

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ November 28, 2021

Celebration 2 Worship 11:00am

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GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *1st candle of Hope*

P: God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, in this season of Advent, we hold fast to your promises and live in hope.

C: Give us courage to resist the world's anxiety. Bring light to our path as we await the bright dawn of your presence. Amen.

ENTRANCE SONG *Sing to the King*

Sing to the king who is coming to reign, Glory to Jesus, the lamb that was slain. Life and salvation his empire shall bring, And joy to the nations when Jesus is king.

refrain: **Come, let us sing a song, A song declaring that we belong to Jesus
He is all we need, Lift up a heart of praise, Sing now with voices
raised to Jesus. Sing to the king.**

For his returning we watch and we pray, We will be ready the dawn of that day. We'll join in singing with all the redeemed, 'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is king (*refrain*)

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.

SONG OF PRAISE *We Will Wait*

**We will wait with ever watchful eyes,
We will wait with ever serving lives.
We will wait with ever open hearts. We will greet You.**

We will greet You with our thankful tears, We will greet You with our lessening fears. We will greet You with our hopeful joy. We will welcome You.

chorus: **We will welcome you! We will sing! We will welcome you! We will sing!**

**We will welcome You as prophesied. We will welcome You into our lives.
We will welcome lessons that You teach. We will sing for You.**

**We will sing while we wait here on earth. We will sing to greet You at Your birth.
We will sing to welcome You the gift. We will follow You. (*chorus 2x*)**

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 alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, 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.

RESPONSIVE READING FOR ADVENT (from Philippians 4:4-7)

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: 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.

WORD

1st Reading – Jeremiah 33:14-16

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

Prepare the way, Prepare the way, Prepare the way of the Lord.

The grass it withers and the flowers fall but the word of our Lord stands forever. Prepare the way, Prepare the way, Prepare the way of the Lord.

GOSPEL – Luke 21:25-36

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE MESSAGE Pastor Lou Peters

SONG OF THE DAY *Immanuel*

**A sign shall be given, A virgin will conceive, A human baby bearing,
Undiminished deity. The glory of the nations, A light for all to see, That hope
for all who will embrace, His warm reality, Immanuel.**

**Our God is with us, And if God is with us, Who could stand against us
Our God is with us, Immanuel. For all those who live in the shadow of death,
A glorious light has dawned. For all those who stumble in the darkness.
Behold your light has come. Immanuel. Our God is with us, And if God is
with us, Who could stand against us. Our God is with us, Immanuel.**

**So what will be your answer? Will you hear the call? Of Him who did not
spare His son, But gave him for us all. On earth there is no power, There is
no depth or height, That could ever separate us, From the love of God in
Christ, Immanuel.**

**Our God is with us, And if God is with us, Who could stand against us, Our
God is with us. Immanuel, Immanuel. Our God is with us, And if God is
with us, Who could stand against us, Our God is with us. Immanuel.**

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.**

THANKOFFERING Each year, a thankoffering is given to support life-changing ministries of the Women of the ELCA. In gratitude for all God has given and with the hope for all that is to come, we give our thankoffering.

P: God of grace, you have showered us with gifts of grace and abundance, help us to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support each one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

C: Accept these gifts and our prayer that, nurtured by your Word, filled with your Spirit, and fed at your table, we may share with gladness all that you have shared with us, until all creation is satisfied. Amen.

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

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people.

C: Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Hear us, O God. **C:** Your mercy is great.

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving *(spoken)*

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.

BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Creator 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 SONG

Lamb of God from Now The Feast and Celebration, Marty Haugen

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
* you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world:
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
peace:
love:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God. you

Congregation:

give us hope as we wait for you: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Most High God, you have come among us at this table.

C: By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through ☩ Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

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.**

**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.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE PRAY FOR:

Chrissy Alberts (Sharon Cook), Pastor Erika & Ollie Bergh, Amy Ernst (Laura Cameron’s mother), Laura Cameron, Dale Cameron (Matthew’s brother), Janet (Sue Camasi), Mel Marshall family in their loss, John Orbeck, Janice Ostnes, Pastor Lou, Kristin & Willow, Ann Prentiss (Arlene Orbeck), Ariana Preshaw, Joyce Schmidt, Abby Smola, Ashley & Sherri Stephens, Arlene Strandberg in loss of Sig, Chelsea Walker.

OUR PRAYER PARTNER CHURCH: Mesa Sagrada meeting @Trinity Lutheran in Palmer

PRAYER SHAWLS:available to bless those in need of God’s healing comfort. *Cindy Olsen.*



ALTAR FLOWERS: To the glory of God *by Arlene & John Orbeck*

Reader:

Greeter:

Greeter Table Setup:

Communion Setup:

Acolyte:

Announcements

WORSHIP

We worship in-person & online together with **two services.**

9:00am (*Heritage – traditional*)

11:00am (*Celebration 2 - contemporary*)

Masks required and please sign in as you come in to help us take those precautions.
Thank you!

