

First Lutheran Church
★ Christmas Cantata

*All is
Well*

by Michael Barrett and David Angerman

Sunday, December 8

9:30 AM



Second Sunday of Advent

First Lutheran Church
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PRELUDE AND BELLS

AS WE GATHER

(With music and song we celebrate the Savior's birth. Today's message is presented by the choir of First Lutheran Church. Welcome to God's house today!)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of righteousness, refine and purify our lives through the power of your Holy Spirit so that we might boldly and faithfully prepare the way for the coming of your Son, Jesus, our Savior and Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

L: Fire may burn, fire may destroy, but it also gives warmth and light. The coming of Christ is both a day of judgment and a day of promise. Two candles, flickering brightly, help us remember that the coming of Christ may mean judgment or promise.

C: **“Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky”** (Psalm 85:10-11).

The first two candles are lit as we sing: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel Verse 2

**Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.**

L: Light two candles; see them glow,
Brightly, so that all may know
How two candles show the way
Making our darkness bright as God's day.

C: **"Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky."** (Psalm 85:11)

Together We Pray: Dear God, we have much to do and may easily find ourselves unprepared for the day of your coming. In Advent's light, help us to see what is important: to be who you want us to be, and to do what you would have us do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We sing: Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel Verse 5

Oh, come, O Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way the leads on high, And close the path to misery.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.**

OFFERINGS ARE RECEIVED

OFFERTORY PRAYER

C: Loving God, we give you thanks for the generous gifts you have first given us. May that which we offer to you, come joyfully from our hearts and be pleasing in your sight. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

CANTATA

All is Well

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All is Well (Prelude)

*Prepare Ye the Way
(with “Shout to the North”)*

*O Savior of Our Fallen Race
Soloist – Jesslyn Hall*

Promises of Isaiah

*Breath of Heaven (Mary’s Song)
Soloist – Gwen Hall*

*Here I am to Worship
(with “O come, All Ye Faithful”)*

*One King
Soloist – Sarah Rosenquist*

Light of the Stable

All is Well

Director: Randy Hall
Narrator: Dewey Oster

Sopranos

Kathy Farstad
Jesslyn Hall
Kristi Jaeger
Val Swanson
Sue Winter

Tenors

Mac Beaudry
Kelly Richard
Rick Richard

Altos

Gwen DeMontigny
Gwen Hall
Theresa Petersen
LeAnn Richard
Sarah Rosenquist
Linda Zeller

Basses

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Our Mission

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

Welcome to all who have come to worship.

Welcome to worship at First Lutheran Church as we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming Messiah.

Visitors

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today and ask that you sign our guest book in the narthex.

Nursery

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

Thank you for your giving

Wednesday, November 27th, Attendance – 32

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$680.00

Sunday, December 1st, Attendance – 175

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$15,751.00

Hearing Assist

First Lutheran has hearing assist systems to be used during the worship services. If you feel you could benefit from this or want to try it, please see the ushers in the narthex.

Pastoral Care

Please call Pastor Paul (701-240-4712) or the church office (701-462-3775) if you or a loved one are in the hospital or know you will be going to the hospital. The church does not get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name. We want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

This week we pray for:

This Week's New Prayer Requests: Roger Holznagel

Prayers of Christian Sympathy:

Long Term prayer requests:

Members: Alton Krebsbach, Howard Johnson, Karen Goehring

* The person in parenthesis is who the person is related to or friends of. Please feel free to ask these individuals how best you can pray for their family/friend.

This month we pray for:

Members: Bob Weisgarber, Joan Zimmerman

Friends & Family:

This Quarter we pray for:

Members and Nonmembers: Corrine Kerzmann (Donna Gunderson), Marion Narum (Peggy Moran), Ty Brown (Jody & Nicole Brown), Alice Richard, Jackie Olson

Military Prayer and Card List

We pray for the Men & Women in our Military who protect our country, especially those assigned to serve overseas or away from home.

- **Members of First Lutheran on Active Duty in the Military and the National Guard:**
 - SGT Bryce Rost – Army National Guard
 - SPC Olivia Retterath – National Guard - Deployed
 - SPC Cassidy Sommer – National Guard
 - SGT Jonathan Melvard – Army National Guard
- **Friends and Family on Active Duty in the Military and in the National Guard:**
 - SGT Dustin Enockson – National Guard
 - Emily Johnson – Air Force
 - Bryar Anderson – Marines
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 - Hunter Feigum – National Guard
 - Morris Duffy – Medical Air Guard
 - Adam Walsvik – National Guard
 - SGT Tom Heidelberg – Army
 - 2LT Tony Heidelberg – Air Force

Notice of Prayer List Policy

We have a monthly/quarterly prayer list cycle. When you add someone to our prayer list the request will remain on our monthly list for four weeks and then be removed. If you would like to have the request moved to our quarterly list, please contact the office and the request will be added to our “This Quarter we pray for:” list for the next three months. Please help us keep our prayer list current by communicating updates to the office at 701-462-3775. Thank you all for your faithful prayers for all of God’s people.

Large Print Bulletins

We have large print bulletins for those wanting or needing larger print. Ask the ushers for one.

Thank You

Thank you, First Lutheran Choir for your performance of All is Well. Also Randy Hall for directing the choir and Dewey Oster for narrating the cantata and leading worship.

Sunday School Christmas Programs

Next Sunday, December 15th, the 9:30 am worship service will be the Sunday School Christmas program. Following the service the Sunday School will be serving special treats during fellowship/coffee hour.

