

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS ~ January 3, 2021

Worship 10:00 am

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**GATHERING** - Prelude “Rejoice Greatly”

Welcome

**Sign of the Cross**

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

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG “The King of Glory”**

*refrain: The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices,  
Open the gates before him , lift up your voices.*

**Who is the King of glory; how shall we call him?**

**He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages. (refrain)**

**In all of Galilee, in city or village,**

**He goes among people curing their illness. (refrain)**

**Sing then of David's Son, our Savior and brother**

**In all of Galilee was never another (refrain)**

**He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation,**

**He took upon himself the sins of the nation. (refrain)**

**He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen,**

**And he will share with us his heavenly vision. (refrain)**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who was in the beginning, who makes a  
dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*P: God of goodness and lovingkindness,*

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.**

**We have turned away from your invitation to new life.**

**We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden.**

**In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins,**

**those we know and those known only to you,**

**for the sake of the one who came to live among us,**

**Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*P: Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through ✝ Jesus Christ, made known to all people. With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.*

**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: Almighty God,*

**C: you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, 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**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Jeremiah 31:7-14

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Ephesians 1:3-14

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Young People's Message

Gospel Acclamation – *“Alleluia, I am the Light of the World”*

Gospel – John 1[1-9], 10-18

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

The Message – Pastor Lou Peters

### **HYMN OF THE DAY – “Let Us Adore”**

**The heavens declare the glory of God**

**And all of the world will join the praise**

**His wonders proclaim, The oceans and skies, lift up their voice**

**And all he has made will rise to bless, The King of all Kings...**

**Let us adore him, Let us adore him, Jesus Christ is the Lord.**

**Eternity's King is coming again, Though all of the earth will fade away  
His truth will remain.**

*refrain:* **Let us adore him, Let us adore him  
Jesus Christ is the Lord, Come and behold him  
Bow down before him, Jesus Christ is the Lord...**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah  
You are worthy of all praise. (*refrain*)**

**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: Gracious God,*

**C: you came to us as one unknown, bringing joy and salvation to the earth.  
Nourish us at your banquet table, that with all who welcome your birth  
we may proclaim your peace, revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

### **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: Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the  
angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you  
this day ✠ through the Word made flesh.*

**C: Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG – “Bethlehem Highway”**

**There is hope on Bethlehem highway for the ones who will journey there.  
And the hope is the child in manger brining us love beyond compare.  
It's a lifeline for the needy. It's sight to those who can't see.  
It's a freedom for the faithful in a Child of prophecy.**

**There is hope on Bethlehem highway for the ones who will journey there.  
And the hope is the child in manger brining us love beyond compare.  
Let the angels go before us. Let the darkness become light.  
Now the Savior lives among us. Now truth has come to life.**

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And the hope is the child in manger brining us love beyond compare.**

### **Dismissal**

*P: Go in peace, Christ is with you.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE – “Sing Joy!”

### **We Pray for:**

*Boutang family in their loss, Eileen Macomber in the loss of Kevin,  
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, Susan & especially for her son, Mato,  
Family and friends of Jim Roelauder in their loss (Chelsea Walker),  
Rud family in their loss, Ashley & Sherri Stephens.*

**Our Prayer Partner Church:** Table of Grace, Bethel

### **Announcements**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE – Today at 1:00pm for Bob and Marcia Boutang.** The service will be held at the church with limited attendance of family and friends. It will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page.

**LOVING FAMILIES – the week of January 10<sup>th</sup>** - put this FLC event on your calendar and plan to help serve the Love Inc Loving Families clients. We will have more information soon.

**BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS – Sunday, Jan 10<sup>th</sup>** – Pastor Lou will bless the shawls loving made by the women of Fairbanks Lutheran. Contact is Cindy Olsen.

**MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY** will be held on **Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>** for those who will be officially joining the congregation. Like to become a member or have questions? Talk with Pastor Lou.

**TOWN HALL MEETING** will be held on **Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.** This will be a virtual **ZOOM** meeting in preparation for our Annual Congregational meeting. The topic of the town hall meeting is our budget for the coming year.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is coming up the early part of February, that's February 14<sup>th</sup>. Committee department heads should be working on their reports to be included in the reports. Thank you!

**OUR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** is available to view online via Facebook. Several families were able to share their talents with us as well as the FLC Worship Team. Be sure to take a look at our children and their families telling the Christmas story.

**WORSHIP SERVICES** for the next several few weeks will be streamed online via Facebook 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!

**Office Hours** – due to our High Alert status for COVID the church building has resumed its 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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