

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 7, 2021 A.D.



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Today's Light

Read through the Bible
in two years.

Scripture readings
for this week:

February 8 – Jeremiah 13-14
February 9 – Jeremiah 15-17
February 10 – Jeremiah 18-19
February 11 – Jeremiah 20-22
February 12 – Jeremiah 23
February 13/14 – Jeremiah 24-25

God Helps and Heals ~ is what the Gospel teaches us! But – is His healing always poured out on us the way we ask or even want? Let's see what His Word has to say to us concerning His healing and His love today in our worship!

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!

First and Second Thessalonians ~ are our Bible texts for Adult Bible Study for the next few weeks. Class begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Centre. Please join us for coffee and study of these challenging New Testament books!

Watch Our Worship Services ~ online at 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's Word Works ~ even in the middle of the week, each Wednesday, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in our live Midweek worship services! Join us this week as we receive God's many blessings in our worship!

The Festival of the Transfiguration of Jesus ~ is what we will observe and celebrate next week! Please join us for face-to-face, live, Word and Sacrament worship next Sunday at 8:15 or 11 a.m. as through God's Word we will see the Light!

First Lutheran School News ~ In anticipation of Groundhog Day our First Lutheran School students celebrated with their own version of hibernation. They all demonstrated confidence, so we say with confidence, "*The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.*" Hebrews 13:6, when they popped out of their dens.

Chancel Flowers ~ The flowers in the Chancel this morning have been placed there by Sue Taylor in honor of the ardent love and admiration that she shares with her husband, Paul, and their children, Samantha, Megan and Thomas.

Sixth Month Secret Sister ~ Join fellow "Sister's in Christ" by encouraging one specific person, chosen randomly for you, to pray for, send notes to, celebrate life, or just say "Hi...I'm thinking of you." Open to all daughters in Christ who are young or young-at-heart – and willing to commit to having a Secret Sister. Interested? Complete the survey sheet available in the back and return to Susan Buhr by Tuesday, February 10. Questions? Call Susan at 449-9961 or email yellow_moose@msn.com.

First Word Articles ~ The deadline for submitting articles for the next *First Word* publication is 5 p.m., Wednesday, February 17. Articles should be emailed to lindafromm@mac.com or a hard copy placed in the *First Word* box in the church office.

Financial Statements ~ for 2020 are in your boxes in Ziegler Hall!

HIS Kids! and Chancel Choir ~ will meet this Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. (respectively) in the sanctuary. Contact Shari for details.

Our Elders ~ are ready, willing, and able to help. Just give them a call! Brian Buhr ~ 449-9961; Allen Keim ~ 459-0877; Rick Northrup ~ 422-7319; and Marty Baumann ~ 442-8114.

Tell Everyone of What God Has Done ~ 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!

You Can Give Your Gifts and Tithes and Offerings ~ to Your Lord and His Church in person in our worship services, or online at www.firstlutheranhelena.org, or by mail, or by dropping it off in the office, or placing it in our safe and secure mailbox on the parking lot side of the building. Your good stewardship continues to enable us to minister to our congregation and communities in response to God's love!

On the Lutheran Hour Next Sunday ~ Listen to "Shines and Saves" Guest speaker: Rev. Cody Cooper. Jesus surpasses all expectations as we see Him revealed on the Mount of Transfiguration. (Mark 9:2-13) The Lutheran Hour may be heard Sundays on Christian Satellite Network, 91.1 FM at 8 a.m.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year ~ "The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). Didn't Jesus atone for the sins of abortion and assisted suicide? Doesn't the Heavenly Father love those who promote or participate in them just as much as the lives they have taken? For their sake, let us not hesitate to directly apply both the diagnosis of sinfulness and the medicine of forgiveness in our congregations and our conversations.

Please Pray For ~

+ **Those Needing God's Help and Healing ~** Alice Anderberg, Martha Janes, Lori Northrup, Becky Baumann, Tim Schroeder, 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.

+ **Our Montana Legislature ~** for God's direction and blessing as they make choices and decisions that will impact every Montanan's life;

+ **Those Needing God's Healing ~** for our bodies, minds, and souls, that the Great Physician, our Savior, will carry out His gracious will in our lives.

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!

+ **Being Our Rock and Our Salvation ~** no matter what the devil, our world, and our own sinful flesh may send our way in the days, months, and years to come;

+ **Showing Us the Healing ~** over sin, death and the devil, which Jesus works through miracles, medical professionals, techniques, medicines, and also through His mighty Word and Sacraments!



"A friend loves
AT ALL TIMES."

PROVERBS 17:17, NRSV