### Daily Bible Readings

Sunday; Isaiah 6:1—7:9, 1 Peter 2:13-25 Monday; Isaiah 7:10—8:8, 1 Peter 3:1-22 Tuesday; Isaiah 8:9—9:7, 1 Peter 4:1-19 Wednesday; Isaiah 9:8—10:11, 1 Peter 5:1-14 Thursday; Isaiah 10:12-34, 2 Peter 1:1-21 Friday; Isaiah 11:1—12:6, 2 Peter 2:1-22 Saturday; Isaiah 14:1-23, 2 Peter 3:1-18 Sunday; Isaiah 24:1-13, 1 John 1:1—2:14

And Jesus answered them, "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only." Matthew 24:36 ESV.

### Measure of Our Stewardship

Budgetary Needs = Total budget divided by 52. The General Fund Receipts include Sunday through Saturday receipts. These amounts are not reconciled to any bank statement at the time of this publication.

GENERAL FUND INCOME		CHURCH ATTENDANCE	11/23/2025
Tuition Income:	\$	Worship Total	244
G/F Envelope Income	\$	Communed	73
Weekly Budgetary Need	\$ 25,052	Visitors	3
		Adult Bible Study	32
		Sunday School	27 \$3

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we are working through the business manager position and responsibilities.



### E-Giving for Members and Visitors

We thank all givers for supporting our mission with your gifts. For those who choose to give electronically, in just seconds you can make a donation. It allows you to give anytime and anywhere, donate to your favorite funds, Ways to e-Give: and make your gifts recurring.

- 1. Give on-line via: <a href="https://www.firstglencoe.org">www.firstglencoe.org</a>
- 2. Vanco Mobile Faith Download from the app store and search for First Ev. Lutheran.
- 3. Text \$ (your \$ amount) and "Give" to 855-976-9619. **NEW 4. Use the QR Code.** It is provided to the left.

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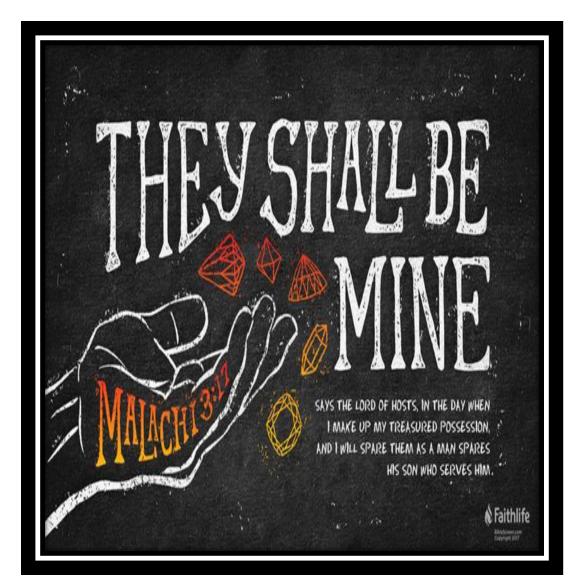
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## First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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## First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Divine Service: Setting 3, Page 184, Communion at Both Services

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**10:30 AM**~ 331, 515, 781, [622, 782, 348], 892

CREETERS 9:00 AAA. Kon 8 love

BIBLE READINGS

First Lesson~ Malachi 3:13 – 4:3
Epistle Reading~ Ephesians 3: 14 - 21

**Gospel~** Luke 21: 25 - 36

**Verses for the Day** ~ Selected verses from 2 Cor. 8–9

**SERMON** Pastor Dan Welch ~ Malachi 3:13 – 4:3 **SCREENS** "Christ's Return Empowers Joyful Stewardship"

DEACONS

**8:00 AM~** Leonard Donnay, David Polzin **10:30 AM~** Jason Oelfke, Justin Petterson

**ORGANIST** Mr. Rick Grieger

GREETERS 8:00 AM~ Ken & Joyce Schiroo
10:30 AM~ Nolan Dammann

PA / SOUND 8:00 AM~ Lynn Exsted

10:30 AM~ Grady Schuft

**CAMERA** either 10:30 AM ~ Robert Schuft

8:00 AM~ Amy Welch
10:30 AM~ Rebekah Welch

FACEBOOK LIVE either 8 AM or 10:30~

FELLOWSHIP HOUR - Church Council

ACOLYTES 8:00 AM~Priya Wisch, Cambel Lang

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANTS – Melissa Cisewski,

10:30 AM~Nolan Dammann, William Horton

Laura Schmalz

<u>CABLE TV, CHANNEL 10</u> Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. and Fridays, 5:30 p.m.

#### Church Screens Update:

Today is the last Sunday in the sermon series from Malachi. With this series are special sermon screens to help highlight the message. Because of the special sermon screens, there WILL be screens today. Sorry for any confusion.

#### INCLUDED IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

-- Family and Friends of Keith Horton who went home to be with the Lord last week. Services will be on Saturday, December 13 at 2:00 p.m. Blessed are those who die in the Lord!

