

Program Participants

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| Deborah | Annie Trosvig |
| Julie | Maria Myhre |
| Inn Keeper | Isabella Abrahams |
| Angel | Kaydence Knutson |
| Shepherds | Katie Anderson, Isaac Rose, Henry Rose |
| Mary | Solvie Smestad |
| Joseph | Annie Trosvig |
| Soloists | Rylynn Krein, Chloe Rose, Miah Schmidt, Ellie & Katie Bergren, Reagan Cheshire |
| Flute | Andreya & Cyntreya Lockett |
| Piano | Nolan Felstul |
| Guitar | Ana Jyrkas |
| Tambourine | Sophia Rufer, Alyssa Wagner, Dejah Charles |
| Director | Kelsey Felstul |
| Accompanist | Joyce Perez |
| Sound/Lighting | LeAnne Jaenisch and Gary Eckley |

Thank you to Kelsey Felstul for her hard work directing & designing this year's Christmas Program! A special thank you goes to Joyce Perez for her dedication to the Sunday School children's music and First Lutheran! Thank you to all who helped make this program possible.

4th Sunday of Advent Sunday School Program



December 18, 2016
11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prepare the Royal Highway

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding;

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

Prayer

Opening Hymn

O Come, little Children

Schind/Schulz

O come, little children, O come, one and all,
To Bethlehem haste to the manger so small.
God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night
To be your Redeemer, your Joy and Delight.

He's born in a stable for you and for me;
Draw near by the bright, gleaming starlight to see,
In swaddling clothes lying, so meek and so mild,
And purer than angels, the heavenly Child.

See Mary and Joseph, with love beaming eyes
Are gazing upon the rude bed where He lies,
The shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love,
While angels sing loud alleluias above.

Breaking News in Bethlehem!

(presented by our Sunday School students)

Please hold your applause until the end of the program

Silent Night

Andrey & Cyntreya Lockett – flute

Altar Flowers this morning are given by Richard & Jennifer Smestad in honor of Jennifer's grandparents wedding anniversary.

Large Print Bulletins are available. If you would like a copy for worship, please ask an usher.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas Giving Trees! Your generosity truly made an impact on the lives of those receiving the gifts. Thank you!

Our Christmas Cookies for Special Friends was a huge success! We delivered over 68 generous plates of Christmas cookies to shut-ins and members of our congregation who no longer bake. Our sincere thanks to the many members who donated their homemade cookies and candies for this special event. Thank you, thank you!

Winter Weather Information: If Fergus Falls school close due to bad weather, the activities at the church that day will be cancelled and the church office will be closed. (If a leader of an evening activity, such as the adult choir, decides they WILL HOLD THEIR EVENT, they should contact the members.) Sunday morning worship will never be cancelled, but please use your good judgment when deciding if you should come to worship or not. REMEMBER, you can always listen at home to the 8:30 a.m. worship on KJJK AM 1020.

Christmas Books & DVDs will be on the table in the library for easy check-out! Come see our big selection for all ages on display for you.

The Christmas and Advent offering will be divided among the Mama Naomi Clinic in Tanzania and one of our local benevolences. Our Advent Coin Folders are available to be picked up at the info counter or in the rear of the sanctuary.

FLY K7 Christmas Party – Wednesday, December 21st from 4:30-5:15 p.m. Please come for a fun time with grades K-7! We will watch a Christmas Movie and eat some yummy treats!

2017 Offering Envelopes are ready to be picked up in the Narthex on tables. They are in alphabetical order. If you don't see your envelopes stop in the church office and see Katrina.

In Order to Claim a Charitable Contribution Deduction for 2016, contributors **must deliver** checks to the church **on or by 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 31**. Checks must be **written, postmarked and mailed in 2016** to qualify for this year. Please keep this in mind when making your year-end donations.

2017 RADIO BROADCASTS & FLOWER CHARTS are up and ready for you to sign up on. They are located on the kiosk in the new narthex. Sign up early to get the dates that you want!!! If you consider the radio ministry important, please sponsor a broadcast at a cost of \$100. You will receive a postcard prior to the date. Thank you for your partnership in making our worship available to shut-ins and the community-at-large.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

- 3 & 5 p.m. **Blessing of the Family of God**
Everyone will receive a family blessing from the pastors.
(If you are a family of one, we invite you to receive a blessing for yourself and your loved ones wherever they may be.)
- 11 p.m. **Holy Communion**
On this holy night we participate in the mystery of the incarnation as Christ comes to us in the bread and wine.

Christmas Day - One Service at 10 a.m.

A Festival of Lessons & Carols/Holy Communion
(There is no sermon.)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st
THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SERVICE AT 10 A.M.
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Baby Jesus, We Love You
Preschool-1st Graders

JourneyKidsOp

O Come all Ye Faithful
Children sing verse 1
Congregation sings verse 2

ELW 283 (v.1&2)

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father
now in flesh appearing!
Refrain

ACT 1

Mary's Boy Child
2nd -6th Graders, Rylynn Krein - soloist

Jester Hairston

ACT 2

Away in the Manger
Nolan Felstul, piano
Ana Jyrkas, guitar

William J. Kirkpatrick

ACT 3

Behold that Star
Katie & Ellie Bergren, soloists
Sophia Rufer, Alyssa Wagner, Dejah Charles, tambourine

Cedarmont Kids

ACT 4

Happy Birthday Jesus
Reagan Cheshire, soloist

Carol Symbala

ACT 5

Mary Had a Baby
Soloists

African American Spiritual

Go Tell in on the Mountain
Chloe Rose, Miah Schmidt, soloists

John Wesley Work Jr

Appreciation of the Message brought today by our children.

Children's Event

Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW 279 (v 1-2)

1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight

2 For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!

Offering

*Prayers

*Lord's Prayer

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

ELW 267

Sending

Congregational response "Thanks be to God"

*Postlude

Interim Senior Pastor: Erick Thompson
Associate Pastor: Jennifer Rose
Visitation Pastor: Stan Satre
Sunday School Superintendent: Cindy Larson
Council President: Elizabeth Abrahams
Greeters: Dick & Judy Werner
Organist: Keith Melberg
Lighting of Wreath: Dan & Abbey Kwapinski
PA Operator: LeAnne Jaenisch

This Week at First Lutheran:

Today: 8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Worship/Sunday School Christmas Program

Mon.: 5:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Tues.: 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6-8:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

Wed. 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon
10 a.m. AA.
10:30 a.m. Sr. Coffee & Bible Study (Conference Room)
12:10 p.m. Advent Mid-Day worship (No soup lunch today)
3:45-4:30 p.m. Children's Choir rehearsal
4:30-5:15 p.m. FLY K7 Christmas Party
5:30 p.m. Hosanna Handbell rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers
7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal (following Vespers)
7:45 p.m. Senior FLY (following Vespers)

Thurs.: 8:45 a.m. Morning Watch – Pr. Jennifer– KBRF AM 1250
No Sr. Bible Study (See Wednesday)

Friday : CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday: **CHURCH OFFICE OPEN FROM 8-12 PM**
3 & 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Services/Family Blessings
11 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service/Holy Communion

Next Sunday, December 25th:

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship/Holy Communion
No Sunday School (Will resume Jan. 8)