

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ December 6, 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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.

C: By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 40:1-11

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

Second Reading – 2 Peter 3:8-15a

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Young People's Message

Gospel - Mark 1:1-8

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.

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.**

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:

*Boutang family in their loss, especially for Kelsie Grant, Bob & Marcia's daughter,
Kevin Burns (Eileen Macomber), Joel Cederberg, Dori Dodson (Chelsea Morehead),
Jackie (Nancy), Daryl & Karen Haggstrom, Cynthia Holmberg (Nancy),
Clarice Moore (Gary Walker), Lois Niewohner, Bill Peters, Janice Ostnes,
Ariana Preshaw, Victoria Raquepaw's cousin,
Jeff Rud & family in the loss of his mother, Ardella, Ashley & Sherri Stephens.*

Our Prayer Partner Church: Table of Grace, Bethel

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 supplying gifts for the Denali Center's Holiday Christmas Store. The residents enjoy shopping for gifts to give their families for Christmas.

Specially called Congregational Meeting today, 11am (after worship) regarding ratifying our church constitution. Attend via Zoom video call – link & date below.

<https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/96892938638?pwd=WTZiUkJS2FVcDI1UjN0NXZ0NjR6Zz09>

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

OUR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT this year will be virtual – online – how exciting!

However, we need your help. It's quite simple - here's how it will work:

Scenes from the Christmas story would be captured in photographs that families take at home with borrowed costumes from the church or get creative and do your own thing.

We also need readers to narrate the story. You can send a video or voice text of your readings.

Music will be recorded by the FLC Worship Team.

Once the Christmas Pageant has been created, we'll be able to share our virtual program online via the church's Facebook page.

If you would like to be involved, contact Amy Ingram, our Music Director as soon as possible – ASAP achorstmaningram@gmail.com or call the church office.

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 1st call pastors and WELCA Missions. To give checks should be **made out to FLCW** and **returned to the church by December 15th**. Contact: Barb Pierson, Arlene Orbeck

Office Hours – due to our High Alert status for COVID the church building has resented 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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