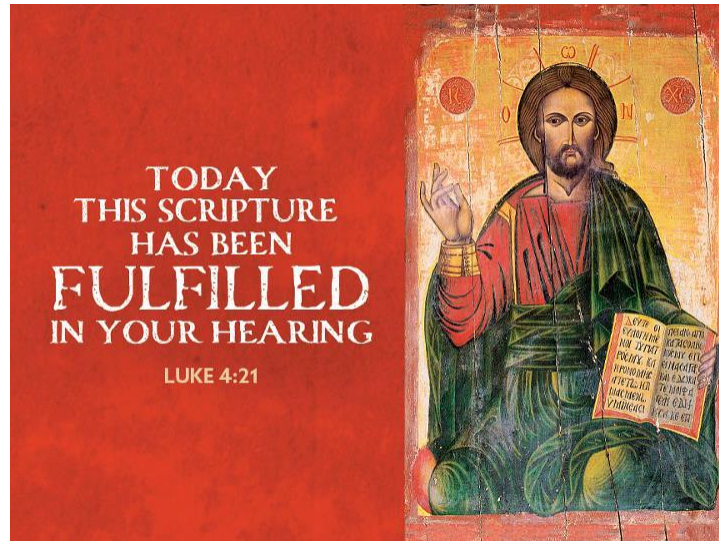


First Lutheran Church

In-person worship at First Lutheran sanctuary,
iHeart radio 620 am and Facebook livestream -
<https://www.facebook.com/firstlutheransiouxcity/>



HOLY COMMUNION Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday ☩ January 26, 2025 ☩ 10:00 am

Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah

*God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep.
People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory.*

Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ.

Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

Gathering

PRELUDE

"Festal Song"

Gerhard Krapf

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our creator, our protector,
our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults

and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine."

In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

ELW 314



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.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893
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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.



KYRIE

setting eight, page 184
Verses 1 & 2

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord God,
you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment
of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn,
and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises,
we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Word

READING

Ezra reads Moses

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that “the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19

The teaching of the LORD revives the soul

Marty Haugen

The psalm for the day is sung, join in the refrain as invited.

The teach-ing of the LORD is per - fect
and re - vives the soul.

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READING

You are the body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,”

that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

setting eight, page 188

Stand and sing as the gospel is announced.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah

Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW 715

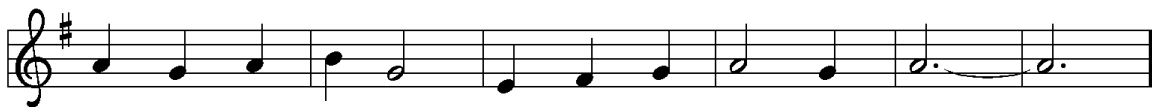
The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
 church gath - ered to - day.

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 Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell
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APOSTLES' 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

The assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer.

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us,
let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. ...

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

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that
your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

Meal

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another with a gesture of peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

MUSICAL OFFERING *“Sing Out Your Song, Christians of the World”* Don Besig

OFFERTORY SONG “Loaves were broken” ACS 966

The assembly stands.

