

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Activity

### Location

#### Sunday 11/30/2025

9:15 a.m. Faith Formation	
9:15 a.m. Children's Choir-Pre-K through 5th	
10:30 a.m. Worship	Sanctuary & Online
12:00 p.m. Bell Choir	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Advent by Candlelight	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room

#### Monday 12/01/2025

12:00 p.m. Quilt Group	Quilt Room
6:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous	Gallery
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drumming	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room

#### Tuesday 12/02/2025 Bulletin Deadline

9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m. SHOP Group	Gallery
11:30 a.m. MARSP Meeting	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Lion's Club Christmas Party	Family Life Center
6:30 p.m. Choir	Music Room
7:30 p.m. Band	Music Room
9:00 p.m. Compline	Facebook

#### Wednesday 12/03/2025

9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	Gallery
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Kids' Music	Music Room
6:30 p.m. Advent Worship	Sanctuary

#### Thursday 12/04/2025

12:00 p.m. Bible Study	Gallery
3:00 p.m. Clipper Preservation Group Mtg.	Gallery
4:00 p.m. Burnished Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Worship	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center
7:15 p.m. Council Meeting	Gallery

#### Friday 12/05/2025

7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting	First Floor Education Room
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#### Saturday 12/06/2025

9:00 a.m. Care Team Meeting	Gallery
10:00 a.m. Rental-D. Roest-Cookie Exchange	Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Rental-Elliott Family	Family Life Center

The eternal candle is given by Mary Schoonover in memory of Bill Spring.



**1 Advent**  
**Sunday, November 30, 2025**  
**10:30 a.m.**

# WELCOME

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH – Muskegon, Michigan**

## WELCOME

Welcome to this time of worship. We are especially grateful for those of you who are visitors. You make us more whole. First Lutheran is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a church body committed to the welcome of the stranger and to the questions and doubts of all seekers.

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The flowers on the altar are given by Bonnie Gouine in memory of her Dad's birthday.

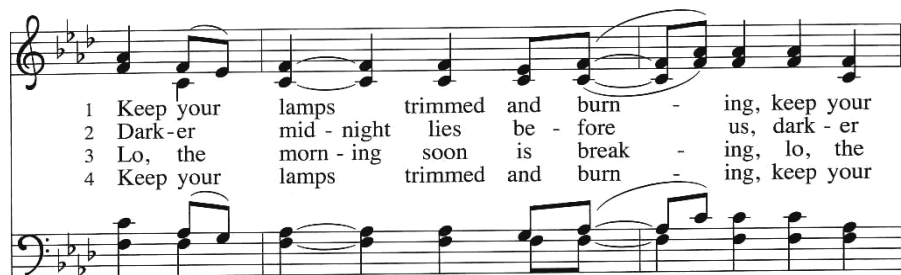
## THOSE WHO SERVE 11/30

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Bert Goodman
<b>Lector</b> Thurs. 6:00 p.m.	N/A
<b>Lector</b> Sun. 10:30 a.m.	Diane Kroll
<b>Servers</b> Sun. 10:30 a.m.	Mary Schoonover, Sandy Young
<b>Acolytes</b> Sun. 10:30 a.m.	Peyton Mock
<b>Head Usher</b>	Open
<b>Ushers</b> Sun. 10:30 a.m.	Tara Plekes, Sandy Young
	Larry Bringedahl
	Emma Johnston
<b>Junior Church</b>	Mike Sweet, Phil Sielski
<b>Song Leaders</b>	Jeff Thomas
<b>Sound System</b>	Ruth Basch, Joanne Johnson
<b>Information Stations</b>	Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell
<b>Counters</b>	Kim Westerholm
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Kim Westerholm
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Kim Westerholm
<b>Clean-Up</b> Sun. 10:30 a.m.	Kim Westerholm
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	The Anderson Family, Ellen Bisson
<b>Bus Driver</b> Pick Up	Amber Thomas
<b>Bus Driver</b> Drop Off	Amber Thomas