To join online services go to our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/FairbanksLutheranELCA>



Special Thanks to everyone for help with annual **KJNP** Thanksgiving Food Drive, especially to Phil and Lois Heine for delivery of the goods to the radio station!

Calendar Events

TODAY **ThankOffering & 1st Sunday in Advent** *ThankOffering to be taken during services.*

Music Rehearsals at 8:30am and 10:15am in sanctuary before services.

MONDAY **Foodbank, 1:00pm** help offload foodboxes for clients at church.

Mary Martha Women's Bible Study, 6pm at church. We are viewing the movie "*The Chosen*" with discussion following.

TUESDAY **Pastors Text Study, 9:00am** lectionary study and prayer together.

WEDNESDAY **12noon Bible Study** with Pastor Lou. Study focuses on scripture.

6:30pm Worship Music Rehearsal in sanctuary.

7:00pm Holden Evening Prayers Service in sanctuary.

7:30pm Evening Bible Study with Pastor Lou. We meet at church and via ZOOM. We are focusing on the social issue of RACE.

ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84484787376?pwd=Mlk1UVVsMzZoQWdJQIBOL1kxazBWQT09>

Online, Anytime, Anywhere Sunday School, weekly on website.

NEXT SATURDAY (*Dec 4*), **Women's Advent Gathering** 10am-12noon.
Pastor Lou is our speaker.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Advent Midweek Services continue Dec 8,15,22 (Wed), 7pm, Holden Evening Prayers.

IN-Person Sunday School begins Dec 5 (Sun) at 10am after the first service.

Pre-School and **Grade School** children will meet downstairs in Godly Play room.
Teachers are Lois Heine and Kathy Alton.

Youth 7th Grade through Adults will meet upstairs in Conference Room.
Barb Pierson and Ruth Carson will lead discussions.

Council Meeting on Dec 16 (Thur) at 6pm.

Christmas Program happens on Dec 19 (Sun) at **10am. One Service**, No Sunday School.

Special Music Rehearsal for Christmas Eve after the Christmas Program at 12noon.

Christmas Eve Dec 24 (Fri), 3pm caroling

5pm (family) and 10pm (traditional) Candlelight Services

Online Christmas Day Service, 10:00am Dec 25 (Sat), pre-recorded on Facebook.

Sunday, December 26 there will be **one service** at **10:00am**, No Sunday School.

Sunday, January 2 there will be **two services, 9am and 11am**. No Sunday School.

Ways you can SERVE

Your help and assistance is needed!

Sign up at church when you come for worship or contact the church office to have your name put on the schedule. fairluth@gci.net, 452-3425.

READER GREETER GREETER TABLE SET-UP COMMUNION SET-UP
ACOLYTE See descriptions with sign-up sheet on coffee bar.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP Sign up to provide altar flowers in celebration of an Anniversary, Birthday, in memory of someone or to the Glory of God. Sign up chart- narthex.

MARTINS' MOPPERS Weekly Cleaning of bathrooms, coffee bar area, vacuuming narthex, wiping down altar and pulpit. Sanctuary vacuumed as needed. Water plants as needed. See sign-up sheet on bulletin board outside church office.



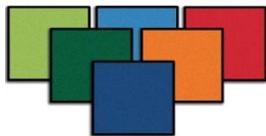
Women's Advent Gathering

This coming **Saturday, December 4th** from **10am–12noon**.

We will be **IN-PERSON** and **LIVESTREAMED**.

Our sister cluster churches from Fairbanks, North Pole, Delta Junction and Valdez are also invited to attend as Pastor Lou will be our speaker this year.

There will be the message, fellowship, hymns and a “goodie bag” to take home with you instead of brunch foods where we will focus on being together face to face for this special time. Invite a friend! **Sign up in the narthex** to let us know how many are coming.



Carpet Fundraiser for Sanctuary

Buy a carpet square to help us reach our goal.

Each square costs \$45.

We **need 1200 squares** for a total cost of **\$54,000** to reach our goal.

Thus far, **over \$11,000** has been donated.

Be sure to notate **“CARPET FUND”** on your check, envelope, online donation.

