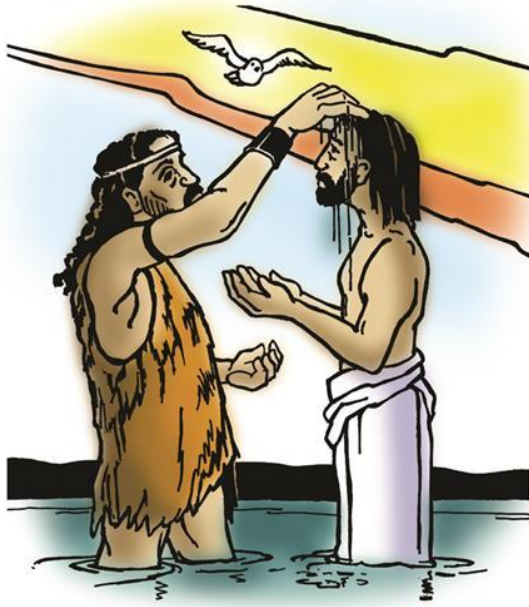


Baptism of Our Lord
January 7, 2024



Welcome to Worship

It is a joy to have you here at worship with us today.

*Visitors are invited to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

Children are always welcome at worship.

*If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery available for parents and their children
on the first floor near the ramp, across the hall from the bulletin boards.*

*Large print bulletins and hearing devices for today's worship are available.
Feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST **January 7 – January 14**

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Communion Baptism of Our Lord
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Council
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Rose Ringer
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light,
word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge, **we pour out our hearts before you.**

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another and sinned against you.

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant.**

**Renew your creation. Restore us,
that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

Water is poured into the font.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken: The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

Hail to The Lord's Anointed

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt. Music: FREUTEUCH, LHR LIEBEN, Leohart Schroter, 1540-1602



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
 Be - fore them on songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.
 pre - cious in your sight.
 hill to val - ley flow.
 king - dom with out end.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



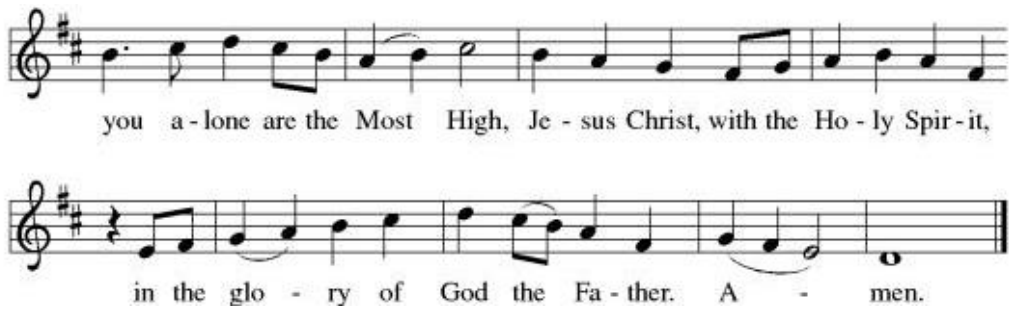
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 29

- ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor**
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- ⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- ⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 19:1-7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to

come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947 Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred harp*, Philadelphia, 1844



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Barb Evans
Gerry Wilson

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APOSTLE’S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

MEAL

GATHERING OF GIFTS

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,
including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at felcc.org*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Please stand as the gifts are brought forward.

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

DIALOG

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

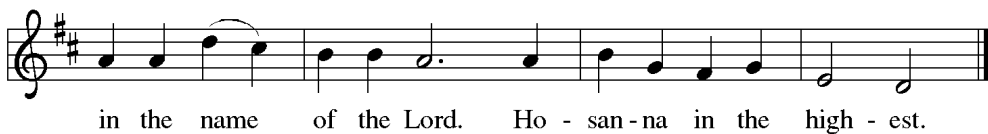
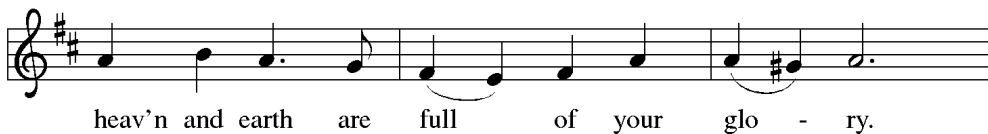
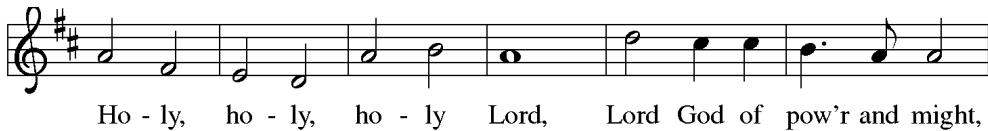
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord.

Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love,
that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light.
And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God:
You are the Life and Light of all.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your light, shining in our darkness
And revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
That refreshed with this heavenly food,
We may be light for the world,
Revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
In your Holy Church,
Both now and forever, **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.
Thanks be to God!