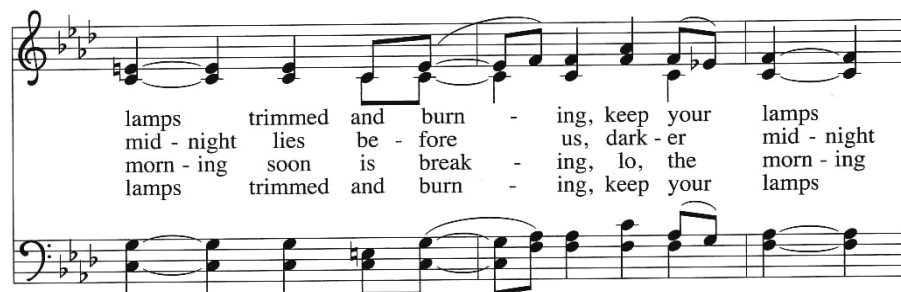
## THOSE WHO SERVE 12/04 and 12/07

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Joel Westerholm
<b>Lector</b> Thurs. 6:00 p.m.	Paula Dusseljee
<b>Lector</b> Sun. 10:30 a.m.	Bonnie Gouine
<b>Servers</b> Sun. 10:30 a.m.	Larry Bringedahl, Lori Archer
<b>Acolytes</b> Sun. 10:30 a.m.	Ethan Lucht
<b>Head Usher</b>	Open
<b>Ushers</b> Sun. 10:30 a.m.	Adam and Matthew Badley
	Ed Wosinski
	Laura Lucht
<b>Junior Church</b>	Mary Schoonover, Emily Traub
<b>Song Leaders</b>	Karl Ziemelis
<b>Sound System</b>	Ruth Basch, Amy Badley
<b>Information Stations</b>	Val Barnes, Sandy Hutchins
<b>Counters</b>	Lisa Le
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Lisa Le
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Lisa Le
<b>Clean-Up</b> Sun. 10:30 a.m.	Lisa Le
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	Kathleen Cobler and Ellery
<b>Bus Driver</b> Pick Up	Amber Thomas
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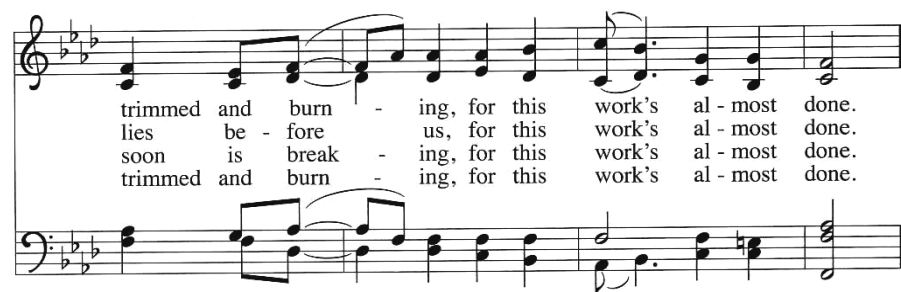
## "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"



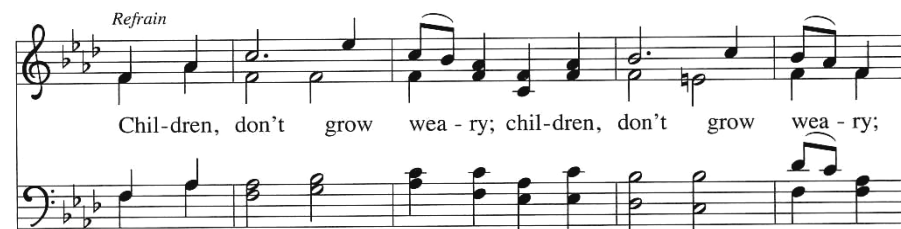
1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your  
 2 Dark - er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er  
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the  
 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