To the tune “*Joyous Light*,” Marty Haugen

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

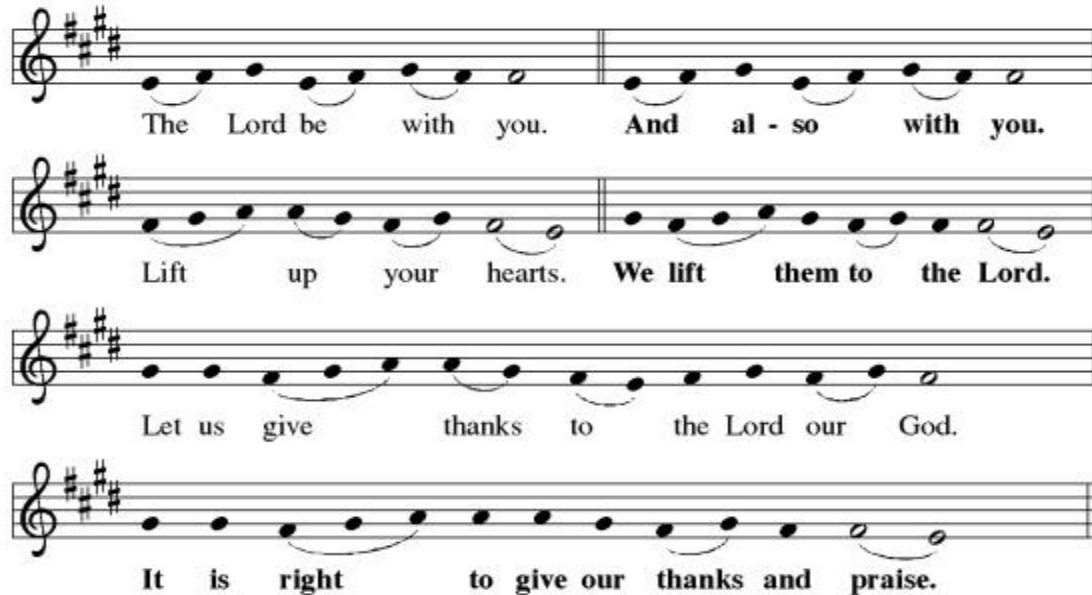
God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

setting eight, page 190

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

Dialogue and Preface



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right....join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

setting eight, page 191



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution

Blessed are you, God Most High! ...

We praise and magnify you, O God!

We praise and magnify you, O God!

Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Spirit.

We join with the multitude of angels to praise and magnify your name,
today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

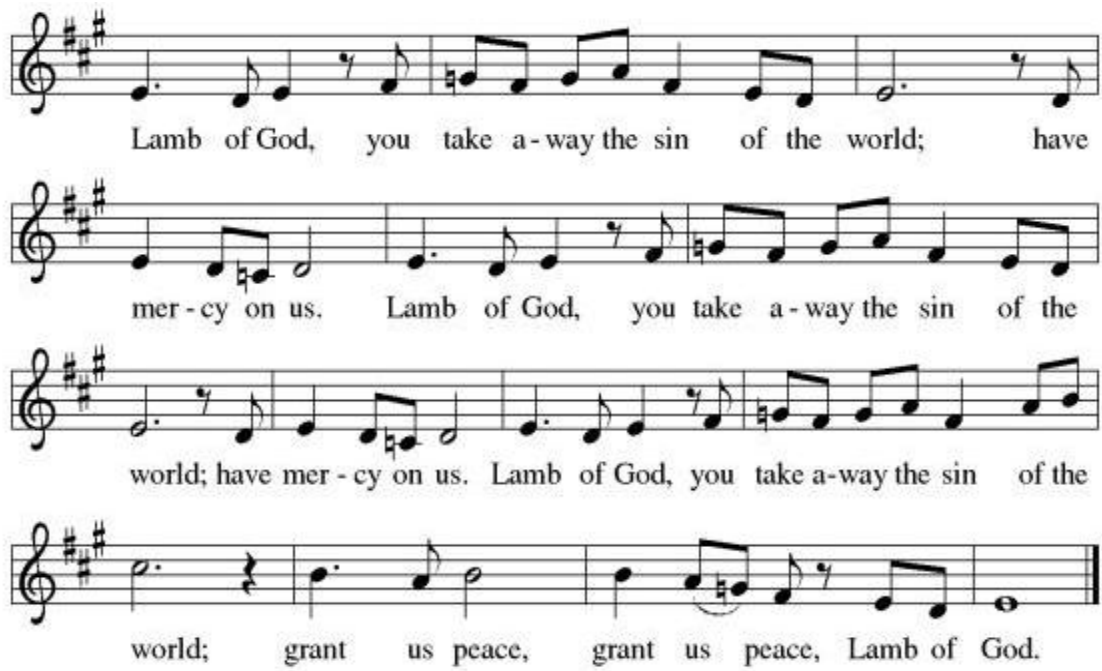
Communion

All are invited to receive these gifts of God. Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Communion is served at this service by intinction, gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

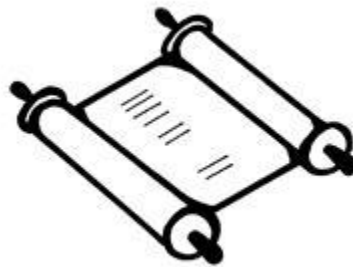
Music during Communion

Lamb of God

setting eight, page 191



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, Lamb of God.



