

## Fourth Advent

Announcements

Call to Worship: **Carol Medley** Arranged by Lloyd Larson The Chimes

Invocation

Candle Litany

Candle Hymn: ***Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*** ELW 244

Apostolic Greeting

Peace

Kyries and Glorias

Prayer of the Day

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7,117-19; Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Acclamation: ***Hallelujahs*** to the Polish Carol

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*** ELW 257

Apostles' Creed

Offerings

Offertory: ***Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?*** By Rober Lau The Choir

Offertory Prayer

Communion

Benediction

Sending Hymn: ***All Earth is Hopeful*** ELW 266

Dismissal

Postlude

**Welcome:** All are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. We hold that Christ gave of His body and blood so that our sin and death are passed over. We welcome you to experience this gracious gift that has been given for all. Please pick up an empty communion cup as you approach the altar. Should you prefer grape juice, there are cups filled with grape juice in the center of the tray. Bring the cup of grape juice with you to the altar and as the wine server approaches, the grape juice will be blessed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please tell the bread server if that is your preference. TCoil (telecoil) is available in the Sanctuary—to enhance the effectiveness of your hearing device.

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Julie Jolivet & Amanda Stevenson – Children, Youth and Family

Patty VanLandschoot & Sarah Adair- Music

# The Week Ahead

## Sunday, December 21

9:30am: Worship

7pm: Narcotics Anonymous

## Monday, December 22

7:30am: Daily Devotions

3pm: Fellowship Activity

## Tuesday, December 23

7:30am: Daily Devotions

## Wednesday, December 24

Office Closed

7:30am: Daily Devotions

4pm: Christmas Eve Worship

5pm: Community Supper

7pm: Christmas Eve Worship

## Thursday, December 25

Office Closed

7:30am: Daily Devotions

7:30pm: AA

## Friday, December 26

Office Closed

7:30am: Daily Devotions

## Saturday, December 27

5pm: Worship

## Sunday, December 28

9:30am: Worship

7pm: Narcotics Anonymous

## Worship Volunteers

### Saturday: December 20: 5:00pm

Altar Guild:am: Kay Sieh

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Assisting Minister: Carol Gucinski

Projectionist: Linda Gordon

Greeter: Betty Bergstedt

Ushers: Jim Schreiber/Tom Matthiae

### Sunday: December 21: 9:30am

Altar Guild: Kay Sieh

Assisting Minister: Kym Kirk

Communion Assistants:

Paula Gaida &

Patti Nier

Broadcasting: Scott Neir

Projectionist: Harry Malcolm

Greeter: Barbara Bolitho

Ushers: Jerry Rasmussen &

Jim Onarheim

Coffee Hosts & Cleanup:

**2 Poinsettias are left to purchase.** Envelopes are at the Welcome Center.

**The December-January OUTREACH** initiative at First Lutheran Church will be *winter outerwear* including *coats, boots, snow pants* for youth ages 4-11 (4K-5<sup>th</sup> grade). Outerwear donations can be placed in the labeled collection box in the narthex, before being distributed to area elementary schools including Winter, Hayward, LCO. Thanks for being someone's good news!

**Operation Christmas:** Blessings and thank you to all who have contributed to this important ministry helping 240 families this holiday season. Thank you to the cookie bakers who were so generous filling boxes delivered to 60 people who are homebound or in a care center. Almost 1,000 people in our community have benefited from this outreach and your generosity. We will continue to collect hats, mittens, and socks through January 5 for the local schools. Thank you for keeping us and the ones we serve in your prayers.

**Noisy Can!** Make some noise as the Hayward Food Shelf received \$882.43 from our noisy can offering on the 14th – along with some paper clips, machine screws, watch batteries, parking tokens, and washers.

**Koinonia-Women's Bible Study** is again asking for your plastic grocery bags for our recycled mat project.

#### **Last Week's Attendance**

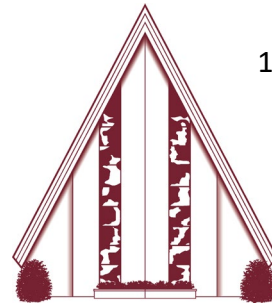
Saturday: 32 Sunday: 150 Online: 320

**Advent is the First Season of the Church Year** (so Happy New Year!) and its color is blue. The color blue is associated with hoping and waiting and wishing things were different – so it can be a happy blue or the blue associated with that unique American music genre - the blues. Advent is a season of repentance where we try and rid ourselves of whatever may keep us from realizing or experiencing the gift that comes to that manger in Beth-Lehem. Blessed Advent!

-Pastor Joel

**The Advent Candles** are *Hope, Peace, Joy & Love*.

**Candles for Epiphany** can be brought at any time. Epiphany begins this January 10/11. Candles should be white and unscented. Any size and shape welcome.



*"Let all that you do be done in love."* I Corinthians 16:14

### **Fourth Advent**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS** FOR DECEMBER 21, 2025

***Please Pray For:*** Phil Pierce, Allea Diehl Joanne Lamphear, Dawn Saxum, Barb Klippel, Eric Bernard, Vivian Melby, Becky Iverson, Michael Nelson, Gib Purtell, Daryl Christenson, Dennis Marquardt, Marvin Akkermann, Joshua LeCuyer, Sandy Sheehan, Nancy Hubbard, Dawn Brubaker, Baby Louise Reiche, John Moreland, and Connie Schield.

**The Eternal Flame** in December is sponsored by:

- ❖ Craig Euneau,
  - in memory of Linda Euneau;
- ❖ Jan Wege,
  - in memory of Bert Wege, Frank and Evie Malchow