

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Today's Light

Read through the Bible  
in two years.

Scripture readings  
for this week:

January 11 – Isaiah 21-23  
January 12 – Isaiah 24-25  
January 13 – Isaiah 26-27  
January 14 – Isaiah 28-29  
January 15 – Isaiah 30-31  
January 16/17 – Isaiah 32

**Guests** ~ a special welcome to you! If you are looking for a church home, we encourage you to consider First Lutheran! We love to share the Good News of our Savior and the help that God's Word gives for our everyday lives! We would love to tell you more about our congregation. Please join us again!

**Jesus' Baptism** ~ is significant for us and our baptism into the faith. In Adult Bible Study, beginning at 9:30ish this morning in the Fellowship Centre we'll consider Jesus' baptism and ours! Please join us!

**Watch Our Worship Services** ~ online at [www.firstlutheranhelena.org](http://www.firstlutheranhelena.org)! Our many thanks to Tempest Technology (Shawn and Lisa Peterson) and Brian Buhr for the hours they give to make this available week after week after week!

**"God is Calling"** ~ is our emphasis next Sunday in our live worship services! What is He calling you to do in response to His great love for you in Jesus? Please join us for Word and Sacrament worship at 8:15 or 11 a.m.!

**Thank you!** ~ The Board of Finance would like to thank the congregation for their financial support over the past year including the generous donations for the Christmas bonuses, which was a great success. Our workers greatly appreciate your support.

**First Lutheran School** ~ students and staff are excited to get back to school and continue with a positive, God-filled learning experience. The 2020-21 school is proving to be a blessing and we can't wait to see what other joys are waiting around the corner. The students returned to the classroom on Thursday, January 7, 2021. Please feel free to view our Christmas program, "No Room Inn", on the church website, <https://firstlutheranhelena.org/>. Just click on the "our school" tab and choose Pre-K classroom notes on the drop down. The video is available for viewing by clicking on the image. A big thank you to Brian Buhr for making this possible through his technological prowess.

**Chancel Flowers** ~ The flowers in the Chancel this morning have been placed there by Sue Taylor and family. If you would like to sponsor flowers for a service, memorial-birthday-anniversary, etc., contact the church office at 442-5367 to schedule.

**Offering Envelopes for the New Year** ~ are in the boxes in Ziegler Hall. Please pick them up and put them to good use in response to God's remarkable love in Jesus for you! If your envelopes are not in your box (or if your box is missing), please contact us in the church office and we will help you out.

**Our Elders** ~ are ready, willing, and able to help. Just give them a call! Brian Buhr ~ 449-9961; Allen Keim; Rick Northrup ~ 422-7319; and Marty Baumann ~ 442-8114.

**In Christ's Name, Let's Tell of His Love** ~ for us and for others at all times and bring God's mercy to help meet the needs in our congregation and beyond, as God allows. If you know of folks needing our help, give us a call!

**Through Your Gifts and Tithes and Offerings** ~ your good stewardship continues to minister to our congregation and communities! You can return your offering by mail, or drop it by the office, or in our safe and secure mailbox on the parking lot side of the building. You can also give online ([www.firstlutheranhelena.org](http://www.firstlutheranhelena.org)).

**On the Lutheran Hour Next Sunday** ~ Listen to "Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise!" Guest speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. The word of Jesus turns us out from ourselves and our problems to the faith, hope, and love, that He brings. (Mark 3) The Lutheran Hour may be heard Sundays on Christian Satellite Network, 91.1 FM at 8 a.m.

**Life Thoughts in the Church Year** ~ Even in a formless, dark, and empty early universe, God made Himself present and powerful (Genesis 1:2). Surprise pregnancies sometimes seem just so uncertain. Terminal diagnoses can feel that desperate. But this Lord buried Himself in our graveyard (Romans 6:4). This Savior sowed life in death's shadowy valleys. We need not let abortion or assisted suicide root us there as residents. The Heavenly Father always comes close and brings His own new creation to blossom.

**Please Pray For** ~

+ **Those Needing God's Help and Healing** ~ Gretta O'Rourke, Vi Erdman, Ruth Baker (daughter of Marylin and Wally Smith), and members and friends of our congregation and school dealing with covid and other struggles of body and soul!

+ **Those Caring for Others** ~ affected and afflicted by the coronavirus, financial worries, violence in our cities, and so many other challenges of this time of epidemic at home and abroad, that God would especially watch over, protect, and deliver them.

+ **Each of Us** ~ that as we remember Jesus' Baptism, we will also be reminded of all that God did for us (and continues to do) in and through our Baptism!

## And Praise God for ~

+ **The Unique Opportunities He Gives Us** ~ to share His love in all sorts of ways during these interesting times, in the family of God and beyond, in word and deed to share God's care and cures!

+ **Helping Us to Get through These Challenging Days and Times** ~ by His grace, through His Word!

+ **Making Us Each His Very Own** ~ through the gift of our Holy Baptism and through ALL that Jesus has done to save us and give us life eternal in His Name!