Confirmation Meals

We are still looking for people to serve confirmation meals on **January 8th, and February 19th**. **Contact the church office at flc@westriv.com, Melissa Rothe at fly@westriv.com to sign up for one of the meals or sign up on the sheet in the narthex!** The kids (and adults) enjoy the meals and talking with the various servers! Thank you to everyone who has already served this year!

2025 Offering Envelopes

The 2025 offering envelopes are in the narthex. Please pick yours up to use next year. If you don’t see one for yourself and would like one, please talk to Jeannette.

Poinsettias

It's that time of year again to decorate the church with Poinsettias. First Lutheran has purchased 30 poinsettias from Frontier Floral to decorate our poinsettia tree at a cost of \$18.00 each. If you would like to purchase one, please fill out a form that is in the narthex or your December newsletter. Bring the form and \$18.00 for each to the church office no later than noon on Thursday, December 19th. You are also welcome to purchase your own some other place, fill out a form and bring it to the church office by December 19th. As of the printing of this bulletin there are still 9 poinsettias left to be spoken for.

Advent Devotions

There are advent devotions from NALC and LCMC on the table in the narthex for you to use during the advent season.

Connections Magazine

The November/December issue of *Connections* is in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy today to read updates on LCMC, NALC and other interesting articles.

Our Daily Bread and Portals of Prayer

The December/January/February issue of *Our Daily Bread* and the October - December 2024 issue of *Portals of Prayer* are in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy to use with your daily devotions.

COMMUNITY AND AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⇒ Washburn School is looking for families that would like to host students on storm days when they can't make it home from school. If you would be interested in hosting, please contact Megan Leingang at the school 701-462-3221.
- ⇒ Washburn Baptist Church invites you to their **Mother-Daughter Christmas Tea** on December 8th at 5:00 pm. Title is "Fill My Cup, Lord". Music by Brittany Lasher Price from Center. A light meal will be served. There is no cost, tickets or fees. Just come and enjoy the music and decorations of the season. A freewill offering will be taken and regifted to programs in our community.

COMMUNITY AND AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

- ⇒ **Holiday Gift Wrapping Party** at Washburn United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 15th, from 1-4 pm. Let's celebrate the season and get our wrapping done together! Bring your presents and paper, enjoy Christmas music, snacks, and fun with friends as you leisurely wrap your presents.
- ⇒ **Nativity Walk** on Sunday, December 15th, at 7:00 pm at Washburn United Methodist Church. Bring a special nativity and share its story. Enjoy hearing the history of the nativity and singing Christmas songs!



Giving of Gifts

First Lutheran Church is working hand in hand with Washburn Public School to help fill the Cardinal Community Pantry. Please bring any of the following items by Sunday, December 15th to lay under our Christmas Tree to help our local families in need!

Most Needed Items

- Deodorant (boys and girls)
- Sanitary Napkins
- Tampons
- Easy Mac
- Cup O'Noodles
- BoBo PB&J Sandwiches
- Individual Snacks
- Jerky/Meat Sticks
- Applesauce/Yogurt Pouches
- Protein Bars
- Instant Microwavable Meals

Other Welcomed Items

- Individual packs of Oatmeal
- Individual chips or Veggie Straws
- Individual packs of cereal
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Non refrigerated meals
- Microwavable Popcorn
- Microwavable Rice

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	9:30 AM	Worship – Cantata
	10:30 AM	Fellowship/Coffee Hour
	10:45 AM	Sunday School Fireside Bible Study
	1:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Parent Free Time – Mission Trip Fundraiser
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting
MON.	10:00 AM	Chat & Sew Quilting
TUES.	8:00 AM	Men’s Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Mommy’s Group
WED.	9:30 AM	Friendship Bible Study
	5:30 PM	Confirmation Meal
	6:15 PM	Confirmation 10-12 Grade FLY
	7:00 PM	Choir
	7:45 PM	7-9 Grade FLY
SUN.	9:30 AM	Worship – Sunday School Program
	10:30 AM	Fellowship/Coffee Hour
	10:45 AM	<u>NO</u> Sunday School Fireside Bible Study
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting

Listening for the Promise

Sola Publishing – Weekly Devotions

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“But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?”

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.”

- Malachi 3:2 -

Pure and Clean

What does Christmas look like? To the world it is Christmas trees and Santa Clause and perhaps even a nativity scene here or there. It is “Joy to the World” and “Silent Night” but how does that line up with scriptures like the prophecy from Malachi that foretells John’s coming as a witness and messenger to prepare for the coming of the Lord. John doesn’t bring a happy story or the expectation of a silent night. Instead, Malachi warns that the coming of the Lord will be sudden and that He will come like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. The Lord’s coming will mean transformation and cleansing.

The image of the refiner’s fire is harsh and distant. It takes extreme heat to refine metals, it is almost unbearable even for the refiner. Though the refiner must remain close to the metal while it refines, he does not become actively involved in the refining. The fire does all the work. On the other hand, the launderer is thoroughly involved with the cleansing of a garment, handling each item with special care, scrubbing when necessary. These two images show us that our God is both distant, refining with fire, but also very near, intimately involved with our very souls. He cleanses out the impurities in ways that might seem harsh, but He also does so in ways that are gentle.

When the refiner is finished and the launderer is done, the finished product is pure and clean. The same is true of the work God does in our life, and yet we never seem to be complete. The reality is that though Christ finished the work of salvation, we are continually refined and cleansed by our God until that day when Christ comes again. We look forward during Advent to the beauty of Christmas and long for the peace and joy that comes with the child in the manger, but Malachi reminds us that something even greater is to come. We wait for Christ the King who will transform and cleanse us for eternity.