



The Second Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, January 4, 2009

The First Evangelical Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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GATHERING

The Gathering Music: “In the Bleak Mid Winter”

The Welcome & Announcements

The assembly stands

The Dedication of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

In the Name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Today in our gathering we give thanks to God for *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*,
and we pray for God’s blessing upon its use in our midst.

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous;
praise is fitting for the upright.

Sing to the LORD a new song;
play your instrument skillfully with joyful sounds.

For your word, O LORD, is right,
and faithful are all your works.

Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.

Let us pray...

Blessed are you, O Lord our God;
you rule the universe with mercy and might.
You have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift,
and you call us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.
Accept these worship books which we offer in thanksgiving.
May all who use them be united in joy, sustained in sorrow,
and enlivened for service,
and bring us at last to the perfect worship of your heavenly banquet,
where you live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

Amen.

The Gathering Hymn

“The First Noel”

The Greeting

ELW 300

ELW p.138

The Hymn of Praise

ELW pp.139-140

The Prayer of the Day

ELW p. 142

The assembly is seated

WORD

The First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7–14

The Psalmody

Psalm 147:12–20

Wor-ship the LORD, O Je - ru - sa - lem; praise your
God, O Zi - on.

- ¹²Worship the LORD, ¹O Jerusalem;
praise your ¹God, O Zion,
¹³**who has strengthened the bars ¹of your gates
and has blessed your chil- ¹dren within you.**
¹⁴God has established peace ¹on your borders
and satisfies you with the ¹finest wheat.
¹⁵**God sends out a command ¹to the earth,
a word that runs ¹very swiftly. Refrain**
¹⁶God gives ¹snow like wool,
scattering ¹frost like ashes.
¹⁷**God scatters ¹hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand a- ¹gainst God's cold?**
¹⁸The LORD sends forth the ¹word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the ¹waters flow.
¹⁹God declares the ¹word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- ¹ments to Israel.
²⁰The LORD has not done so to any ¹other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. ¹Hallelujah! **Refrain**

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3–14

The assembly stands

The Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 142

The Holy Gospel

John 1:1–18

The assembly is seated

The Children's Message

The Sermon

Silence for reflection.

The assembly stands
The Hymn of the Day
“The Bells of Christmas” **ELW 298**

The Creed **ELW p. 105**

The Prayers & Peace **ELW pp. 105-106**

The assembly is seated

MEAL

The Offering

The Senior Choir: “I Give My Song”

The assembly stands

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” **ELW 283**

The Great Thanksgiving **ELW pp. 144-145**

The Thanksgiving at the Table **ELW p. 110**

The Lord’s Prayer **ELW p. 112**

The assembly is seated

The Lamb of God **ELW p. 146**

The Distribution

Believing in the Real Presence of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic Hospitality. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament may approach with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.

Music during Distribution

“In the Bleak Midwinter” **ELW 294**

“Love has come” **ELW 292**

“Go tell it on the mountain” **ELW 290**

The assembly stands

The Post-Communion Prayer **ELW p. 146**

SENDING

The Blessing

ELW p. 146

The Sending Hymn

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

ELW 270

The Sending

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The Sending Music: “Joy to the World”

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Assisting Minister

Adam Bitikofer

Lector

Doris Keener

Ushers:

Gary Bixler, Don Weber, Ed Yackey, Gary Courtwright

Altar Guild:

Linda Weber, Heather Duff

PRAYER CONCERNS—Delores Himes, Ron Gritzan, Margaret Baker, Jane Woyen, Nancy Wherley, Tim Whitman, and all nursing home residents.

The altar flowers are given by Mike & Robyn Burkett.

The eternal candle is given by Jeff & Heather Duff to celebrate a prosperous New Year for everyone.

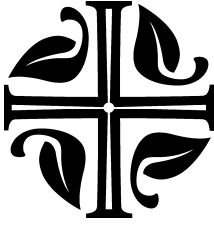


On Sunday, January 18th we will be having our second Chili Cookoff following worship. Bring your pot of chili and hotdogs, cheese, cornchips, sour cream and drinks will be provided. Everyone is invited to enter and to attend!

Evangelism Committee – Also on Sunday, January 18th the Evangelism Committee is promoting Wear Your Jeans to Church Sunday in conjunction with the Chili Cookoff.



On January 29th the UMC, Strasburg, will be distributing food from their new Food Pantry. The hours will be from 9:00am – 11:00am and 5:30pm – 7:30pm.



