FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at First Lutheran Church

NOVEMBER 15-22, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN!

We're glad you're here! Whether you're a member, visiting for the first time or coming back after some time away, you are welcome here. Thank you for being part of worship at First Lutheran today.

LET YOUR BLESSINGS FLOW

As our *Every Blessing in Abundance* campaign comes to a close, we'll keep sharing the blessings God has entrusted to us through our financial gifts, time, talents, passions and care for one another.

Thank you to everyone who has already made a 2027 pledge. Together, we reached 90% of our $850,000 goal in two weeks!

There's still time to pledge at www.flclincoln.org/stewardship or be scanning the QR code. Make your commitment whenever you're ready. An early pledge helps Church Council and staff plan the 2027 budget and the ministry we'll carry forward together.

All that we have is a gift from God. When we share those gifts, we reflect the love of Jesus and live out our call to accompany others through discipling, embracing, partnering, welcoming and advocating.

How will God's abundance continue to overflow through you?

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Stay after the 10:45 AM worship service next Sunday, November 22, to help decorate our Sanctuary and greeting spaces for Advent and Christmas. Bring the family, come with your partner or a friend, or join us on your own. We'll have lunch together after the decorating is done!

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Today, our children and youth, from age 3 through 12th grade, are making stewardship commitments of their own! They've been thinking about the blessings God has given them and how they can share their time, talents and resources with others. During the offertory, they'll place their commitment cards in the offering plate.

This morning, our sixth graders and their parents and/or grandparents will join Pastor Erin for the Kids & Money Milestone class. It's a chance for kids and families to learn together about how God wants us to use the gift of money.

Thank you to our children and youth for reminding us that, from the youngest to the oldest, we all have blessings from God to share.

VETERANS RECOGNITION BREAKFAST TODAY

Pop into the Activity Center this morning for a continental breakfast at 9:30 AM, followed by a short program around 9:50 AM to honor our First Lutheran veterans.

It's a chance to thank the people we worship alongside for their service and to recognize the sacrifices they and their families have made. A personal thank-you can mean a lot. Come share a cup of coffee and help us show our veterans how much we appreciate them.

SEASONED ADULTS (65+) B-I-N-G-O!

Get ready to shout BINGO! Join us Thursday, November 19, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM in the Activity Center for laughs, friendly competition and prizes donated by and in honor of retired Visitation Pastor Marsha Anderson. Stick around afterward for refreshments and conversation. RSVP on Realm, through the church office or in the Gathering Area this morning. You can also call Len Nelson (402-489-2290) or Arlene Nelson (402-730-5451).

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER AT FIRST

There's a place for you at our Thanksgiving table! Come on your own or bring family and friends to First Lutheran on Thursday, November 26, at noon.

The Fellowship Committee will have the turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy ready. Bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share, and enjoy a good meal together. RSVP by November 22 on Realm or at bit.ly/thanksgiving_lunch_2026.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

People of all faiths are invited to give thanks together Sunday, November 22, at 3:00 PM at The South Street Temple, 2061 S. 20th St. Rev. Irene Prince of Quinn Chapel AME Church and an interfaith choir will take part. All are welcome to sing. Rehearsal is at 2:00 PM that day. Contact Brian Pfoltner at musicdir@fpclincoln.org or 402-477-6037. A reception follows. Bring a dessert to share or nonperishable food for the Food Bank of Lincoln.

ADVENT AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Advent begins Sunday, November 29. Join us for Bless This Night Vespers at noon and 6:30 PM on Wednesdays, December 2, 9 and 16.

This newer service from Holden Village follows the familiar rhythm of Holden Evening Prayer, including the angel's announcement and Mary's song. New melodies, Psalm 121 and a new setting of the Lord's Prayer invite us to find rest and renewal in God's care as night falls.

At 6:30 PM, a PRAYground gives young children space to worship in their own way while their parents/guardians can worship without distraction.

SHARE A CROCKPOT OF SOUP THIS ADVENT

Bring a crockpot of your favorite soup to share at one of our Advent Soup Suppers on Wednesdays, December 2, 9 and 16. We'll gather at 12:30 PM after the noon *Bless This Night* Advent Vespers and again at 5:30 PM before the 6:30 PM service. Come enjoy a bowl of soup, good conversation and time together.

Our Fellowship Committee has hosted these meals for many years. One of the best ways to say thank you is to bring a crockpot of soup and help share the work of feeding everyone. Sign up to bring soup by scanning the QR code or visiting https://bit.ly/advent_soup_2026.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

We hold in prayer all who are facing ongoing or recent health concerns or life challenges, including M. Joyce Hansen, Sylvia Kempf, Betty Miller, Mary Brass, Jeanette Metteer, Dennis Schuster, Vern Westberg, Rod Price, Margrett Wehland, Michael Dalton, Pastor Marsha Anderson, Beth Strasheim, De Hansen, Velda Schmidt, Jane Zatechka, Julius Swen, Terry Lander, Tom Hoeft, Pat Frank, Cynthia Holt, Carl Kramer and Dan Horn.

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - YOUTH & CHILDREN'S COMMITMENT SUNDAY
8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream
9:30 AM - Veterans Recognition Continental Breakfast and Program
9:30 AM - Faithful Conversations
9:30 AM - Kids and Money Milestone Class for 6th Graders (Blue 3)
9:30 AM - Learning Hour for 3 Year Olds-12th Grade
10:45 AM - Worship with Livestream
Noon - Nuer Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
9:00 AM - First Fitness
9:00 AM - Cook for Matt Talbot Kitchen
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
11:00 AM - Serve Lunch at Matt Talbot Kitchen
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
9:30 AM - Martha Circle
10:30 AM - Bible Study
6:00 PM - Confirmaton & Supper
6:30 PM - High School Youth Group
7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
9:00 AM - First Fitness
10:00 AM - Esther Circle
1:00 PM - Seasoned Adults Bingo
6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers Rehearsal
7:00 PM - Gather & Gab

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20
5:00 PM - Worship in the Chapel

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream
9:30 AM - Adult Forum
9:30 AM - Faithful Conversations
9:30 AM - Learning Hour for 3 Year Olds-12th Grade
10:45 AM - Worship with Livestream
Noon - Nuer Worship
3:00 PM - Community Thanksgiving Service at The South Street Temple, 2061 S. 20th St.