

Today in Worship

Preacher: Pastor Greg DeBoer

Worship Leader: (8:30) Steve Slykhuis (10:15) Rachel DeBoer

Children's Time: (8:30 & 10:15) Gina DeBoer

Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Hymns: #239, #257, #275, #278, #244

Musicians: (8:30) Organist: Amy Spies
(10:15) Band

Prayers of healing for Lorna Knudsen, Lyn Robart, Dennis, Bill Miller, Jan Larsen, Shirley Brandert (*Amy Spies' mother*), Cheryl Larsen, Karen McPherran, Lorna Berkland, John Clopper, Ron Pronske, Joy Horn, & Gayle Paschall.

Prayers of peace for Janet Lowe on the loss of her mother, Priscilla Abercrombie.

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Fremont Therapy & Wellness.

Sunday Morning Gathering is sponsored by Steve & Kim Prenzlowl.

Total Attendance for week of 11/23: 396

Wednesday "Pray-Lude": 51

Sunday Worship: 345

Giving for the Period of 11/18-11/23:

Weekly Giving: \$21,197

Tithes for November: \$78,665.33

Tithes Budget for November: \$70,000

Giving Year-to-date: \$204,847.98

Budget Year-to-date through November: \$213,000

No Sunday Small Groups for Kids Today

Copies of the December Messenger are available at the Ministry Center and Church Office.
You can also view it online on our website.

Be A 2026 Sunday Morning Gathering and/or Altar Flower Sponsor!

Scan the QR Code or go to www.flcfremont.org/events to sign up to be a sponsor for 2026!

Sunday Morning Gathering Sponsor: \$150
Altar Flower Sponsor: \$50

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About First Lutheran

Questions??

Welcome Center: located just outside the Worship center. A host is there to help find answers to any questions you might have.

Worship Assists

Open Seating: available for people with limited mobility. Please leave these areas for walkers and wheelchairs and a seat for their companion.

Hearing Assistance: devices are available at the sound booth at the back of the Worship Center.

Gather at the Table

Communion: All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. You will receive a wafer and cup of wine or grape juice from the servers. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are also available. If you would like communion brought to you, please inform an usher.

Fellowship Time: Hot & Cold coffee, tea, milk, and donut holes are available in Fellowship Hall. Help yourself and visit with a friend or make new ones!

FirstCare: If you are in need of pastoral ministry or a visit, please contact the church office.

For Our Youngest Worshippers:

Creation Stations: located on each side of the worship, an area for children to be creative while in worship.

Children's Bulletins: located by each door to the worship space.

Busy Bags: filled with quiet activities for children, located by bulletin tables, please return at the end of the service.

Children's Message: a time during worship for kids to hear the message at their level.

Sunday Small Groups: available September-April for children 3 yr—6th grade, at 9:30am in the Sunday school wing.

Sunday Morning Adult Small Groups: various studies offered between services in the Heritage room and Conference room. Everyone welcome to join.

In the Chair Pockets:

Green Cards: Offer various ways to give to FLC, place card in the offering tray to indicate electronic giving.

Blue Cards: Share your contact info with us, let us know you have worshiped with us, and share your prayers requests for the staff to pray over. Please place in the offering tray.



This week's Ministry Announcements...

December Ministry Partner—C.A.S.A

Contact: Heidi Richmond (heidir@flcfremont.org)

Our December Ministry Partner is C.A.S.A (Court Appointed Special Advocates)! There is a Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall where you can pick up tags to shop for gifts from a child's wish list. All gifts should be wrapped, labeled, and returned to the tree in Fellowship Hall no later than December 14. *Please be sure to tape the tag you take to your gift.*

Don't want to do anymore shopping? The High School FLYs will be shopping for CASA families on Wednesday, December 3 and can do it for you! If you would like to give towards this ministry but don't want to/are unable to shop, you can donate funds. Be sure to designate **CASA Shopping** on your check, envelope, or online donation.

November Ministry Partner—LifeHouse

We hope to highlight LifeHouse's mission of "enriching lives by providing a pathway to stability." Support LifeHouse by giving monetarily to the **RetirePath Advisors Holiday Food Drive**. This drive provides approximately 40,000lbs of food for the year. Look for the form at the Ministry Center, Church Office, or on our website. **Checks should be written to FLC. Donations must be made by December 18.**

FLC Mobile Banquet Winter Coat Drive

Donations of coats, hats, gloves/mittens, and scarves can be dropped off at the FLC Office through December. These items will be distributed with Mobile Banquet meals the second Thursday of each month. **Children's sizes are the most desired**, but all sizes are needed.

