



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshipping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. The inner glasses on the tray are grape juice, the rest of the glasses are wine. Children who have not received Communion instruction should kneel at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

LBW – green hymnal **WOV** – blue hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and the Announcements

Order of Service

- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 77
- *Opening Hymn: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” **LBW 60**
- *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 78
- *This Is the Feast P. 81
- *Prayer of the Day
- Children’s Sermon
- First Reading 1 Kings 3:5,9-14

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?” ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you

have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

Psalm 119:97-104 (whole verse)

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Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

*Alleluia

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*Gospel

Luke 2:40-52

⁴⁰The child {Jesus} grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His

parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Sermon: "OUR FATHER" - Gospel

*Hymn of the Day: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"	<u>WOV 783</u>
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Closing Hymn: "Go tell It on the Mountain"

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*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude

THANK YOU, PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH,

Pastor, we have been blessed by having you as our interim Pastor for 428 days (through January 3, 2022). We have learned a lot about the Bible and you over this time. Many of us, would enjoy spending time with you to learn even more from you. You are a very active young man, and we know that you will keep busy. May God bless you on your next journey.



Please help us prepare for the Epiphany Season

We will need to take down the Christmas tree and decorations on Thursday, January 6th. We will then place Epiphany banners up. We will begin at 4pm, if you are available that would be VERY helpful!

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Sunday, 12/26: 25

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Chloe Schindler 1/1

Jean Bauer 1/3

Loraine Krabbe 1/5

Sara Haag 1/7

Brian Mielke 1/7

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Keith & Renee Krabbe 1/1/2017

John & Jo Boehmer 1/5/1992



Thank you for all of the cards, prayers and phones calls during my visit to the hospital for my foot. Charmaine Massey

Thank you for the cards and prayers after my sister, Harriet's passing. Chuck Huey



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes should have arrived at your home by now. If you have not received yours, please let Dianna know.

Today 1/2: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee after the service!
Annual Reports are due!

Monday 1/3: Justin Newberry's funeral, 11am. here.

Tuesday 1/4: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; distribution, 12-2pm.

Thursday 1/6: Worship & Music, 9:30am;

"Undecorate Church", 4pm, ALL are invited to help!

Confirmation Class with Pastor Tom Thorstad, 5:30pm;

Church Council, 7pm.

Saturday 1/8: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 1/9: Worship Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

- Justin Newberry, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd.

Visitation will be at Quiram-Olsen Funeral home on Sunday,

Jan. 2nd from 1:00-5:00pm. His funeral will be here at FLC on

Monday, Jan. 3rd at 11am.

May the promise of God's Resurrection bring peace to the family of Justin.

- Alexis, Jo Boehmer's relative, is 8 years old and has Covid. She is in isolation at home on her own.

- Bill Hutchins, son of June & Steve May is battling Covid. He is very ill.

- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Amy Blobaum, Abby (Pahnke) Bohn and Annelise Daab, Mark Boehmer's girlfriend.

- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.

- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Betty Paulsen, Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.

- Our new Pastor, Thomas Thorstad and family as they settle in.