

# WELCOME

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH – Muskegon, Michigan**

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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



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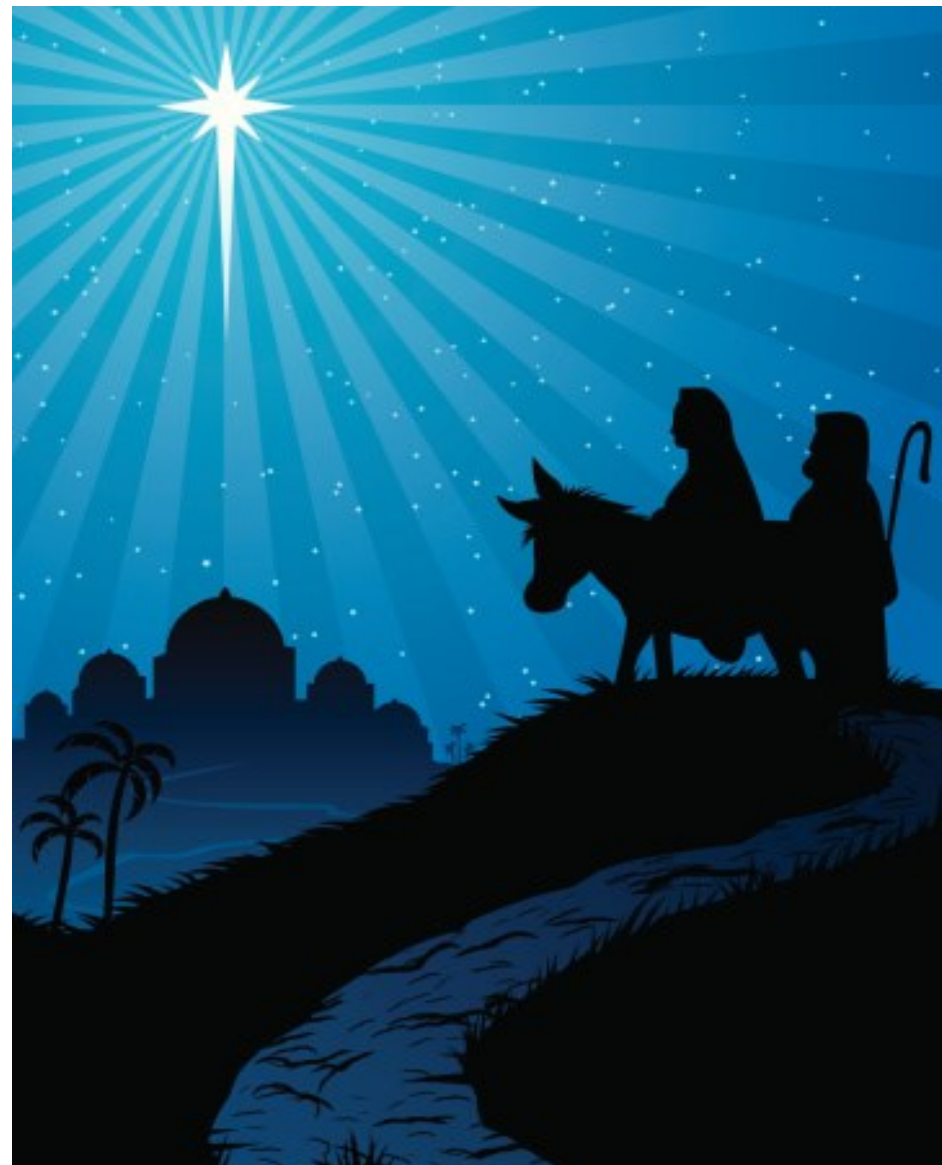
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**Christmas Eve Service**  
**Sunday, December 24th, 2023**  
**11:00 p.m.**

# Christmas Eve Service

## Pre-Service Music

“Let This Christmas Be”

“Candlelight Carol”

“The First Noel”

“O Holy Night”

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Organ Prelude

The Band

Mary Schoonover & Emily Traub

Choir

Sande Borushko

Corbin Family

Elise McDonald

Hymn

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

#283 (red)

(vv. 1,3,4)

Opening Greeting

(screen)

Hymn of Praise “Angels We Have Heard On High” #289 (red)

(vv. 1-2)

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

Special Music “Have You Seen the Newborn King” Choir

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Song

“The First Noel”

#300 (red) (v.1)

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

Sermon

Hymn

“Jesus, What A Wonderful Child” #297 (red)

Parish Concerns

Prayers

Peace

Offering

Offering Music

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Eva Backus & Joel Westerholm

