

LESSONS and CAROLS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m.

December 19, 2021



First Lutheran Church
1234 SW Fairlawn Road
Topeka, Kansas

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10:00 A.M.

December 19, 2021

Before worship, talk to God. During worship, let God talk to you. After worship, talk to your fellow worshipper.

Worship begins with the music of the organ.

Through its power and brilliance may you feel the majesty of God; in its quietness His peace.

PRELUDE: "Adoration"

(Felix Borowski)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

A: We sing of God's mercy and grace shown to all generations.

C: We praise God's constant and never-ending love and faithfulness.

A: We rejoice that God's promise of an anointed one—the Messiah—is about to be fulfilled.

C: O come, O come, Emmanuel—God with us—forever!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Slow us down, patient God, so we may see deeply your truth in these bustling days.

C: Help us face the ways we cover up our emptiness with fancy gifts. Hold us gently when we discover how we give presents when only our presence really matters.

P: Grant us moments to praise you like the shepherds, ponder you like Mary and listen to your dream messages like Joseph. Let us begin now. In the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

INVOCATION

P: God of the darkened night, God of the morning light, come to us again. Come to us in the harmony of our songs. Come in the sound of silence and the laughter of friends. Come in our faithful waiting and hopeful watching. Come to us in the cry for peace and the smile of forgiveness. God of the darkened night. God of the morning light, come to us; be with us.

C: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Once in Royal David's City"

- Solo:** 1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.
- All:** 2. He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.
- All:** 3. And through all his wondrous childhood he would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.



- All:** 4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.
- All:** 5. Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high,
When like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

A: As our Advent pilgrimage draws to completion, grant us the courage to share your love.

C: Love for the unexpected challenge.

A: Love for the vulnerable one.

C: Love for the presence of God. Amen.

ADVENT HYMN "Light the Candle" Stanza 1 LOVE (The fourth candle is lit.) See Page 9

A: We light this candle as a symbol of God's love for us and our love for one another.

C: For the Lord rejoices over us with gladness and renews us with His love.

A: He exults over us with singing and turns our shame to praise.

C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

A: As your Holy Spirit spoke to Mary, the mother of our Lord, speak to us now through your Word that by hearing we too may receive faith and be strengthened to do your will.

C: Amen.

Congregation shall sit.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-15

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Genesis 22:15-18

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Lullaby Jesu"

Choir

(R. Lau)

THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heav'n's all-gracious king.
"The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing.
3. And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow:
Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;
Oh, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!



4. For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time fore-told,
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

FOURTH LESSON: Micah 5:2-4

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

All: 1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

Choir: 2. O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary; And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.

All: 3. How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.



FIFTH LESSON: St. Luke 1:26-38

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "Magnificat"

Choir

(Wesley)

SIXTH LESSON: St. Matthew 1:18-23

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: "Away in a Manger"

All: 1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Choir: 2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

All: 3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.



SEVENTH LESSON: St. Luke 2:8-16

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

All: 1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.
"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind;
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind."

Men: 2. "To you, in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A Savior, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign:

Women: The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid."

All: 3. Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:
"All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease!"



EIGHTH LESSON: St. Matthew 2:1-11 L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: "The First Noel"

All: 1. The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:

Refrain: **Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel!**

All: 2. They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night:

Choir: 3. And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went:

All: 4. This star drew nigh to the north-west;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay:



Choir: 5. Then enter'd in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offer'd there in his presence
Their gold, and myrrh and frankincense:

All: 6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought:

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

NINTH LESSON: St. John 1:1-14

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation shall sit.

HYMN: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies,
With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem".

Refrain: Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king!"

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come Offspring of a Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.



(Please Stand)

OFFERING PRAYER (Prayed by All)

Almighty God, you have given us your only Son to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being born anew, and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

A brief silence.

