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# SIGNS *of* CHRISTMAS

*signs of*

JOY

*in our discouragement*

**SUNDAY • DECEMBER 13 • ISAIAH 40:1-11**

**December 13, 2020: Celebration Worship**  
**Third Sunday of Advent: Signs of Christmas - JOY**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**SONG:** Christmas Hallelujah

**SONG:** God With Us

**QUIET TIME**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:**

*Dear Lord,  
As the winter comes upon us, I confess my outlook has turned gray, my attitude bitter, and my demeanor frosty. My love for my neighbor has gone cold. I've turned from others and from You. Today I am reminded that joy is a choice. Joy is an attitude. Joy is not a feeling, but a decision. Remind me that despite negative circumstances, I can still choose joy. I cannot always avoid pain and suffering, but I can avoid joy. Help me to choose the joy, peace and love that only you can provide. Amen.*

**SONG:** Oh, Holy Night

**OFFERING:**

*Thank you for your new or continued generosity towards God's mission at First Lutheran Church. While we worship online, our stewardship continues. Offerings can be mailed to the church office and we also encourage you to use our online giving and texting options. Please reference the back page of the worship bulletin for more information or visit our website.*

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 9:2a, 6; 11:6b

**SECOND READING:** Isaiah 40:1-11

**MESSAGE:** Pastor Marty Tollefson

**SONG:** Joy to the World

**PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**BLESSING/BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG:** Holy is the Lord

***Worship has ended. Now service begins.***



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# Winter Coat Ministry

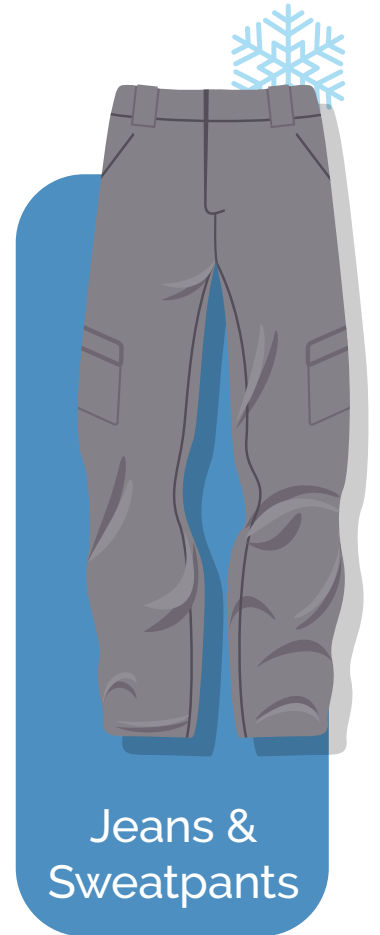
For many years, First Lutheran has partnered with local agencies supporting those in need in our community by supplying winter coats and apparel.



Men & Women's  
Winter Coats

Greatest need: L, XL, XXL

## KEY PARTNERS



Jeans &  
Sweatpants

Donations can be  
dropped off at  
the church.

Please call the church  
701.235.7389 or email  
[info@flcfargo.org](mailto:info@flcfargo.org) to  
arrange a convenient  
drop off time.



Men's & Women's  
Shoes &  
Boots



ski type  
Gloves





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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Community Outreach Volunteers Needed

The homeless shelter community is seeking individuals who would be willing to connect with COVID-19 positive homeless residents via telephone on a daily basis through their quarantine period. These residents have been housed in isolation and have minimal if any contact with others. Please contact Polly Kloster, RN, Faith Community Nurse at FLC, [pkloster@flcfargo.org](mailto:pkloster@flcfargo.org), or 701.235.7389, if you are interested in reaching out through this ministry.

### Care Bag Outreach Ministry Opportunity

The FLC Health Ministry Committee has assembled Care Bags to be distributed to parishioners in need. Each bag is filled with a variety of items to provide spiritual support and encouragement. This is especially important during our pandemic break from in-person worship and ministry. If you know someone who could use extra encouragement and support at this time, contact Polly Kloster, RN, Faith Community Nurse at FLC, [pkloster@flcfargo.org](mailto:pkloster@flcfargo.org), or 701.235.7389, to pick up a bag for delivery or to request a delivery. We would love to extend this support to as many people as possible through this outreach ministry!

**SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS**

*The four weeks of Advent are a time to prepare for the coming of the Christ-child. Join us as we turn our hearts and attention to the SIGNS that lead us to the meaning of Christmas.*

*This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.*

LUKE 2:12

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During the COVID-19/Coronavirus response, in-person worship at First Lutheran Church is suspended. However, we will broadcast worship on radio, television and online as noted below. Please join us for worship to praise Jesus and to stay connected as a faith community.



## ONLINE STREAMING

### ([flcfargo.org](http://flcfargo.org) & Facebook):

- Traditional Worship, Sundays, 9 a.m.
- Contemporary Worship, Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
- Face-to-Face Worship, Wednesdays, 6 p.m.



## TELEVISION:

- Fargo channels, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.; and Sundays 1:30 p.m. (Midco 68, Sparklight 1068)
- Moorhead channels, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; and Sundays 5 p.m. (Midco 99, Sparklight 69)



## RADIO:

- Sundays, 9 a.m., WDAY 970 AM and 93.1 FM

## SUPPORT FIRST LUTHERAN MINISTRIES:



**ONLINE GIVING:** [www.flcfargo.org](http://www.flcfargo.org) (click "Donate Now" in the quick links)



**TEXT TO GIVE:** Text 701.354.1495 with the dollar amount you would like to give



**MAIL A CHECK:** 619 Broadway, Fargo, ND 58102

## PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE:

We as God's people believe in the power of prayer. Please pray for the following who have asked to be prayed for publicly: *Fran Nelson, Jordan Nettum, Mark Nettum, Michelle Reitan, Brenda Cummins, Amy Carey, Kathy Otheim, Jim Frisk, Gail Zimprich, Dewey Nielsen, Clark Hoffman, Peggy Isakson, Steve Brown, Kaity and George.*

The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **Milton Lakness**, brother of Joanne Drenkow; **Robert Buresh**, father of Diane Harrison; and **Alma Eggert**, mother of Jodi Hatlen.

## CONTACT US:

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