Christmas in July
July 20 & 21, 2019

Prelude
Welcome/Announcements
Hymn  O Come, All Ye Faithful  ELW 283

Confession and Forgiveness
One: We confess our sins before God and one another. (Pause for silence and reflection.)
One: Incarnate God,
All: You are with us always, and yet we live as though it is not the case. We neglect to show your love and compassion to ourselves and others. We get anxious about unimportant things, and apathetic about those which truly matter. We stop looking for your presence in our lives. Forgive us and guide us back to you, for the sake of our coming savior, Amen.
One: God has heard our cries and has granted us mercy according to the promise. Receive our creator's forgiveness, and believe that it is true. Rejoice that we have been redeemed. Amen.

Prayer of the Day
All-powerful and merciful God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon (Sunday)
1st Reading  Isaiah 9:2-7
“The word of the Lord” Response: Thanks be to God!
Pew Bible p. 624
2nd Reading  Hebrews 2:10-18
“The word of the Lord” Response: Thanks be to God!
Pew Bible p. 1092
Gospel Acclamation  Once in Royal David’s City  ELW 269
Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.
Pew Bible p. 935
Response after the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn  Silent Night, Holy Night  ELW 281
Sermon
Interlude
Apostles’ Creed
Prayers of the People
Offering
Offertory  O Little Town of Bethlehem  ELW 279
The Lord’s Supper
Lord’s Prayer
Communion  Away in a Manger
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  ELW 270
Angels, from the Realms of Glory  ELW 275

Benediction
Closing Song  Joy to the World  ELW 267
Today’s radio broadcast is sponsored by Bill & Kathy Engler.

Prayer List: John Doyle, Curt Sorum, Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Tonya Ormberg, Rob Yant, Pat Leary, Casey Porisch (great nephew of Karl & Shirley Porisch), Lois Dellwo (sister of Linda VanOverbeke), Vi Thomasson, Val Krogstad, Darlene Newman (sister of Janet Landby), Jenifer Klein’s sister, Carla, Vincent & Lucella VanOverbeke (parents of Linda), Dennis Tollefson, Al Evers, Bruce and Virginia Drackley (friends of Steve & Ruth Quist), Chris Cordes’ son, Zach, Oliver Navarrete (great grandson of Harlen & Dorothy Barck), Wendy Jamieson, Lori Folk, Jeanette Meyer (mother of Steve Meyer), Susan Atkinson, John Pollock, Twila Henning, Ann Taylor DeBoer (sister of Dave Taylor), Brian Brandt, Rick Purrington, Don Dretsch Family.

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Sunday July 21  
9:30am Worship

Monday July 22  
6:30pm Beginning Experience

Tuesday July 23  
9:00am Senior Coffee  
9:30am Staff Meets

Wednesday July 24  
6:30pm 1st Lutheran Softball - HS Complex

Friday July 26  
12:00pm Office Closes

Saturday July 27  
5:30pm Worship

Sunday July 28  
9:30am Worship
News & Notes

HyVee Cards are still available for purchase over the summer months in the church office. Profit will now be going toward our 2020 Summer Trip!

HELP WANTED: The Social Ministries Committee is in need of volunteers to join our committee. Our committee is in charge of coordinating the following projects:

- Meals on Wheels – Sept and Feb
- Esther’s Kitchen – Third Thursday of each month
- God’s Work Our Hands – Oct
- Food Shelf and Pack the Pews
- Missionary Angels
- Stuff the Bus – July/Aug

We are looking for volunteers to cover the following terms:

- (1) One Year Term – through December 2020
- (1) Two Year Term – through December 2021
- (2) Three Year Term – January 2020 through December 2022

First Lutheran is a collection site for Stuff the Bus! Please donate new school supplies for local students in Southwest Minnesota. Items will be collected through August 2.

Thursday August 1st at 9am: Hamilton Funeral Home is hosting a program for adults of all ages. Come relax with your neighbors, fellow members of First Lutheran Church and St. Stephen Lutheran Church, and enjoy a cup of coffee while you learn about the many spiritual, emotional, and financial benefits of making important decisions in advance. Find out what you can do to assist your parents or how to make things easier for your children and other family members. Attendees will enjoy light refreshments and will be able to sign up to receive a FREE Funeral & Cremation Planning Guide and free planning assistance. Call 532-2933 to reserve your seat.
Today’s Readings

Isaiah 9:2-7
2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.
3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.
4 For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

“The word of the Lord”
Response: Thanks be to God!

Hebrews 2:10-18
10 It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, 12 saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.” 13 And again, “Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”
14 Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. 16 For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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Luke 2:1-20
2 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. 5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.
8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 Then an angel of the Lord stood
before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” 15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” 16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17 When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Response after the announcement:  
*Glory to you, O Lord.*

Response after the reading:  
*Praise to you, O Christ.*