacher

Beginning Experience of SW MN/Marshall, a peer ministry support group for widowed, separated and divorced people is offering its "Coping With Life Alone" Series for ten weeks beginning January 13, 2020. This series is designed for those wishing to work through the grieving process following the loss of a loved one. The Monday night sessions begin at 7:00pm at the First Lutheran Church. Registration will be held starting at 6:30pm on January 13, 2020 and January 20. Registration is then closed for that session. The support group is open to people of all denominations. There is a $75 fee to cover the cost of materials. If you wish to pre-register or have other questions, contact us at: swmnbe@gmail.com or call: Laurie W: 507-829-4004, Tim L: 507-530-6379, MaryAnn S: 507-828-2866

The Southwest MN Orchestra will be performing their Christmas Cheer Concert next Thursday, Dec. 12, at 7 PM here at First Lutheran. The concert will include most of your Christmas favorites including selections from Handel’s Messiah performed with the Prairie Arts Chorale and musical selections performed by special guest soloists. The concert is free and there will be a delicious reception in our new kitchen fellowship hall after the program. See the poster in the Narthex.