Communion Hymn "One Bread, One Body"

ELW 496

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of

bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y

through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

Refrain

wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, sr, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sr

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Prayer after Communion

Nourishing God,
 at this table you have refreshed us
 with holy gifts of food and drink.
 Strengthen us for service,
 and send us out to embody your good news
 of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
 In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Sending

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

The Spirit of the triune God
✝ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen.



RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus"

ACS 904



Español: 1 Tú, Je - sús, nues - tra_es - pe - ran - za, ven y
 2 Ven, y te - je_un mun - do nue - vo ca - mi -
English: 1 Come to be our hope, O Je - sus, come to
 2 Come to build your new cre - a - tion through the



li - bra nues - tro ser. Ni - ño,
 nan - do_en la ver - dad, pa - ra
 set your peo - ple free. From op -
 road of ser - vant - hood; give new



na - ce_en - tre no - so - tros, ven y da - nos tu po -
 que, por fin, el pue - blo vi - va_en ple - na li - ber -
 pres - sion, come, re - lease us, grant us your true lib - er -
 life to ev - 'ry na - tion, chang - ing e - vil in - to



der. Ven li - ber - ta pri - sio - ne - ros de_in - jus -
 tad. Ven, Je - sús, a - bre_el fu - tu - ro de tu
 ty. Come, re - lease from ev - 'ry pris - on those who
 good. Come and o - pen our to - mor - row for your



ti - cia_y a - flic - ción; ven, re - ú - ne nues - tros
 rei - no de_a - le - grí - a. Ven, de - rrum - ba_es - te gran
 suf - fer in our land. In your love we find the
 joy - ful reign so near. Take a - way all hu - man



pue - blos en a - mor y_en com - pren - sión.
 mu - ro que_hoy se - pa - ra no - che_y dí - a.
 rea - son still to live and un - der - stand.
 sor - row; give us hope a - gainst our fear.

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DISMISSAL

The assembly faces the narthex as they are sent into mission.

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Psalm 19"

Benedetto Marcello

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Jenny Denne	<i>sacristan</i>
Dan Moore	<i>communion minister</i>
Gary Troth, Chris Taylor, Becki McLaughlin	<i>usher and greeters</i>
Ben and Ellie Hertenstein	<i>sound and media technicians</i>
Craig and Sandie LaMaster	<i>radio and livestream broadcast</i>
Bev Rosenkrans, Frannie Krommenhoek	<i>fellowship</i>

WELCOME. WORSHIP. SERVICE.

Announcements

Welcome to worship at First Lutheran Church. We are a welcoming congregation who worships and serves the God we love.

Holy Communion will be served today by intinction. Gluten-wafers are available, simply ask your server. Children are welcome to receive a blessing or communion at their parents' discretion. If you prefer to remain in your pew, a minister will come and serve you there. All are welcome at Jesus' meal.

The **Holy Family Food Pantry** will be giving away mittens and gloves during the month of January, in addition to bags of groceries and fresh vegetables and fruit. Your gift, to keep hands warm this winter, would be much appreciated by those who will receive them. There is a basket in the narthex to receive your gift.

The **Annual Meeting** of the congregation will be held on **Sunday, February 2nd**, in Fellowship Hall. Annual Reports are available for pickup this Sunday in the narthex. A potluck meal will be served prior to the meeting. Please sign up on sheet to let us know you are coming,

A signup sheet for **radio and livestream broadcast** sponsorship is available for 2025. A donation of \$100 is appreciated. Thank you for giving to this important ministry of the congregation.

Weekly Schedule, First Lutheran Meetings and Activities

Today, January 26

Following worship, fellowship in Fireside Room

Wednesday, January 29

9-11:30a Holy Family Food Pantry, volunteers: Ann Doellinger, Chris Taylor

6p Handbells, Choir Room

6:30p Confirmation, Community Room

7p Choir, Choir Room

7:30p Youth, Fireside Room

Thursday, January 30

1p Adult Bible Study, "Job," Unit five, in Fireside Room

Sunday, February 2, Annual Meeting of the Congregation

10a Worship, followed by annual meeting in Fellowship Hall