



# First Evangelical Lutheran Church and School

~ Lutheran Church Missouri Synod ~  
"Sharing Christ, Changing Lives"

## AS WE GATHER

The Lord persists. He speaks, we listen; by faith, we are able to respond. Samuel is roused from his sleep repeatedly and is finally encouraged to respond, "Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears." Jesus bids Philip to follow, and he does. Jesus claims to have known Nathanael, and in turn Nathanael confesses that Jesus is the Son of God. We too can only be responsive to God's will once we have heard His Word and believe.

**Visitors**, thank you for being here today and please fill out a welcome card found in the cardholder slot in your pew.

You may tear off the top portion to keep, and place the bottom in the offering plate.

**Members**, please use these cards only to notify the Church Office of any changes or needs. Thank you.

**Blue Binders in the pews** are for signing in for Communion only.

### Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 | Second Sunday after Epiphany

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**ORGANIST:** Paul Otte

#### ♪ HYMNS

**8:00 AM** #590, 405, 394

**10:30 AM** #590, 405, [637, 396, 589, 830], 394

#### SERMON "The Elevator to Heaven"

John 1:43-51 ~Pastor Daniel Welch

#### BIBLE READINGS:

Old Testament Lesson – 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Epistle Lesson – 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel Lesson – John 1:43-51

#### DEACONS:

**8:00 AM** – Lars Ide, Dave Aul

**10:30 AM** – Brian Witte, Fritz Schulz, Roger Schmidt

#### ACOLYTES:

**8:00 AM** – Zachary Dahlke, Paris Stradtman

**10:30 AM** – Abigale Boetel, Mariah Wendolek

#### CABLE TV, CHANNEL 10:

Wednesdays 6:30 PM | Fridays 5:30 PM

#### INCLUDED IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

-- Donna Schade

-- Rebecca Wagner, a National domestic missionary working with the University Lutheran Chapel "Together in Missions"

-- The family and friends of Lorna Shanahan whose funeral was here on Monday. Blessed are those that die in the Lord! Flowers are placed in her memory.

--Roman Andrew Schmalz, son of Brent & Laura Schmalz, who we welcome into God's family here at First Lutheran through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 10:30AM service. May God bless you and keep you in the palm of His hand!

#### FELLOWSHIP TIME:

Jan. 14 – Trustees

Jan. 28 – Trustees

Jan. 21 – Trustees

Feb. 4 – Men's Club

There are still dates available for serving fellowship time. Contact the church office if you are interested!

### This Week at First Lutheran

**Sun. Jan. 14** 8:00 AM – Divine Service  
9:00 AM – Fellowship: Trustees  
9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
10:30 AM – Divine Service with Communion  
7:00 PM – NYG Meeting

**Mon. Jan. 15** FLS – No School

**Tues. Jan. 16** 9:30 AM – Bible Study  
1:00 PM – Staff Meeting  
3:00-5:00 PM – Tweens  
6:30 PM – Financial Peace  
7:00 PM – Men's Network  
7:00 PM – Christian Ed

**Wed. Jan. 17** 3:15 PM – Christ Chimes  
3:30 PM - 4:45 PM – Public School Catechism  
6:15 PM – Gospel Ringers  
6:15 PM – Senior Choir

**Thurs. Jan. 18** 8:10 AM – FLS Chapel (Mrs. Scheele)  
6:30 PM – Church Council

**Sun. Jan. 21** 8:00 AM – Divine Service with Communion  
9:00 AM – Fellowship: Trustees  
9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
10:30 AM – Divine Service (FLS All School Choir)  
6:30-8:00 PM – I.M.P.A.C.T.



**COMMUNION POLICY:** We believe that the Lord's Supper is a Sacrament in which Christ's Body and Blood are given in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:26-28). When we receive Holy Communion at a church, we show that we agree with the faith that is taught there (1 Cor. 10:14-18). St. Paul cautions us about receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in an unworthy manner (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, we invite to Holy Communion those who have received instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church and who agree with the confession of faith as taught in the LCMS. If you are not a member of an LCMS church, we kindly ask that you speak to one of the pastors.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS are available at all services of Holy Communion for those in need of them. Please see a Pastor or a Deacon before the service to let them know of your request.

"NON-ALCOHOLIC" WINE is available at all services of Holy Communion in the center of each communion tray.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:** 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the Kingdom of the Father – and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty, and faith.

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Join us today and every Sunday morning at 9:15 AM in the fellowship center. Pastor Adelsen is leading a Bible Study called "The Truth about Islam." With more than a billion adherents worldwide, Islam is only second to Christianity in terms of size and geographic spread. Despite this, most Christians in the United States and Canada have a limited understanding of Islam. More importantly, few Christians feel equipped to share the Gospel with the Muslims they meet. This study will help you gain a better understanding of Islam and how it relates to the Christian faith.