Evangelical Lutheran Worship Gifts & Memorials

In honor of Bill & Vivian Dreher by Seth, Jamie, Aubrey & Zane Thomas.
In honor of the Dreher family by Jim, Debbie, Jason, & Sarah Dreher.
In memory of Don & Ruth Snyder by Jack & Ruthann Fuhrer.
In loving memory of Lucas P. Garber by Tim & Kelly Garber (3).
In honor of Bryan, Katie & Peyton Vickers by Tim & Kelly Garber.
In honor of Caleb Garber & Shannon Williams by Tim & Kelly Garber.
In honor of Jim & Janet Burris by Tim & Kelly Garber.
In honor of Paul & Margery Garber by Tim & Kelly Garber.(2)
In honor of George & Ginny McClellan by Tim & Kelly Garber.
In honor of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ by Tim & Kelly Garber.
In memory of loved ones by Bob & Margaret Frey.
In honor of our six grandchildren by Dennis & Elaine Jensen. (2)
In honor of our grandson's Zane, Garen & Renner by Gary & Bev Courtwright.
In memory of my wife, Marjorie Courtwright by Don Courtwright.
In memory of Lucas Garber by Mr. & Mrs. George McClellan.
In memory of the Ora Hawk family by Dr. Gene & Janet Hawk. (5)
In memory of loved ones by Dallas & Shirley Hostetler.
In memory of George & Helen Hossman by Marvin & Katie Secrest.
In memory of Larry Secrest by Marvin & Katie Secrest.
In memory of Dean & Edna Zucher by Dan & Marla Ledsome. (2)
In honor of Gene & Ruthann Flickinger by Tonya Wilkins.
In memory of Bob Schaar by Terri Schaar.
In memory of Merle Himes by Charles & Carol Himes.
In memory of Fern & Roy Everhart by Floyd J. Everhart.
In memory of Rachel Himes by Alvin Himes. (3)
In memory of Roy, Ada, & Charles Flickinger by Gene & Ruthann Flickinger.
In memory of Kermit & Ruth Kihn by Gene & Ruthann Flickinger.
In honor of Lail Conner & in memory of Lola Conner by Gary & Dale Ann Conner.
In honor of Joanne Deibel by Gary & Dale Ann Conner.
In memory of Bryan Deibel by Gary & Dale Ann Conner.
In honor of our children and grandson by Gary & Dale Ann Conner.
To the Glory of God from Gary & Dale Ann Conner.
In memory of Daniel Mantolete by Dan & Debbie Swegheimer.
In memory of Daniel Mantolete by Randy & Tina Swank.
In memory of Daniel Mantolete by Jake & Amber Stephen.
In memory of Daniel Mantolete by Brian & Heather Page.
In memory of Daniel Mantolete by Daniel & Dianne Bleininger & Larry.
In memory of Daniel Mantolete by Honey Lee Zimmerman.
In memory of Daniel Mantolete by Kole, Tyler, & Jackson Stephen.
In memory of Daniel Mantolete by Logan & Bryson Page.
In memory of Daniel Mantolete by Debbie Swegheimer.
In memory of Daniel Mantolete by Tina Swank.
To the Glory of God by Mildred Short.
To the Glory of God by Rose Cunningham.
In memory of Paul & Lucille Atkinson by Bob & Alyce Snyder.

In memory of Robert & Bertha Mae Snyder by Bob & Alyce Snyder.
To the Glory of God by the Rachel Circle. (5)
In memory of my husband, Glenn by Nancy Wherley.
In honor of my daughters Marcia & Cheryl by Nancy Wherley.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN (Week of 1/4—1/11)

Sunday	<u>The Second Sunday of Christmas</u> 9 AM—Christian Education/Catechism (Various locations) 10:15 AM—Holy Communion (Social Hall) 3:30 PM—Youth Gathering Meeting & Bowling (Grace, Dover)
Monday	No Scheduled Activities
Tuesday	<u>The Epiphany of Our Lord</u> 9 AM—Busy Bees (Quilter's Room)
Wednesday	10 AM— <i>The Divine Drama</i> (Luther Library) 7 PM—Senior Choir (Social Hall)
Thursday	7 PM— <i>The Divine Drama</i> (Luther Library)
Friday	No Scheduled Activities
Saturday	No Scheduled Activities
Sunday	<u>The Baptism of Our Lord—First Sunday after Epiphany</u> 9 AM—Christian Education/Catechism (Various locations) 10:15 AM—Holy Communion (Social Hall) 11:30 AM—Annual Meeting of the Congregation (Social Hall)