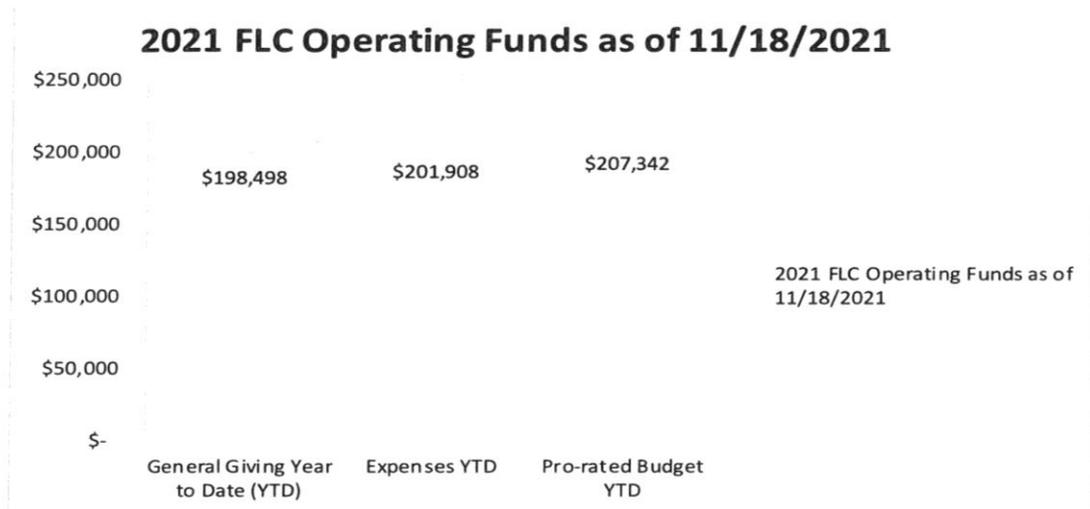
New or visitor to Fairbanks Lutheran? Fill out a WELCOME card, please sign our visitor guestbook, comment online, email or phone. We would love to get to know you better.

Requesting Prayer? Fill out a PRAYER request card, comment online, email or phone. Give Welcome and Prayer request cards to greeter/usher or place in offering plate.

Ways to Give:

- 1. Mail your offering to:** 1012 Cowles St. Fairbanks, AK 99701
- 2. Make a contribution using SIMPLY GIVING.**
- 3. Use smartphone w/Vanco Mobile app.** Download app, setup account.

Questions: Email **Cathy Birkliid**, cabirkliid@hotmail.com or contact office 452-3425.

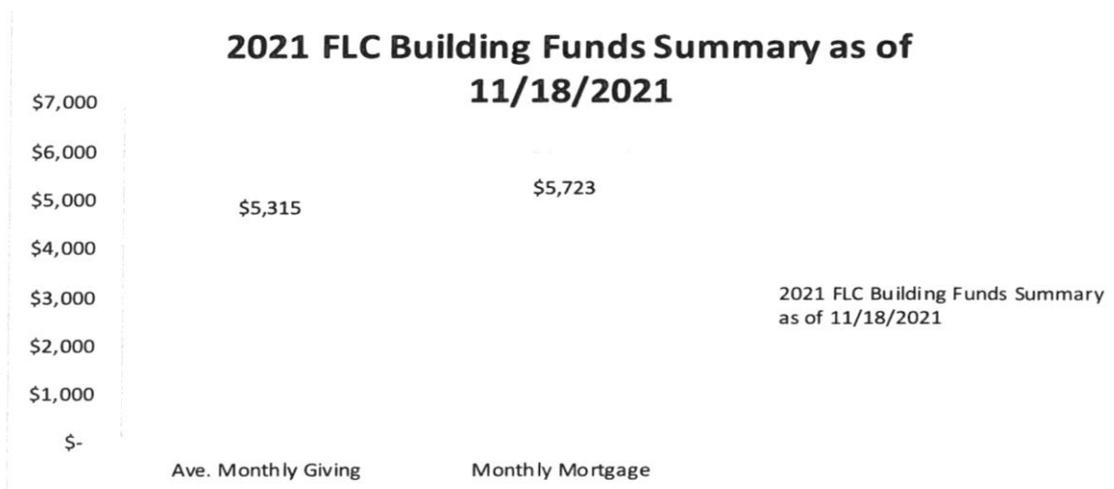


The 2021 Approved Budget \$235,030.00.

Alaska Synod Benevolence is paid through 12/31/2021.

We have opened a Carpet Fund at Mt. McKinley Bank, which currently holds \$11,035.00.

Indirect income (Amazon Smile, Fred Meyer Community, Thrivent Choice, Building Use, and Garage Sale) = \$13,135 = 6.6% of total income to FLC.



Our 11/18/2021 mortgage balance at Mission Investment Fund (MIF) is \$617,576.62 and steadily decreasing!! Approximately 66% of each monthly mortgage payment now goes to principal. We are paying 3.875% interest this loan cycle. This loan will be paid off in 11 years + 2 months at current interest and payment rates.

We have \$36,761 in building funds between Mt. McKinley Bank and MIF = 6.4 mortgage payments.



LUKE 21:25

THERE WILL
BE SIGNS
IN THE SUN,
THE MOON,
AND THE STARS

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