

***Prayer after Communion**

Pastor: Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all the people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. C: Amen.

***Blessing**

Pastor: The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit + remain upon you now and forever. C: Amen

***Closing Hymn:** Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers LBW 25

***Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace. Keep awake. C: Thanks be to God.
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Please keep the following in your prayers:
Ida Kerch Dave Lamar Elzy Pauley Carolyn Pinos Ava Stancovich Gini Gray
Carson Berkheimer

Prayers are asked for the family of Vic Schaffranek.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
We welcome Jack Seymore, Lay Minister for the ELCA to lead us in worship this morning.

Today—Congregational meeting to approve budget for 2024 and to vote on council members. Copy of budget is in bulletin.

December—4 Council meeting at 6:30 pm.

December 17— Items for the newsletter are due to Sharon Cordwell or Becky Canavan. Items may be placed in their mailboxes in the back of the church.

December 17—CORRECTION: We will be decorating the church for Christmas December 17th. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated, We will NOT be lighting the tree or candles until the Christmas Eve Service on December 24th at 7:00 pm.

December 17—Installation of new council members.

December 24—Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 pm.
If anyone is in need of Pastoral care, please call the Allegheny Synod office to make arrangements at (814) 942-1042.
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First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023
First Lutheran Church (814) 736-3662
Worship Sundays at 9:00 am



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Communion Hospitality
Lutheran Christians believe Christ is truly present in his supper. By faith we receive his Body and Blood “in, with, and under” the forms: of bread and wine for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. All baptized Christians who desire to receive Jesus in his sacrament, are welcome to commune.

Tall and small candles are given to the Glory of God.

Setting II

***= Stand** *(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

*Confession and Forgiveness

Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.

God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all. **C: Amen**

***Sermon**

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