Offertory Prayer

## The Poinsettias are given in honor of:

- ♦ Our children, grandchildren, and great grandchild by Steve and Rhonda Smith
- ♦ Jayson, Jeny, Ryan, Jenn, Taylor, Emma, Max, Avery, Jessica, Chase, and Jayden by Jerry & Robbin Dibble
- ♦ Evan, Tianna, Tristan and Lavena Dusseljee and Nathan Dusseljee and Trisha Milligan by Paula Dusseljee
- ♦ Our family by Tom and Sabina Freeman

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

*Merry Christmas!*

### THOSE WHO SERVE 12/24

**Assisting Minister (11:00 p.m.)**

Paula Dusseljee

**Lector 11:00 p.m.**

Shar Bourdon

**Servers 11:00 p.m.**

Ed & Deb Wosinski

**Acolytes 11:00 p.m.**

Liam Simons

**Ushers 11:00 p.m.**

Joe Labiak

**Song Leaders 11:00 p.m.**

Eva Backus, Joel Westerholm

**Sound System 11:00 p.m.**

Karl Ziemelis

**Information Station**

N/A

**Counters**

Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell

**Communion Bread 11:00 p.m.**

Bert Goodman

**Communion Set-Up 11:00 p.m.**

Bert Goodman

Clean-Up 11:00 p.m.

Wosinski Family

## The Poinsettias are given in memory of:

- ♦ Our parents Chester and Bonnie Smith and Don and Donna Daunt by Steve and Rhonda Smith
- ♦ Dale Workman and Martha Plekes by Karley Plekes
- ♦ Bob and Bettie Schultz, Carol Postmus, Nikki Radel and Jerome and Freida Dibble by Jerry and Robbin Dibble
- ♦ Carrie Ann Wright by Mom, Diana Wright-Stubbs and brother Matt Wright
- ♦ Frank DiPiazza by Evie DiPiazza
- ♦ 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 the Bradfield and the White families
- ♦ Milly and Bob Lundell by Dan and Jane Horton
- ♦ My parents Vince and Betty O'Toole and in-laws Frank and Dorothy DiPiazza by Evie DiPiazza
- ♦ Evelyn and Paul Swanson, Lollie Shields, and Edna Sherburn by Paula Dusseljee
- ♦ June Hansen by Gary Hansen
- ♦ Pat Walborn by John and Annette Jack
- ♦ David Nord by Rodney, Tina, Will, and Sam Gallo
- ♦ Karen Geisel and Adelfa Galindo by Andrea Nisja and Lili-ana Galindo
- ♦ Doris Thomas, Joan Bent, and Dick and Betty Laubach by the Thomas family
- ♦ Marsh and Sandy Balkema, Fred Schultz, and Tony Schultz by Rob, Lorey, and Logan Montgomery

### Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading	Isaiah 61:10--62:3
Psalm	148
Second Reading	Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel Reading	Luke 2:22-40

## 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

sung by Pastor Bill

### Communion

"All Are Welcome"	(screen)
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"	#282 (red)
"What Feast of Love"	#487 (red)
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	#279 (red)
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"	#272 (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 redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.



## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

We will **not have Bible study** on Thursday, December 27.

There will **not be Wednesday night dinners or any programs** on December 20th, December 27, and January 3.

All members of our **church council** and our **ministry teams** are reminded of our **leadership retreat** on January 20 from 10:15-1:15 here at the church. Lunch will be provided.

**Ski club will begin again** on Friday, January 5th at Caberfae Ski Resort. More details will be coming, but if you have questions contact Amy Badley at [abadley40@gmail.com](mailto:abadley40@gmail.com).

**Ministry chairs** are reminded to **turn their annual reports** into Lorey, our parish administrator, by Sunday, January 14. These will be shared at our annual meeting.

Our **annual meeting** will be held on **Sunday January 28** following worship. A **chili and soup cook-off** will accompany the meeting. Plan on bringing your famous chili or soup to the cook-off.

A new **Tuesday class titled “Faith and Civic Life”** will begin on January 16 at 11:00 a.m. This class will explore how our faith shapes issues of public and social importance. Is it possible for Christians to talk about politics and religion? And how do we do so?

**Christmas Break Open Gym:** The gym will be open from 2-4pm on Tuesday, December 26 and Tuesday, January 2 for parents/ caregivers to bring their kids. No formal activities or games, just time and space to burn off some energy and get out of the house!

**Looking for a place to walk during the winter months?** Utilize our gym or the rest of our facility for your walking routine. Just check with the office in advance to make sure that the facility is available.