A: Nurturing God, you give us life and care for our every need. Use the church's gifts and ministries for your service, bringing your word to all who seek your transforming grace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Creator God, you proclaim your boundless love for all that you have made. Renew barren lands, polluted waters, and melting ice caps. Make us servants of your creation that brings forth abundant life. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Righteous God, you bring down the mighty and lift up the lowly. Strengthen those who seek justice. Bless the work of community organizers, activists, journalists, and all who call our attention to imbalances of power. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Compassionate God, you proclaim your love and mercy. Show your lovingkindness to teen parents and those who are pregnant. Comfort any struggling with infertility and those who await test results, are in treatment and hospice care, and others in need especially Sara, Joyce, Carolyn, Diane, Michelle, David, Kevin, Laura, Lois and Phil, as well as our homebound members, all unable to worship this weekend, and all family, friends and even enemies we name now, either out loud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). Surround them with your unwavering presence. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Gracious God, you fill the hungry with good things. Bless the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Guide us to share your bounty with those who hunger or live in poverty. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Faithful God, you stir up the hearts of those who love you. We give you thanks for those who, like Mary, were courageous in their witness. Give us such courage until that day when you fulfill all things. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

All: 1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, Born the King of angels:

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Women: 2. See how the shepherds, Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither Bend our joyful footsteps:

Men: 3. Lo! star-led chieftains, Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child Bring our hearts' oblations:

All: 4. Child, for us sinners Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee, Loving us so dearly?

All : 5. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest:

All: 6. Yea, Lord we greet thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:



THE BLESSING

P: May he, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated for the postlude.)

POSTLUDE: "In dulci jubilo"

(BWV 729)

(J. S. Bach)

MANY THANKS TO THE BRASS PLAYERS AND SOLOIST TODAY:

Trumpet

Dr. Stephen Patterson

Trombone

Chris Reynolds

Soloist

Maggie Babinka-Repic

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✠ IN THE FIRST PLACE THIS WEEK ✠

CDO schedule: Christmas Break December 20th through January 5th.

Sunday, December 19

FOURTH ADVENT

9:00-9:45 a.m. – Sunday School

9:30-11:30 a.m. – High School Coffee Bar Fundraiser

10:00 a.m. – **LESSONS & CAROLS**

5:30 p.m. – Children, Youth & Family Event –
Tacos, Tamales, TARC Lights & S'mores

Monday, December 20

CDO Christmas Break thru January 5th

1:00 p.m. – Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts Troop 175 (PH)

Tuesday, December 21 WINTER BEGINS

6:00 p.m. – Den Meetings

Wednesday, December 22

Thursday, December 23

5:30 p.m. – Ministry Moving Forward Meeting (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

Office Closes at Noon

3:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. –

Candlelight Christmas Communion



Saturday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 26

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

10:00 a.m. – Christmas Carol Communion &
Healing Service

LESSONS DECEMBER 26

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00 p.m. - SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PRELUDE MUSIC

3:30 p.m. - CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

7:00 p.m. - SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PRELUDE MUSIC

7:30 p.m. - CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

7:30 p.m. – FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

10:00 a.m. – CHRISTMAS CAROL COMMUNION AND HEALING SERVICE

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Friday, December 24th – OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON

Monday, December 27th – OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, December 31st – OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON

Monday, January 3rd – OFFICE CLOSED

BUILDING ALARM WILL BE SET WHEN OFFICE IS CLOSED



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Sara Welch (home), Joyce Koenig (home), Carolyn Sandquist (home), Diane Dukat (home), Michelle Black (home), David Schmidt (home), Kevin Eaton (home), Martha Donohoe (home), Laura Martin (home), Lois Lykins (home), Phil Engelhardt (home), Verla Buch (home), Blake Hopper (home), Monica Collins (friend of Barb Collins), Michael Kuner (friend of Mark Fuller), JoAnn Likness (friend of Barb Collins), Heidi Mark (Bill & Joyce’s daughter), Richard Holliday (Marian Orton’s son), Amanda Gill (friend of Trudi Myers), Drew Hartz (Steve & Kathy Couch’s son-in-law), Mackenzie Lamott (CDO Director Julie’s daughter), Sheila Mitchell (Shirley Brower’s niece), Deloris Patton (Nancy & Charlie Vaughn’s sister-in-law), Don Kaphingst (Margaret Stewart’s brother), Linda Byrd (friend of Barb Collins), Newt Newstrom (Dawn Graham’s father), William Durham (Trudi Myers’ son-in-law), Tavia Shaker (friend of Lindsay Blank), Pat Grant (friend of Ron Bessler), Dan Fraleigh (Sherrie Petersen's brother-in-law), Velda Jacobs (Eileen Caspers' aunt), Lewis Sanders (Rachelle Witherspoon’s father), Syndee Haake (daughter of friend of Nancy Vaughn), Blanche Stephansen (Ron Bessler’s sister), Nicole Klein (Patti’s God-daughter), Georgi Peterson (Rhonda Dealey’s mother), Lawrence & Lenette Kottas (Eileen Caspers’ parents), John Browne (Penny & Marvin Boleski’s brother-in-law), Camille Baehni Engler (former member), Brennan Soukup (Julie Bender’s cousin), C.A. & Mary Lou Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders’ parents), Heather Roesch (Tracy’s sister-in-law), Katelynn Herring (Jeanie Schuler’s great niece), Linda Myers (Trudi’s daughter-in-law), David Metzenthin (Bud’s son).

