

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Like everything else right now, Christmas Eve will look a little different for us this year. We have eliminated our 7 p.m. service and have replaced it with a 2 p.m. service. *(This will allow adequate time for the sanctuary to air out and be cleaned in between services.)* Communion will be served in individual packaged cups. Weather permitting we will take communion and sing *Silent Night* in the parking lot together.

Christmas Eve Services

- 2 p.m. ~ *Candlelight, Carols & Communion*
- 5 p.m. ~ *Candlelight, Carols & Communion*
- 10 p.m. ~ *Candlelight, Carols & Communion*

Christmas Day

10 a.m. ~ *Carols & Communion*

Please Note: If First Lutheran is still under mitigation restrictions Christmas services will be livestreamed at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve and 10 a.m. Christmas Day.

Sunday, December 27

9:30 a.m. ~ *Lessons & Carols*

This service will be completely virtual. Please tune in online this morning at 9:30 to hear some wonderful pieces recorded by our musicians!

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Advent Reflections:



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Advent Reflections at First

For Christians, the weeks leading up to Christmas are a time to prepare for Christ's coming. Advent traditions, like lighting candles on the Advent wreath, help us in this preparation. This year, when everything is different, we are taking the season of Advent to reflect on the themes of **HOPE, LOVE, JOY,** and **PEACE,** and how these traditional Advent themes can strengthen our faith in these new days.

You are invited to join us each Tuesday of the season for worship and small group discussion. Worship will be offered via Zoom, which means you may call in and listen over the phone, or join us online and watch and participate with video. Worship will begin at 6:30 p.m. and be approximately 25 minutes long, and small group discussion will begin at 7 p.m. You can choose to participate in the small group discussion via Zoom, or in person at the church. Check your e-mail for a link to sign-up for a small group, or call the church office.

Tuesday, December 1

Advent Midweek 1

Zoom Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Small Group at 7:00 p.m.

I WONDER ABOUT HOPE

Romans 12:1-12

Tuesday, December 8

Advent Midweek 2

Zoom Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Small Group at 7:00 p.m.

I WONDER ABOUT LOVE

Luke 13:10-17

Advent Devotionals

Advent Reflections: I Wonder as I Wander

Advent devotionals are available to pick up at the church anytime the building is open. Each family is invited to pick up a copy of *Advent Reflections: I Wonder as I Wander*, which is part of the Book of Faith series by Augsburg Fortress. The book includes daily devotions for the season, plus Bible Study material that we will use for small group discussion and activities for the season.

Tuesday, December 15

Advent Midweek 3

Zoom Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Small Group at 7:00 p.m.

I WONDER ABOUT JOY

John 15:7-11

Tuesday, December 22

Advent Midweek 4

Zoom Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Small Group at 7:00 p.m.

I WONDER ABOUT PEACE

Luke 1:67-79

Advent Cards

Families Celebrate Advent & Christmas

Families with children ages 0-12 are invited to pick up *Families Celebrate Advent & Christmas*, a colorful deck of cards that is full of activities, prayer and discussion starters for the family. Each family in the congregation has a copy of this resource, labeled with your name, that can be picked up at the church anytime the building is open.