

Second Sunday of Christmas
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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January 5, 2020
“Moving forward in faith by providing spiritual
and physical nourishment “

Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion.

****Indicates to please stand as you are able.***

PRELUDE

BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We begin in the name of the Father, And of the +Son, And of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, Love from the beginning,

Word made flesh, Breath of heaven.

Amen.

Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another,
trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret.

We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others.

We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God.

**Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the
courage to try again. Amen.**

Dear people of God, hear the good news:

Christ the Savior is born! You are loved and forgiven

in the name of + Jesus, who has come among us.

You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved,

because God's love is given to you

as the most precious gift of all.

Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.

Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #275 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”**

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, 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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

L. The Word of the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20

¹²Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion,
¹³**who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.**
¹⁴God has established peace on your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
¹⁵**God sends out a command to the earth,
a word that runs very swiftly.**
¹⁶God gives snow like wool,
scattering frost like ashes.
¹⁷**God scatters hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand against God's cold?**
¹⁸The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.
¹⁹**God declares the word to Jacob,
statutes and judgments to Israel.**
²⁰The LORD has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first

to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

L. The Word of the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**

L. The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter. **C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: : John 1:[1-9] 10-18

[¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

L. The Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF DAY #510 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

***APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I 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**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L. Hear us, O God. C. Your mercy is great.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L. The peace of Christ be with you always. C. And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN #296 "What Child is This" vs. 1 & 3

***OFFERING PRAYER**

**Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth
that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts
to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray as our Lord taught...

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy
will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Love has come: God's love for all people.

Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

(You may be seated.)

You are invited to come forward for a blessing with your hands folded even if you're not receiving communion. If you will be receiving communion, please hold out your hand to receive these gifts. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher so we can serve you at your seat.

Hymns During Communion:

#282 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

#300 "The First Noel"

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all.

Amen.

*BLESSING

Grace from God's own heart, peace from the ✚ Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

Amen.

*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

***SENDING HYMN: #290 "Go Tell It On the Mountain"**

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS: Ken Beyer, Eunice Hegg, Jackie Lang, Lil Lyng, Alice Morken, Gayle Weber, Ann West, Nylene Shelstad, Betty Peterson, Ron Redepenning .

Today's worship assistants...

***DISMISSAL**

Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

Thanks be to God.

***BELL**

POSTLUDE

Today's worship assistants...

Worship Leaders: Vicar Ann Bjorklund

Organist: Linda Anderson

Secretary: Kari Pearson

Education Coordinator: Ronda Helgemo

Acolytes: Mackenzie Call, Aspen Bendel

Reader: Tamara Bissett

Communion Assistant: Tamara Bissett, Mike Deyo

Greeters: Paul and Lori Engesmoe, Tyler and Brittany Engesmoe & family

Videographer: Jeff Hanson

Ushers: Team 6-Steve Helgemo

Screen: Derek Halvorson

Please also hold these concerns in your prayers, today and throughout the week:

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS: Ken Beyer, Eunice Hegg, Jackie Lang, Lil Lyng, Alice Morken, Gayle Weber, Ann West, Nylene Shelstad, Betty Peterson, and Ron Redepenning.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Dallas Schellberg, Dave Ludvigson, Alice Johnson, Skip Blahosky, Deb Bauler, Leroy Lund, Jerry Kvaal, Harper Lucas, Bonnie Vaala, Ron Christensen, Sam Roering, Sammi Sommerland, Don Husby, Dale Kolas, Wyatt Haugen and Ronda Helgemo.

PRAYERS FOR : Jerry Oстераas and his family as they mourn the death of his brother-in-law, Michael Pavela.

Contact the church office at 598-3630 to add or remove a person.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mark your calendar! Faith Lutheran's Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26th following worship service.

Committees: If you haven't gotten your reports turned in please do so as soon as possible!

Ushers, Flower and Altar Guild Committee's: Check your mailbox for your 2020 Schedule.

To: Faith Lutheran Church
From: Bishop Jon Anderson:

Ann Bjorklund is not a pastor. But, at the request of our congregational leadership, she has been authorized by the synodical bishop to preside at the sacrament of Holy Communion in our congregation. For this ministry, she will be in consultation with an ELCA pastor. The authorization is granted in accord with the ELCA's guiding statement, The Use of Means of Grace, which says, "In witness that this sacrament is a celebration of the Church, serving its unity, an ordained minister presides in the service of Holy Communion and proclaims the Great Thanksgiving. Where it is not possible for an extended period of time to provide ordained pastoral leadership, a synodical bishop may authorize a properly trained lay person to preside for a specified period of time and in a given location only.

Christmas "Meat" and Greet

Who: You are invited to get to know Theresa and me (Vicar Ann) a little better. We're still learning names, too, so this would be a great opportunity for us and you get treats. We'll enjoy snacks and conversation. I enjoy smoking various foods so you'll be able to try some of those things, too.

When: Sunday, January 5th from
2-4 pm at Faith Lutheran Church

There will be an open-house 80th birthday party for Leroy Lund on Saturday, January 11th from 2:00 to 4:00 at Faith Lutheran Church.

**Christmas Eve
Worship Service
Attendance
363**

**Sunday, Dec. 22
Church
Attendance:
140**

WHATS HAPPENING AT FAITH:

Sunday, January 5

9:00 am Worship Service
10:10 am Fellowship
10:30 am Choir Practice
10:30 am Jesus Trip mtg

Monday, January 6

7:00 pm AA & Al-Anon

Wednesday, January 8

9:00 am Hot Muffins Exercise Group
3:30 pm Joyful Noise Singers
3:30 pm Confirmation
6:00 pm Faith Ringers

Thursday, January 9

8:30 am Do-Day

Saturday, January 11

2:00 pm birthday party for Leroy Lund

Sunday, January 12

9:00 am Worship Service
10:10 am Fellowship/SS/Power Hour

**The Faith Lutheran
annual meeting will be held on
Sunday, January 26
following the
worship service.**

Needed: Sponsors for the radio broadcast, bulletin and altar flowers! Stop in the church office to sign up in honor or memory of a loved one. We do not have anyone signed up for January and months following.