

## EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD ~ January 10, 2021

Worship 10:00 am

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### **GATHERING** - Prelude "In the Beginning"

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 "Christ, When for Us You were Baptised" ELW 304**

**Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.**

**God called you, "My beloved Son"; you are God's servant true,  
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's holy will to do, God's holy will to do.**

**Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call  
to serve with free and willing heart, to give your life for all, to give your life for all.**

**Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God's service we, may perfect freedom find,  
may perfect freedom find.**

### **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: O God,*

**C: on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star.**

**Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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 – Isaiah 60:1-6

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Ephesians 3:1-12

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

Young People's Message

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

Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12

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

The Message – Pastor Lou Peters

## **HYMN OF THE DAY – “Lord of Light”**

*refrain:* **The Lord of light is my salvation. Whom shall I fear?  
He's the source of life.**

**Though wars may rage and pain surrounds you,  
your heart will hope. He's the source of life. (refrain)**

**Wait, be still. God's strong arms keep you.  
Wait, be strong. He's the source of life. (refrain)**

**For in the day of trouble, he will keep me safe.  
Though enemies surround me, I will sing to the Lord. (refrain)**

## **Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed**

*P: Siblings in Christ, we are invited to join our voices with the voice of the whole Church on earth as we profess what we believe as Christians:*

**C: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Blessing of the Prayer Shawls**

*P: God of love and comfort we gather together to celebrate one of the ministries of Fairbanks Lutheran Church. We give thanks for the opportunity out of love and concern for our Christian brothers and sisters, to share a tangible gift to those in need, these prayer shawls.*

*While we know that You are always present in our lives and that your love transcends all the challenges we face, we also know that sometimes a physical reminder can bring hope, healing and peace to someone in the midst of those challenges. So we place these shawls before you O God as that reminder of your presence and comfort to those who will receive them.*

**C: We give thanks for those who lovingly made these shawls to communicate God's love through their caring work.**

**May those who receive these shawls see the care and love in the making of this shawl, to remind them of the love and care God always bestows on all of us.**

**May those who receive these shawls feel comfort being reminded of the words of the Psalmist that "God is our refuge and strength a very present help in time of trouble." (Psalm 46:1)**

**May they feel touched by our love, moved by our guidance and held up by our support.**

*P: Loving God, we praise you for the opportunity in this prayer shawl ministry to share the love, hope, and comfort you promise to all who are in any kind of need. So we ask you to bless these shawls in the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit.*

**C: 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.**

### **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: We give you thanks, gracious God,*

**C: that you have once again fed us from your very self with the body and blood of Christ. Through this mystery, send us forth to proclaim your promise to a world in need, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 – “Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us; shine on me, shine on me.**

*refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the Blood I may enter your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness; shine on me, shine on me. (refrain)**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story; shine on me, shine on me. (refrain)**

## **Dismissal**

*P: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

### **We Pray for:**

*Boutang family in their loss, Eileen Macomber in the loss of Kevin, Joel Cederberg, Dori Dodson (Chelsea Morehead), Dennis & Barbara Franke, Jackie (Nancy), 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, Roelauder Family in loss (Chelsea Walker), Rud family in their loss, Ashley & Sherri Stephens.*

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

## Announcements

**BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS – today during the service** – Pastor Lou will bless the shawls loving made by the women of Fairbanks Lutheran. Special Thanks to Cindy Olsen for coordinating this special ministry of our church.

**REOPENING TASK FORCE will meet today** after the service.

**LOVING FAMILIES – beginning this week January 10<sup>th</sup>** we are helping serve the Love Inc Loving Families clients.

**LOVING FAMILY GRADUATE, Susan** is in need of a hospital twin bed mattress for her son who was involved in a horrible accident. Susan's son is paralyzed on his left side and is coming home soon. Love Inc has a mechanical hospital bed, however they still need a mattress. If you can help with this need, please contact Love Inc directly at 452-3876.

**MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY** will be held next **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 departments heads should be working on their reports to be included in the reports. Thank you!

**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 will not be open to the public. As numbers lessen, our Reopening Committee will revisit opening to the public again. Thanks for your patience.

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