Communion: All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ) and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's table. To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle, take a glass (the prefilled glasses contain grape juice), and gather at the altar. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Oh, Love, How Deep

Text & Music: Thomas Kephis, 1380-1471; tr. Benjamin Webb 1819-1885, alt. DEO GRACIAS



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Gracious God, in this season of Epiphany,
as we see your light revealed to us in new and insightful ways,
assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament
with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care,
nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament.
Give us all the comfort of your abiding presence
through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

Text: Ruth Dick, b. 1947 Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walker, 1825-1893

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

POSTLUDE

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Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Bonnie (2/5), Ruth Ann Brown (1/26),
Celena Casseday (2/2), June Diehl (1/14),
Joanne Fisher (1/14), Denise Heinbaugh (1/28),
Marilyn Yaukey (2/4)

Long Term Care: Pat Dent, Charles Kampmeyer and Joe Pine

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, Rubens Paul, and Paul Whelan



ATTENDANCE December 31 55 in person 15 on line

CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 21 following worship. This meeting will provide us with the opportunity to review the highlights of the past year and approve a ministry spending plan for 2024. We hope you will be able to join us.

NTT NEWS Next Sunday during the service Kim Martin and Gabriela Juarez-Lemus will be introducing a new NTT program, SCAN (Student Clothing Assistance Network).

WOMEN OF THE ELCA The January Bible Study will be held on Thursday January 11 at 1:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 1. We will continue our study of Max Lucado's book, He Choose the Nails, with Nancy Fricke as leader for the chapter "I Forgive You". All women of the church are welcome.

VARIETY SHOW Sunday, February 25 after worship. Lunch will be provided. Fundraiser for Youth Events. If you would be willing to be part of the "Show" please talk with Kristy Nienstedt.

MISSION TRIP Are you looking for an opportunity to serve abroad and expand your horizon? The Social Missions Committee is organizing a mission trip to visit *Tree-4-Hope* and their work in El Aguatero, Guatemala in January or February, 2025. We will experience first-hand the work our mission dollars support at Hope Academy for girls and at the Miguel Magone orphanage. This will be a hands-on experience. Whatever skills you bring to the table will be utilized...building, painting, gardening, technical, cooking, crafting, educational, etc. Everyone has something to contribute. Our mission dollars have been supporting the amazing work of *Tree-4-Hope* since 2021. If you have interest in joining us on this trip, offering your financial support or for more information, see Rose Wilson. Visit www.tree4hope.org for more information.

NEWSLETTER As good stewards of the resources that have been entrusted to the church, we request that you consider receiving the church newsletter via e-mail. The newsletters will be in printed form and distributed at Sunday worship, choir practice, quilting, etc. If you have not yet picked up your printed version, the newsletter will be mailed to your home address the Monday following Sunday worship. Thank you for responding. felccoffice@gmail.com

HATS, SCARVES AND MITTEN/GLOVES COLLECTION is in full swing for the January 13-15 fence hanging at First. There is a donation bin marked for items in Memorial Hall.

Volunteers Needed First has the opportunity to help serve meals at St. Seraphim on Lincoln Way West just past the Salvation Army. The hours are 9-1 on Saturdays. The dates needed are January 20, February 24, March 9, April 27, and May 4. Two or three people are needed on each day. To volunteer please contact MaryGotwald at 717-264-4759 or mgotwald@embarqmail.com

HELP NEEDED the congregation marveled at the gorgeous display of quilts on Sunday, October 8. We would like to continue this wonderful Lutheran World Relief project and would appreciate more help. Please join us for an hour or two every Wednesday morning. You can plan quilt tops, sew squares together, help construct the quilt "sandwich", tie knots, iron sheets. Everyone is welcome, male or female, young or old. Call Janet Friend (717-360-1977) or Nancy Fricke (717- 267-5097) for more information.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>January 7</u>	<u>January 14</u>	<u>January 21</u>
Lector:	Sally Herritt	Joyce Ray	Gary Fleegal
Soundboard:	Marlin Maclay	Bob Lawyer	Mark Nicholson
Communion	Becky Hoover		Becky Hoover
Assistants:	Donna Ross Mike Ross		Donna Ross Mike Ross
Greeters:	Karen Naus	Karen Naus	Karen Naus
Altar Guild:	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods
Ushers:	Barb Evans Rick Gates Denny Love Rob Willits Karin Woods	Barb Evans Rick Gates Denny Love Rob Willits Karin Woods	Barb Evans Rick Gates Denny Love Rob Willits Karin Woods



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Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We welcome visitors this morning.

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps.
at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

Our Mission

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus,
burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

Sunday Schedule

Donuts and Coffee at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School for All Ages at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

also on Facebook at First Evangelical Lutheran Church
and on our webpage at www.FELCC.org

ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus,
and to worship with us.