Arlyce Grack, Bob Hallowell (Father of Megan Polzin) who has cancer, Howard Hoecke, Marlys Hoecke, Doris Jungclaus, Shirley Krienke, Kali Marshall (11-year-old daughter of Angela Templin-Marshall and Tony Marshall) who is undergoing chemo for leukemia and lives in Panama City, FL; Laurie Meyer (Twin Sister of Linda Donnay), Joanne Samuelson, Braelynn Schrunk (Great-Granddaughter of Gayle Schwarze) who has leukemia, Ashley Smith (Cousin of Danielle Petterson) who has cancer, Randee Petterson (Mother of Justin Petterson), Earl VonBerge

### First Lutheran Weekly Schedule

Sunday, November 30

8:00 AM - Divine Service with Communion

9:00 AM – Fellowship Time

9:15 AM – Education Hour

10:30 AM - Divine Service with Communion

\* 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month: **YES!** Screens, Common Cup offered at both services \*

Monday, December 1

1:00 PM - Quilt Tying

1:30 PM – Lutheran Women in Mission

6:30 PM - Trustees

6:30 PM – Young Adult Bible Study

7:00 PM – Voters Assembly

Tuesday, December 2

Giving Tuesday

9:00 AM – Women's Bible Study

1:15 PM – Staff Meeting

4:00 PM – Altar Guild

4:45 PM – Stewardship

7:00 PM – Women's Bible Study

7:00 PM - Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 3

3:30 PM – Public School Catechism

5:30 to 6:45 PM – Soup, Salad, Sandwich Bar

6:00 PM - Senior Choir

7:00 PM - Advent 1 Service

Thursday, December 4

8:10 AM - Chapel

6:00 PM - Deacons

Friday, December 5

4:00 to 6:00 PM - Cookie Drop Off

Saturday, December 6

9 AM to 12:30 PM –Craft, Quilt, & Bake Sale

Sunday, December 7

8:00 AM - Divine Service with Communion,

9:00 AM - Fellowship Time

9:15 AM - Education Hour

10:30 AM – Divine Service

11:30 AM – Evangelism

6:30 PM - IMPACT

# Quarterly Voters Assembly Monday, December 1, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Giving Tuesday is Tuesday, Dec. 2nd -

Check out the Nov. or Dec. newsletter for a list of the day's events.

#### General Church Announcements

#### **SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!**

If you are visiting with us today at First Lutheran, please stop by one of the Welcome Centers on your way out. The Board of Evangelism has gift bags for all! God's blessings on your week and please come back again soon!

#### CHILDREN IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Located at the sanctuary entrances, there are English and Spanish Children's Bibles, Noah's Ark busy bags (actually backpacks), and a sensory bag (puzzle backpack). You are invited to use these during the Divine Service, as well as the Children's Bulletins, Children's Devotional Books, and Children's Pew Cards.

#### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We invite you to come to our Sunday morning Bible classes at 9:15 during Education Hour. Our current Bible study is about the Gospel and the importance of keeping it front and center in all we do as the church. We'll see how Scripture defines the Gospel which we are to proclaim, we'll contend with the truth that our message sounds like foolishness (sometimes even to ourselves), we'll see how the apostles proclaimed it in the Book of Acts, and we'll talk about the church's ongoing task of spreading the Good News.

#### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Matthew 21:3 – "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: the blessing it is to us to be of service in the Lord's Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals! Please check out ways you can give of your Time, Talents, and Treasures here at First Lutheran.

#### **PASTORAL VISITS**

If you or a close family member would like to be visited by one of our pastors, and / or have a communion visit, please contact the church office at 320.864.5522 and we would be happy to schedule a visit.



#### 1<sup>ST</sup> LUTHERAN YOUTUBE PAGE

Here is the link to the YouTube page https://www.youtub e.com/@1stGlencoe /videos.

## Other Important Announcements

<u>HELP NEEDED:</u> FLS Future Flames committee's 2nd annual ice fishing tournament on Lake Waconia is 1/17/2026. We need volunteers to prep/plow the day before and for registration and food sales the day of the tournament. For more info contact



<u>flsfutureflames@outlook.com</u> or talk to Shauna Gruber, Linda Donnay, Petterson, Rich Streufert or Skyler Johnson.

<u>Church Poinsettias</u> Congregational members are welcome to share their poinsettias for church display during the Christmas season. Please mark your plant with your name so it can be returned to you.



#### **Business Manager Position**

We continue to look for our next Business Manager. Please help by continuing to:

- ☐ talk to members who you think might be a good candidate
- share those names with the church office
- contact the church office if you are interested and to obtain a copy of the job description
- prayerfully consider this position and include the filling of this position with God's optimal candidate, in your prayers.

We are looking for a committed follower of Jesus who demonstrates strong financial acumen, has background and experience in accounting/bookkeeping, and administrative skills to assist our Boards and other team members.

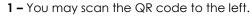
#### **Photo Submission Deadline**

If you plan to submit a photo for the Church Directory, please bring a paper copy to the church office or email a copy to the church office by **December 31, 2025**. Please remember that there is a **\$15 handling fee** for Universal Church Directories. Call 864 – 5522 for questions.



