



Welcome to worship!

Today we celebrate the baptisms of
Jameson Iver Lee Carroll
son of Jayden Borgschatz & Jesse Carroll

Sponsors: Jim Meyer, Kayla Meyer, & Kennley Meyer

Prelude

Prepare the Royal Highway

Bell Choir

GATHERING

Welcome/Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony - Second Candle

Song *Hope is a Star* (Senior Choir begins, then Congregation sings.)

Choir: Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning is bright. Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth.



When God is a child there's joy in our song, The last shall be



first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall



be a - fraid, none shall be a - fraid.

Congregation:

P. In this season of Advent, we remember that Christ is coming to bring peace. For a world overrun with meaningless war

C. Christ is coming to bring peace.

P. For brothers and sisters divided by anger

C. Christ is coming to bring peace.

P. For a world bound up in political turmoil

C. Christ is coming to bring peace.

P. For those of us battling inner turmoil

C. Christ is coming to bring peace.

Candle Lighting & Prayer

Song *Hope Is a Star* (Congregations sings lyrics above)

Prayer

Baptism of Jameson Iver Lee Carroll

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Hymn *This is the Spirit's Entry Now*

#448

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

Choir Anthem

There is Faint Music

Senior Choir

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

L: Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 72: 1-7, 18-19

¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

² **that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ **Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

⁶ **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸ **Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-7,13

L: Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Prepare the Royal Highway

#264 v.1

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul

Hymn of the Day

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

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Prayers of Intercession

P: God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

Peace

Offering / Offertory

Handbells

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1599

Offering Response

We Are Waiting for Jesus

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Great Thanksgiving

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Sanctus

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Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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Lamb of God

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Communion

All who desire to receive the body and blood of Christ are welcome at the table.

Communion Hymns

Remember

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Senior Choir

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SENDING

Blessing & Benediction

Sending Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #254

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Keep awake

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry arr. by Douglas McConnell

Thank you to those who shared their time and talents this morning:

Lectors: Christopher Ahrens

Greeters: Jack Narum & Family

Acolyte: Maggie Thieren

Lighting of Advent Candles: Lilly Miller

Communion Assistants: Carter Keim & Ariana Talbert

Ushers: Mason Eggenberger & Klara Schmidt

Altar: Susan Dailey & Karen Heise

Sound/Video: Heath Oeltjen, Cheryl Luettinger, Julie Deschneau, Randy Zanto

Sounds Visual Student Assistant: Avery Ohlhaber

Coffee: Mary Santelman & Friends

Keep in prayer: LeAnn Fuchs (niece of Arlene Johnson), Carl Kozlowski, Wayne & Monica Schmidt (cousin of Dale Nibbe), Cheryl Goudy (Sue Benson's sister), Kathy Walstrom (daughter of Eloise Blattner), Patricia A. McMahon (cousin of Dale Nibbe), Lucy Youngren (great-niece of Mavis Hawkins), Cheryl Luettinger.

Birthday Cake for Jesus After worship today, Mary Santelman and friends invite you to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with birthday cake and fellowship.

The Mitten Tree is up near the entrance and ready for members to take a pair of mittens and shop for an area youth. Leave the pink mitten in the basket with name & phone number. Shop for clothing/shoes. Drop off the wrapped gift(s) with the green mitten at church next week or no later than Wednesday, Dec. 17. The Mitten Tree is in partnership with the Lake City Kiwanis Toy Project.

An ELCA Good Gifts Tree is up near the nursery. You can buy a life sustaining gift for families and villages throughout the world in their honor of a loved one. Donate a flock of chicks, goat, piglet, honeybees, or a cow. Give a village clean water, an irrigation system, or medical supplies. View all Good Gifts in their catalog and make a donation. Indicate "Good Gifts" and what you'd like to buy on your check or electronic giving to First Lutheran. We'll send in one large contribution to ELCA World Hunger.

This Week at FLC:

Dec. 7 - Worship, 9am (Jameson Carroll Baptism); Sunday School, 10am

Dec. 8 - Crafters, 9:30am; Cub Scouts, 6:30pm; Troop 94, 7pm

Dec. 9 - Quilters, 8:30am; Hispanic Inclusion, 6pm

Dec. 10 - Bible Study, 8:30am; KFC 3pm; Bells, 5:15pm;
Confirmation, 6pm; Worship, 6:30pm; Senior Choir, 7pm

Dec. 11 - Fellowship Potluck, 5:30pm

Dec 12 -

Dec. 13 - Iglesia Rehearsal, 3-5pm

Dec. 14 - Sunday School Christmas Program, 9am, Sunday School, 10am

Crafting Group meets 9:30-11:30am in the Fireside Room on the second Monday of each month. Join us on Monday this week for two hours of fellowship with other crafters. Bring any portable project you are working on like knitting, crocheting, macramé, embroidery, card-making, scrap-booking, or anything else you enjoy. Contact Esther Gullixson via text if you have any questions, 651-380-2502.

The Quilters will meet on Tuesday at 8:30am this week. The group is starting to work on quilts for the 2026 graduating seniors. If you can tie a knot, you are welcome to join us on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 8:30-11am. See Sandy Bendickson with any questions.

Weekly Bible Study Pastor Paul or Pastor Kary lead a weekly Bible Study at 8:30am on Wednesdays. The topic follows the lectionary and is often a deeper dive discussing the gospel lesson from the previous Sunday. All are welcome to join us any Wednesday throughout the year.

Fellowship Potluck Join us for a Fellowship Potluck on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 5:30pm. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy conversation at a good old-fashioned Lutheran potluck. This group meets the second Thursday of each month. See Pastor Duane Holst with any questions.

Sunday School Christmas Program Join us on Dec. 14 as the Sunday School students share the Christmas story with the congregation during our regular 9am worship service.

First Lutheran Church

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