

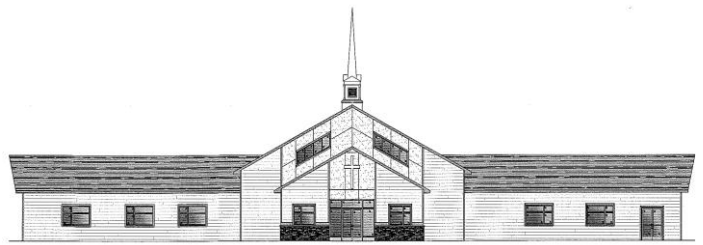
First Sunday after Christmas

December 28, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

***Call to Worship**

P I was glad when they said to me,

C Let us go to the house of the Lord. †

***Opening Hymn #60 (LBW) – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

***Prayer of the Day**

***Confession of Sin**

P Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

(Self-examination)

C Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your mercy, seeking your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Promise of Grace**

Scripture Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

But when the right time finally came, God sent his own Son. He came as the son of a human mother and lived under the Jewish Law, **5** to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might become God's children. **6** To show that you are his children, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who cries out, "Father, my Father." **7** So then, you are no longer a slave but a child. And since you are his child, God will give you all that he has for his children.

Hymn of Praise #39 (LBW) – Joy to the World

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-23**

After they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph and said, "Herod will be looking for the child in order to kill him. So get up, take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you to leave." **14** Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and left during the night for Egypt, **15** where he stayed until Herod died. This was done to make come true what the Lord had said through the prophet, "I called my Son out of Egypt." **16** When Herod realized that the visitors from the East had tricked him, he was furious. He gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its neighborhood who were two years old and younger - this was done in accordance with what he had learned from the visitors about the time when the star had appeared. **17** In this way what the prophet Jeremiah had said came true: **18** "A sound is heard in Ramah, the sound of bitter weeping. Rachel is crying for her children; she refuses to be comforted, for they are dead." **19** After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt **20** and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go back to the land of Israel, because those who tried to kill the child are dead." **21** So Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went back to Israel. **22** But when Joseph heard that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as king of Judea, he was afraid to go there. He was given more instructions in a dream, so he went to the province of Galilee **23** and made his home in a town named Nazareth. And so what the prophets had said came true: "He will be called a Nazarene."

Sermon

Baptism Hymn – I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry (v. 1-3)

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Baptism Hymn with Presentation — Borning Cry (v. 4-7)

***Apostles' Creed**

***Prayers of the Church**

***Lord's Prayer**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #221 (LBW) – Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Blessing

Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



You are invited to use our QR code for online giving.
Offering is also received in the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Organist:	Brian Wick
Reader:	Theresa Anderson
Greeters:	Dale & Sherry Wirth
Ushers:	Barb Anderson & Aaron Johnson
Counters:	Hannah Eckwall & Tim Wyss
Fellowship Servers:	Jason & Kristin LaBeree

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who join in worship today, especially any visitors. Guests are invited to fill out the visitor slip so we can become better acquainted. Fellowship will follow worship in the hall.

Baptized into the family of God this morning is Ember Nash Gehl, daughter of Graydon Nelson & Lisa Gehl. Ember's sponsors are Trevor Morse & Finn Carey.

We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Levi Ramsey. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

2026 Offering Envelopes are now available: Please pick yours up today at the table in the entry. Please note: Individuals enrolled in online or automated giving will not receive offering envelopes unless requested.

Shopping cards for Nilssen's, True Value, and Kwik Trip are available every Sunday between services from the Lutheran Men in Mission for Christ. The men receive back a percentage of the sales for mission projects.

Our Daily Bread home devotionals are available to pick up in the entry. We invite you to share with a friend.

Snow Shoveling Volunteers are needed. Volunteers are asked to sign-up on the sheet at the back of worship for a week time slot. If it snows that week please remove all from the walkways as shown on the shoveling map with the sign-up.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT WORSHIP

**Sunday, January 4, 2026
10:00 AM**

*The groups to be featured include
the United Methodist Handbell Choir and
the First Evangelical Lutheran Church Vocal Choir.*

THIS WEEK

Today	11:00 AM-Fellowship 11:00 AM-Choir Practice
Monday	7:00 PM-Evening Grace Men & Women Bible Study
Tuesday	No Quilting
Wednesday	No Confirmation, High School Bible Study or Fellowship Meal
Thursday	NEW YEAR'S DAY <i>Church Office Closed</i>
Friday	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Saturday	7:00 AM-Men's Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship with Communion 9:30 AM-Fellowship 10:00 AM-Sunday School 10:00 AM-Christmas Concert Worship with Communion 11:00 AM-Fellowship