### **Pictorial Directory Update**

Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> is currently the last day we have and it is booked. If you would still like to try to have your picture taken, cancellations do come up. Otherwise, you can call the church office and we will put your name on a list. If we have enough people wanting another date, Church Universal Directories will provide another date for us.



- **2 –** Go to Universal Church Directories on-line.
- 3 Call the church office at 864 5522.

Use Church Code - MN606 and Password - photos.

## First Lutheran Church & School Events



### **Advent 1 Service**

Wed., Dec. 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Youth Advent Meal 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. Soup, Salad, and Sandwich Bar



## Advent 2 Service CHORAL CONCERT

Wed., Dec. 10, 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group Summer Mission Trip Advent Meal

> 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. Taco Bar



## Advent 3 Service CHORAL CONCERT

Wed., Dec. 17, 7:00 p.m.

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Advent Meal

5:30 – 6:45 p.m. Pizza & Desserts



Tuesday, December 2, 2025



Men's & Women's Bible Studies

Tue., Dec. 2, Women's Studies 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Tue., Dec. 2, Men's Bible Studies 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

#### Second Trimester FLS Chapel Offerings

Our second trimester chapel offerings are going to fund Gospel Adventures. This is a program of Lutheran Hour Ministries that shows the different methods and opportunities Christians worldwide use to share the Good News. A main feature of Gospel Adventures is the opportunity for kids in the United States to help raise funds that directly support children in other regions. Since 2012, kid donors have given around \$300,000 to Lutheran Hour Ministries' Global Kids Fund that supports kidcentered ministry efforts around the world.

This trimester our gifts will fuel programs for youth in Mongolia and elsewhere that are designed to share the Gospel with those who have not yet heard it. The ministry hosts vacation Bible school, youth gatherings, and workshops, provides holistic outreach to youth in need, and develops a variety of age-appropriate resources that teach about Jesus and offer biblically-based guidance.

#### **Upcoming Altar Guild Meetings**

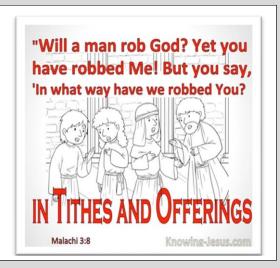
Tue., Dec. 2, 2025 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Decorating for Christmas



followed by AG meeting

<> Please bring a snack to share.

## Last one of Sermon Series - Book of Malachi - Week 4



## Malachi: Using God's Gifts for God's Glory

What do you know about the book of Malachi? That it's the last book in the Old Testament? Anything else? Probably not. And you're not alone. Few Christians have ever studied Malachi.

So why spend four weeks on such a little-known book of the Bible? Simple. The book of Malachi announces the Good News of God's covenant election and the coming Messiah to give believers the power to manage God's gifts for God's glory.

How often does apathy get in the way of our walk with Jesus? Apathy is a compound of two Greek words that literally means, "No passion." We all know the feeling—the days when our get up and go has got up and went. Then what happens? We don't manage God's gifts—especially His gifts of money and investments—for His glory and the spread of His Gospel.

#### **Today's Theme:**

Sometimes the journey gets long, doesn't it? The hike gets tough.

And, so we stop hiking.
We sit down and refuse to budge;
especially when it comes to managing
our money for Christ and his Church.

Today Malachi directs us to remember who we are and where we are going.

**For this Sunday:** Read Malachi 3:13–4:3 and answer these questions:

- 1. Describe these two groups.
- 2. What are their destinies?
- 3. When Christ returns, how will these verses be fulfilled for you?

### <u>Prayer of the Day</u>

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive us that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

## Sharing Your Time. Talents, and Treasures

#### MARY MARTHA ALTAR GUILD

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer at church? The Altar Guild can use your Time, Talent, and Treasures! We encourage and welcome members of the congregation to join the Altar Guild at any time. If you see us working after the worship services, we invite you to join us and see what we are up to.

Our motto of service has remained the same for 70+ years: "Let all things be done decently and in order." 1 Corinthians 14:40 We prepare the altar, set up for Communion and Baptisms for our church services, and occasionally decorate the church for holidays. We will provide training; no special talents required ~ just a willingness to share your Time, Talent, and Treasures. You work one month out of the year with 2 other members. We meet as a group four times between Sept and May (Sept, Nov or Dec, Jan, and May).

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Charleen Engelmann, or leave a message with the church office.

## First Lutheran School Future Flames Committee

Sunday, December 7 6:30 p.m.

\* We are looking for Volunteers. Please let us know if you would like to help!





## Usher Sign-up

Usher Sign-up for Special Services are now available on the Master Sign-up Genius.

Coming Soon – the regular Sundays.

Please check it out!

MASTER SIGN-UP GENIUS Please use the QR code to the right to volunteer for most areas of service which help for a smooth delivery of the Divine Service. This includes Greeters, Acolytes, Screens, Live Streaming, Camera, Sound, and Fellowship Hour.

\* You may also call the church office at 864 – 5522 and we can sign you up, as well. \*