Light Up Star Crosses

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." - John 8:12

Remember to light up your star crosses beginning, today for the first day of Advent. Star crosses should remain lit through Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. If you are a new member and have not received your Star Cross, please contact the Church Office.

Electronic Giving Options: Would you like to give an electronic offering?

- Text the dollar amount to **402-999-4983**
- Scan this QR code

If you would like to set up a recurring gift, please contact Wendy Grosse at wendyg@flcfremont.org or 402-721-2959.



Be A Christmas Decorations Sponsor



If you would like to help sponsor Poinsettias and other Christmas decorations this year, we are asking for a donation of \$20. Envelopes are available at the Welcome Center or you can go to www.flcfremont.org/events to make a donation online.

December H.U.G.S

Get in the Christmas spirit by joining H.U.G.S. (Heartfelt, Uplifting, Giving, Sisters) at the Opera House Luncheon this Wednesday, December 3, at 11:30am. **You must RSVP online at fremontoperahouse.org.** You can purchase your \$15 ticket online or pay at the door, which includes a lunch and entertainment by Joy Jensen and Friends (Amy & Arlene).

Blue Christmas Worship Experience with Brian Spahr

Join us next Sunday, December 7, at 6:00pm at FLC for a Blue Christmas Worship Experience with Brian Spahr and pie social to follow. Brian is a singer/songwriter whose music carries the weight of grief and the light of grace. With the heart of a pastor and the soul of a storyteller, he writes honest lyrics wrapped in simple, memorable melodies—songs that feel like quiet companions on the journey.

December Mobile Banquet



The FLC Mobile Banquet will be delivering 270+ meals to the YMCA, LifeHouse, and ASPIRE Thursday, December 11, from 5:30 -6:30pm. Please consider helping to make this possible with your donations of food items, money or time. It's easy, sign up online or call the office to offer your help! Please have your donations to the church kitchen by NOON Wednesday, December 10. **We are collecting full size candy bars, winter coats, mittens/gloves, hats, scarves, and Christmas coloring books as our extra items for this month's Mobile Banquet.** Sign up on our website or scan the QR code!

Ice Cream Buckets Needed

Our kitchen is running low on ice cream buckets. If you have any you would like to donate, you may drop them off at the Church Office.

Kids Christmas Program

Kids from Sunday Small Groups will be practicing for their Christmas program during small group time on Dec 7, 14 and 21. The program will be held at the 10:15 service on Sunday, December 21. Please have your child(ren) at Sunday Small Groups in December so they can be part of the fun! Contact Gina with any questions.

Family Christmas Event

Follow the light, discover the story, and experience the hope of Christmas! All are welcome to join us for a night of wonder at our **Star of Hope: A Christmas Journey** event! On Wednesday, December 17, from 4:00-6:00pm, in and out of the Mission Center, you can journey through our interactive Live Nativity! Other activities will include: snowball pit, Nativity snacks, hot cocoa, crafts, and the Christmas story. Come enjoy a wonderful evening with us! *This event is sponsored in part by the First Lutheran Women.*

Sunday Morning Car Pool

We are changing things up! We have a big need for transportation for individuals at FLC that are normally unable to attend worship in person. If you are willing and able to provide a ride for our 8:30am service, your church family could really use you! We would love to give everyone the opportunity to attend worship in person and create/sustain relationships that they wouldn't be able to do from home. Please contact the Church Office if you can help!

"Shades of Hope" 2025 Christmas Eve Worship Services

Wednesday, December 24 — 2:00pm | 4:00pm | 11:00pm

There will not be a worship service on Christmas Day.

Join us for one service, Lessons & Carols, on Sunday, December 29 at 9:30am

Christmas Eve Hospitality Needed



If you are able to help with hospitality on Christmas Eve, please sign up on our website under the "events" tab, or scan the QR code. We need Ushers, Greeters, and Communion Servers for all 3 services (2:00pm, 4:00pm, and 11:00pm).