OUR CONDOLENCES to *Greg Smith* on the death of his mother, Joyce Smith.

LAY MINISTERS 12/19	10:00 a.m.		
Assisting Minister	John Hanna		
Lesson 1-3 Readers	1. Jeff Montague	2. Char Taggart	3. Stephen Couch
Lesson 4-6 Readers	4. Jenn Betz	5. Ann McConkey	6. Max Roark
Lesson 7-9 Readers	7. Dick Schaeffer	8. Pastor Jenny	9. John Hanna
Acolyte	Haden Roark		
Advent Candlelighters	Hageman Family		
Greeters / Ushers	Karon Gambrill, Anita Nelson / Bill Barker, Bill Buch		
Council Member	Bill Barker		
Bus Driver & Host/Hostess	Randy Debenham & Barb Collins		
Saturday Lesson Readers			
Lesson 1-3 Readers	1. Ron Bessler	2. Bill Mark	3. Sherrie Petersen
Lesson 4-6 Readers	4. Jim Petersen	5. Hope Krug	6. Joyce Mark
Lesson 7-9 Readers	7. Dave Krug	8. Pastor Jenny	9. Orv Grondahl
Altar Guild Setup/Clean up	Karen Wollin, Nancy Besta, Karon Gambrill		
Tech Team			

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

LAY MINISTERS 12/26	10:00 a.m.
Assisting Minister	Jeff Montague
Lector	Diane Dukat
Acolyte	Altar Guild
Greeter / Ushers	Barb Collins / Erv & Ann Sanders
Council Member	Bob Wollin
Bus Driver & Host/Hostess	Marvin & Penny Boleski
Altar Guild Setup/Clean up	Jeanie Schuler, Ann McConkey, Nancy Besta, Karon Gambrill
Tech Team	



After a 2-year hiatus, the **DRIVE THROUGH LIVING NATIVITY (DTLN)** came back in splendid fashion! By all reports, it was very successful. The weather cooperated nicely. As did the sheep and donkey. The settings, costumes and lighting were all in great shape and looked terrific. Many thanks and blessings to the 126 volunteers, filling 209 jobs, (both FLC members and non-members) who pulled it off with nary a hitch. A special thanks to the Steering

Committee who worked tirelessly to provide leadership and labor. We were able to share our gift to the community with 120 vehicles that came through; we received many thanks and blessings from our guests. *My heart-felt THANKS to all who supported in any way! –Jeff Montague, Chair.*

LIGHT THE CANDLE

Light the can-dle of LOVE to-day, the Giv-er of love is
 Light the can-dle of PEACE to-day, the Giv-er of peace is
 Light the can-dle of JOY to-day, the Giv-er of joy is
 Light the can-dle of HOPE to-day, the Giv-er of hope will

here! Wel-come the love we live and die for, but
 here! Wel-come the peace we fight and cry for, but
 here! Wel-come the joy we crave and pray for, but
 come! Wel-come the hope we long and wait for, but

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 glow with hope, light up the world a -

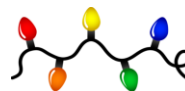
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 round you. Flick-er and flame and glow with joy,
 round you. Flick-er and flame and glow with hope,

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PARISH NOTICES

Did you know Tamales are Christmas food?
Come eat to find out why, ride in the bus to see the TARC lights, and gather around a fire to make s'mores!
THIS EVENING: December 19th at 5:30 p.m.
What: Tacos, Tamales, TARC Lights and S'MORES
Who: Children, Youth and Families



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

It has been the custom at First Lutheran to provide a monetary gift to First's staff at Christmas. If you would like to make a contribution for the **STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT**, please either mail in or drop off checks payable to "First Lutheran Church" and indicate "staff gift" in the memo line. You can also go to our website www.firstlutherantopeka.org and use the contribute tab. **Please have all contributions in by TODAY, December 19th.** *Robert Hanna, Council President*

The **WHAT-SEW-EVER QUILT MAKERS** will not meet on December 22 or 29. We will resume our production on January 5, 2022. New workers are always welcome. We work from 9:00 a.m. until noon each Wednesday.



