

# 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.

### Readings for Next Weekend (January 4th, 2026)

First Reading	Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm	147:12-20
Second Reading	Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel Reading	John 1:10-18

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**Christmas Eve Service**  
**Wednesday, December 24th, 2025**  
**11:00 p.m.**

# Christmas Eve Service

## Pre-Service Music

“For Unto Us a Child is Born”

“Birthday of a King”

“O Holy Night”

“Have You Seen the Newborn King?”

“Carol of the Bells”

Organ Prelude

Choir

Sande Borushko & Joel Westerholm

Rob Sundberg

The Carolers

Handbell Choir

Elise McDonald

Hymn “O Come All Ye Faithful”

#283 (red)

(vv. 1,3,4)

Call to Worship

(screen)

Lighting of the Advent and Christmas Candles

(screen)

Hymn “Angels We Have Heard on High”

#289 (red)

(vv. 1,2)

Salutation/Prayer of the Day

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-4,6-7

Gospel Verse

“Hallelujah Chorus”

Choir

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

Sermon

Hymn “Jesus, What A Wonderful Child”

#297 (red)

Parish Concerns

Prayers

Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

## The Poinsettias are given in honor of:

- ♦ Our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren by Steve and Rhonda Smith
- ♦ Jayson, Jeny, Jessica, Chase, Ryan, Taylor, Emma, Max, Avery, and Jayden by Jerry & Robbin Dibble
- ♦ Trisha and Nathan Dusseljee, and Evan, Tristan, and Lavena Dusseljee by Paula Dusseljee
- ♦ Len Horton by Dan and Jane Horton
- ♦ Mike Wickstrom, Jeff Hartman, and Diane Kaub by Deb and Dale Roest
- ♦ Annette Jack by John Jack
- ♦ The Shields family by Michael Shields

*Please pick up your Poinsettias after the 11:00 p.m. service.*



## The Poinsettias are given in memory of:

- ♦ Our parents Chester and Bonnie Smith and Don and Donna Daunt by Steve and Rhonda Smith
- ♦ Donald and Jo Buchan by Theresa and Dave Buchan
- ♦ Milly and Bob Lindell by Dan and Jane Horton
- ♦ Bob and Bettie Schultz, Jerome and Frieda Dibble, Nikki Radle, and Carol Postmus by Jerry and Robbin Dibble
- ♦ Frank DiPiazza by Evie DiPiazza and family
- ♦ Bernie and Carol Harrell by David Harrell
- ♦ Garry D. Bradfield and Garry S. Bradfield by Marilyn Bradfield and the White family
- ♦ Ward and Virginia Crampton by Marilyn Bradfield and the White families
- ♦ Michael John Lundholm by Diane Sluis
- ♦ Mildred Mattson and Almeda O'Neill by Jerry and Suzette Mattson
- ♦ Evelyn and Paul Swanson by Paula Dusseljee
- ♦ Karl Koski by Sylvia Koski
- ♦ Marty Shields by Michael Shields
- ♦ Ernie Webber by Joanne Webber
- ♦ Gordon Bonifield by Barb Bonifield and Laura Eller
- ♦ Our parents by Dave and Susan Aker
- ♦ Sharon Cooke by the Cooke family
- ♦ Mr. and Mrs Richard Kaub, Mr. Bernie Wickstrom, Mr. and Mrs. George Roest, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wickstrom by Dale and Deb Roest
- ♦ Our parents by Tim Israels and Sylvia Robbins

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## Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Cong:** And with you, his servant.

Pastor: O, come let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

**Cong:** With hearts uplifted thanks to Him we render:  
With joy we come before Him,  
in gratefulness implore Him,  
With thankful hearts adore Him Evermore!

*(to the tune of "O, Come All Ye Faithful")*

## Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord!  
God of hosts, by all adored!  
Heav'n and earth cannot contain  
all the glory of your name!  
Hail, hosanna, God most high!  
Blest is He who now draws nigh  
in the name of God the King!  
Hallelujahs glad we sing:  
Hail, hosanna! praises due  
be forever, Lord, to you!

*(to the tune of "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing")*

## The Lord's Prayer

### Communion

"All Are Welcome"	(screen)
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"	#282 (red)
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	#279 (red)
"Away in a Manger"	#277 (red)

## Blessing & Post-Communion Prayer

Closing Hymn      "Silent Night"      (words on next page)

## Benediction

## Dismissal

## Postlude

## “Silent Night”

### Verse 1

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, round  
yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and  
mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly  
peace.

### Verse 2

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar, heav’nly hosts sing,  
alleluia! Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the savior is  
born!

### Verse 3

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light,  
radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of re-  
deeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord,  
at your birth.

#### THOSE WHO SERVE 12/24 (p.m. Services)

<b>Assisting Minister (6:00 and 11:00 p.m.)</b>	Paula Dusseljee
<b>Lector</b> 6:00 p.m.	N/A
11:00 p.m.	Deb Wosinski
<b>Servers</b> 6:00 p.m.	Laura and Elizabeth Lucht
11:00 p.m.	Ed and Deb Wosinski
<b>Acolytes</b> 6:00 p.m.	Matthew and Sofia Besteman
11:00 p.m.	Peyton Mock
<b>Ushers</b> 6:00 p.m.	Kathryn Hall, Ethan Lucht, Jeff Lucht
11:00 p.m.	Stan Daszko, Ed Wosinski, Mark Thogerson
<b>Song Leaders</b> 6:00 p.m.	Mary Schoonover, Emily Traub
11:00 p.m.	Sande Borushko, Barb Elliott
<b>Sound System</b> 6:00 p.m.	Karl Ziemelis
11:00 p.m.	Karl Ziemelis
<b>Communion Bread</b> 6:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
11:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
<b>Communion Set-Up</b> 6:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
11:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
<b>Clean-Up</b> 6:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
11:00 p.m.	Deb Wosinski

## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

We will **not be having Wednesday night dinners** until February 18, 2026.

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

**No faith formation classes** on December 28. We will reconvene on January 4.

The **2026 sign-up sheets for sponsoring altar flowers** and the **eternal candle** are posted on the bulletin board near the office. Sign up for the weekend you would like. If you sign up for altar flowers, the cost is on the sheet. You will not get billed for these. You can pay for your flowers in our office.

Our **leadership retreat** will take place on January 24th beginning at 9:00 a.m. All council members and all members of our ministries are urged to be present. Our time together will end with lunch.

Our **chili cook-off** and **annual meeting** will take place on Sunday, February 1 following worship. Sign-up sheets for bringing soup or chili are on either information station.

**There will be no Thursday night worship** on Thursday, December 25th, or Thursday January 1st.

There will be **no Thursday Bible** study this week, (December 26). Thursday (noon) studies will start up again on January 8.

Please **join us for a trivia night** on January 22 at 7:15 p.m. following Thursday worship. This is part of a synod-wide wellness event.

A **sledding event** for middle school and high youth has been planned for Saturday, January 17 beginning at 1:00 Plan to join us!