First English Lutheran Church

First Sunday after Christmas | December 31,  2023 at 9:30 a.m.

**Welcome** to all guests and members to worship this morning at First English Lutheran Church. We use the Lutheran Book of Worship for worship – beginning on page. 77 for our *Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness* and then following Setting Two beginning on page 78 for the *Kyrie*. If you are interested in learning more about First English or becoming a member, please speak with the Pastor, ushers, or fill out a visitor card found in the pew and deposit it in our offering plate.

**The Lord’s Supper** is celebrated at First English Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, *as He says*, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who are baptized, trust His words, repent of all sin, and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation [Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34]. Please speak with Pr. Guthmiller prior to worship if you have any questions, or if you are new to First English Lutheran Church and desire to receive the Sacrament.

**Offering and Attendance - December 24, 2023**

**Weekly Offering:** $5,141 **| Attendance:** 236 (3 services)

**Monthly:** $17,441 of $29,746 goal

**YTD:** $194,052.66

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**Thank you for your generous support of First English Lutheran Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

*Why do we confess the Nicene Creed today*? The Christmas season is a  celebration of our Lord's birth. We give special attention to the 2nd Article of the Creed and Christ's saving work for us: "We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God…”

**Sunday, December 31st** |9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship | No Sunday School

**Wednesday, January 3rd** |1:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study

No Confirmation or Youth Group

**Thursday, January 4th** | 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi - Luther Hall

**Sunday, January 7th** |9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship | 10:30 a.m. Sunday School

**Announcements**

**The flowers** are given today by Orville and Corliss Wiebers in memory of Rhonda Wiebers.

**Thank you** for providing poinsettias: Michael & Carolyn Carlson in memory of Samantha; American Bank & Trust; and Dindot-Klusman Funeral Home.

The **Ministry of the Month** for December is Joy Ranch. Their mission is to help challenged individuals get a chance to connect with horses. Typical recipients include foster children to those with life-altering conditions, disabilities, or diseases.

**Prayer Requests:** Christopher Engel-King (Carolyn Randel’s great grandson, serving in Iraq), Sherry Oakland,Aaron Ford family, Verlyss Jacobson, Tony Gayken, Abbie Thoreson (Carolyn Gulbrandson’s great niece), Kim Hanson (Carolyn Gulbrandson’s sister-in-law), Kevin Schoffelman, Angela Schuyler, Dennis Weeldreyer (Laura Stoffer’s father), Jim Jibben, Albert Iken, Marin Bultena, Geri Monson, Bob Boe, Trinity Drake, and Robert Jungen.

There are a few **large print bulletins with hymns** available on the table by the newsletters for anyone who may need one for worship.

Our First English Lutheran Church **Semi-Annual meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 14th following worship in Luther Hall. Please plan to attend.

Families assigned for serving the **Month of January** are Allen Bolte, Pierce Crevier, Wayne Fischer, Verlyss Jacobson, Joel Laumer, Kent Plimpton, Courtney Rust, Helen Stack, Harold Timmerman, Byron Youngquist, Logan Fitzpatrick, Ryan Renz, Luke Bachmann, and Marilyn Hoelscher. Please sign up on the sheets in the hallway across from Pastor’s office for whatever weeks will work for you to provide/serve treats & coffee, usher, and lay lector.