DOORSTEP
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55TH ANNIVERSARY & HVAC SYSTEM

MONDAY – FRIDAY, 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
1119 SW 10th Street, South Door (10th & Buchanan)
785-357-5341

DOORSTEP WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING CLOTHING DONATIONS UNTIL JANUARY.

Parents/Youth/Children - A reminder that **there will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on 12/26 or 1/2** as we break over the Christmas and New Year's weekends. However, **Sunday School will resume on 1/9 with Alpha to start at 9:00 am.** We'll be so excited to see everyone and hear about the wonderful things you did over the holidays!



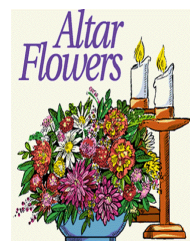
ANNUAL REPORTS DUE MONDAY, DECEMBER 27th

ALL Committees and Organizations may submit their annual reports to the church office by **Monday, December 27th**, so that the annual booklet of reports can be printed and collated for availability to the congregation by **Sunday, January 23rd**. Please email reports to the Church Secretary, LaDonna at lslutherantopeka@sbcglobal.net or mail a typed copy to the church office. Thank you!



ETERNAL CANDLES can be found in both the main Worship Center and our beautiful Chapel. In **2022** you may **DONATE** both candles in remembrance or in honor of someone for the entire month. Please contact LaDonna, in the church office, (785) 272-5302 or email her at lslutherantopeka@sbcglobal.net to sign-up for a month and give information that will be included in the bulletin. **The cost will be \$20 for the month.** Available months are: **August, September, October, and November.**

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2022



Fresh flowers on our altar are a special way to enrich our worship space and to honor and memorialize special people in our lives. Please join in this beautiful practice by reserving your dates for 2022 now.

There is a chart of reserved dates and forms to complete in the hallway by the offices. You may complete the questionnaire and leave it there. For those who are not coming to the building at this time, please contact either LaDonna at the church office 785-272-5302 or Jeanie Schuler 785-845-7964 and we will gladly take your information over the phone.

For those with annual orders, the chart has been completed and we will call you to confirm your order information. **The altar flowers cost \$25 per vase plus tax.** Reservations may be made for one (\$25) or two vases (\$50). Pulpit flowers are also an option to recognize a special occasion for \$50 plus tax.

OPEN 2022 DATES FOR BOTH VASES (unless indicated otherwise) ARE:

1/9, 1/16; 2/6 (one vase); 4/24; 5/1 (one vase), 5/15, 5/29; 6/5; 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/31; 8/7, 8/28; 11/20 (one vase); 12/11 (one vase).

Called by the Spirit, we serve Christ, sharing God's love with all.

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Caring for Kids 1st Director

Organist

Director of Music

Director of Handbell Choirs

Secretary

Assistant Secretary

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Jim & Dawn Anderson

A BRIEF WORD ABOUT WORSHIP PRECAUTIONS.

MASKS: A mask must be worn during the entire time in church, covering the mouth and nose. This is done to provide protection for others and for your own safety.

MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCING IS A HIGH PRIORITY AT ALL TIMES DURING IN-PERSON WORSHIP: All members are to maintain a 6-foot distance from other people/households at all times. This includes gathering in the parking lot, arriving or exiting through church doors, or standing in the fellowship areas. Ushers and greeters will be present to help with arrival, seating, communion, and departing church.

OFFERING plates are available at the back of the worship space, on the bulletin table.

To give online, please go to FirstLutheranTopeka.org and click on 'contribute'.

Please place attendance form in the offering plate.



ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Martha Donohoe in honor of my daughter, Laura Herl's birthday and by Catherine Esquibel in honor of my loving family.

ETERNAL CANDLE FOR DECEMBER is given by JoAnn Stanley in memory of her parents, Amy & Wilbur Carlson and her brother, Gary.