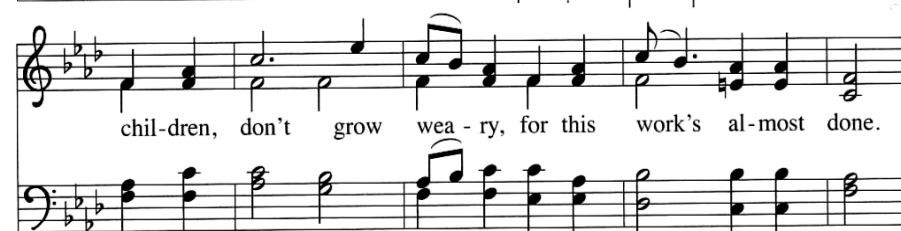
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 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing  
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.  
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.



*Refrain*  
 Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al - most done.

## Announcements

This week's **Wednesday dinner** will be hosted by our **confirmation kids**. They will be serving hotdogs with various toppings, macaroni and cheese, salad, and desserts. Proceeds will be used to purchase supplies for Noah Project animal shelter.

Young people (of all ages) who are interested in **performing something musical at the 6:00 p.m. service** during the Prelude on **Christmas Eve** are needed. If interested, please speak with Shar Bourdon, church music director.

Sign up to **host coffee hour** in 2026. The sign-up sheet is on the information station by the office.

A brief **Advent worship service** will be held on Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

**Reeths Puffer High School choirs** will provide a concert for us on Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30 p.m. following dinner.

A **Congregational Meeting** for the sake of electing officers and approval of the budget will be held on Sunday, December 7th following worship.

Bring your Pre-K through 5th grader to an **Elementary Christmas Party** on Sunday, December 21st after worship. There will be crafts, games, and cookie decorating! RSVP to Emma Johnston via text at 712-395-0502.

Are you interested in **volunteering at the Love Café**? An informational meeting with Love, INC. will be held to discuss training for the various volunteer opportunities at the Café. Contact Kim Westerholm if interested at 712-539-8536 or email her at [kim.westerh@gmail.com](mailto:kim.westerh@gmail.com).

Our **Blue Christmas Worship** service will be held here on Thursday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. Join us for a service that is intended especially for those for whom the holidays are emotionally difficult.

## Order of Service

**Hymn**                      **“Prepare, Prepare”**                      **(screen)**

**Order of Confession** (screen)

**Penitential Rite** (screen)

**Greeting** (screen)

### Salutation/Prayer of the Day

**Special Music      “And the Glory of Lord”      Choir**

**First Reading** **Isaiah 2:1-5**

<b>Psalm 122</b>	<b>“I Was Glad”</b>	<b>#68 (purple) (v. 1)</b>
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**Second Reading** **Romans 13:11-14**

**Gospel Verse** (screen)

**Gospel Reading** **Matt 24:36-44**

## Children's Sermon/Noisy Offering/Junior Church

*This week's noisy offering will benefit R.P. Schools' food pantry.*

**Light One Candle** (screen)

## Sermon

**Hymn “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” page 6**

**Apostles' Creed** (screen)

## Announcements/Prayers/Peace

### Offering/Offertory Prayer

**Holy, Holy** (screen)

**The Lord's Prayer**                      sung by Sande Borushko

## Communion

**“All Are Welcome”** (screen)

**“Come to the Table” #481 (red)**

**“Eat This Bread”** #472 (red)

**“He Came Down” #253 (red)**

**“Wait for the Lord” #262 (red)**

**“Come Now, O Prince of Peace” #247 (red)**

## Blessing/Post-Communion Prayer

**Hymn “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” #242 (red)**

## Benediction/Dismissal/Postlude

## Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Second Reading Romans 15:4-13

Gospel Reading Matthew 31:1-12



- \* Our **“Adopt-A-Family” tree** tags are now available.
- \* All gifts should be returned by Wednesday, December 17 wrapped with tags attached.
- \* 20-30 families from area schools, and one family from the EXIT program will be helped.
- \* Two gifts will be provided for each child: one desired item and one needed item, plus each family will receive one gift card to help with food or additional needed items.
- \* The tree with the tags is in the entry by the office.