

# 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ November 29, 2020

Worship 10:00 am

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## GATHERING - Prelude

Welcome

### Sign of the Cross

*P: Blessed be God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure  
and whose steadfast love endures forever.*

**C: Amen.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

*P: Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.*

**Silence is kept for reflection.**

*P: Loving and forgiving God,*

**C: we confess that we are held captive by sin.**

**In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray.**

**We have not welcomed the stranger;**

**we have not loved our neighbor;**

**we have not been Christ to one another.**

**Restore us, O God.**

**Wake us up and turn us from our sin.**

**Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.**

*P: People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free—free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God's love, ☩ comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

### 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.**

### Prayer of the Day

*P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.*

**C: By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Sharing Christ's Peace**

*P: The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**C: And also with you.**

## **WORD**

Responsive reading for Advent (*from Philippians 4:4-7*)

*R: Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in God!*

**C: Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them.**

*R: Help them see that the Master is about to arrive; he could show up at any minute!*

**C: Don't fret or worry; instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns.**

*R: Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down.*

**C: It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.**

First Reading – Isaiah 64:1-9

*R: Word of God, Word of Life.* **C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*R: Word of God, Word of Life.* **C: Thanks be to God.**

Young People's Message

Gospel - Mark 13:24-37

*P: The gospel of the Lord.* **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Message – Pastor Lou Peters

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

### **Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed**

*P: Living in hope and expectation, we profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:*

**C: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Offering**     *Thank you for your on-going gifts and for being the generous  
people who support the mission & ministry of our congregations.*

**Offering Prayer**

*P: Generous God,*

**C: you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless  
all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your  
blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray.**

## Prayers of the Church

*P: Hear us, O God.*

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## MEAL

### The Great Thanksgiving

*P: The Lord be with you.* **C: And also with you.**

*P: Lift up your hearts.* **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.* **C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### Communion Prayer

Blessing of the Gifts (*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*)

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### Communion Blessing

#### Communion Prayer

*P: Gracious and abundant God,*

**C: you have done great things for us, and we rejoice. In this bread and cup you give us life forever. In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen.**

### Benediction

*P: The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, ✠ now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION SONG

### Dismissal

*P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

**We Pray for:** Family & friends of *Bob & Marcia Boutang* in their loss, *Kevin Burns* (Eileen Macomber), *Joel Cederberg*, *Dori Dodson* (Chelsea Morehead), *Jackie* (Nancy), *Daryl & Karen Haggstrom*, *Greg Higdon*, *Cynthia Holmberg* (Nancy), *Shannon & Arin Matthews*, *Lois Niewohner*, *Janice Ostnes*, *Ariana Preshaw*, *Victoria Raquepaw's* cousin, *Jeff Rud* and family in the loss of his mother, *Ashley & Sherri Stephens*.

**Our Prayer Partner Church:** Teller Lutheran Church

## **Announcements**

**Worship Services** for the next few weeks are returning to online streaming due to the high alert numbers of COVID infections in the state. Thanks for being flexible in our worshipping together and as we trust God through it all!

**Special Thanks for your help in our Thanksgiving Food Drive for KJNP** employees and their families. The families were very appreciative.

FLC is helping to support **Denali Center Christmas Store** an annual shopping event for residents which allow them to purchase gifts for their family. Last day to drop off donated items is **Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Donate new or like-new items: stuffed toys, books, kitchen towels, small gifts, puzzles, board games, no candles/clothing/knives.

**Specially called Congregational Meeting** regarding ratifying our church constitution. Attend via Zoom video call – link & date below. *If you did not receive the mailing regarding how we are handling voting ballots – please contact the church office.*

**Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>: 11am (after worship)** - Specially called Congregational Meeting to vote on the constitution. *Unsure if you are a voting member of FLC? Please contact church office.*

**Link:** *need assistance in connecting virtually, contact church office.*

<https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/96892938638?pwd=WTZiUkJTS2FVcDI1UjN0NXZ0NjR6Zz09>

Meeting ID - 968 9293 8638      Passcode - **743813**

**ADVENT OFFERING & THANKOFFERING** - FLC's Women of the ELCA are combining these offerings divided between 3 groups: FYNDOUT Free Pregnancy Center, Alaska Synod support for 1<sup>st</sup> call pastors and WELCA Missions. To give checks should be **made out to FLCW** and **returned to the church by December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Contact: Barb Pierson, Arlene Orbeck

**Office Hours** – due to our High Alert status for COVID the church building has resended it's open status to the public. As numbers lessen, our Reopening Committee will revisit opening to the public again. Thanks for your patience.

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