



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C O Mighty God, you once revealed yourself to your people on Mt. Sinai, in fire and thunder and cloud, as you gave your Ten Commandments;

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus, our Lord and God, you made your divine power manifest by changing water into wine, healing the sick, and teaching the people with power and authority;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C O Divine Spirit, when Jesus was baptized, you came upon Him in the form of a dove. Come upon us now, in the speaking of your Word.
AMEN!

OPENING SONG: “Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak” **LBW 403**

WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our sin and griefs, and hear the comfort of the Lord.

C If you revealed only your power and your law to us, O Lord, we would be undone. Like the Israelites who trembled with fear at Mt. Sinai, and like the disciple Peter, who upon seeing your Power over nature, cried out, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!”, we too would be reduced to fear and trembling, guilt and hopelessness. We confess that we have not and cannot live up to your righteous and good laws, and that we cannot stand before your almighty power.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P Jesus reveals himself to us most completely, not through laws, commandments, and displays of awesome power, but through lowliness and humility. He came to John the Baptist to be baptized, though he didn't need to at all. By doing so, he showed that he is not ashamed to be associated with sinners. Indeed, he loves sinners, and wants to come into their lives and be their friend. Jesus loves us

sinners. In His name, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C And also with you!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹Now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

P The Word of the Lord **C** Thanks be to God

PSALM 29 (Read responsively by whole verse)

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SECOND READING

Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the

dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.
¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P The Gospel of the Lord **C** Thanks be to God

SERMON: IT IS JESUS, NOT JOHN

SONG: "Shall We Gather at the River"

WOV 690

STATEMENT OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING

CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

Based on the Song of Simeon, also known as the "Nunc Dimittis" (Luke 2:29-32)

P Lord, now you dismiss your servants in peace.

C Now, Lord, knowing your promises, we can depart in peace; and one

day, we can depart this world in peace.

P Our eyes have seen God's salvation!

C "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!" We have seen Christ, with the eyes of faith.

P He has prepared His salvation in the sight of every people.

C By a star, God led Gentiles from the east to His infant son. His salvation is for all people – not just for some.

P God's Son is the light of the world, revealing Him to all nations.

C May we too be the light of the world, as Christ has called us.

P He is the glory of God's people Israel.

C We thank God for His chosen people, and for His Messiah, Jesus Christ. And we thank Him for making us, and all who believe in Jesus, His chosen people!

P Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

C As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN.

CLOSING SONG: "Nearer, My God, to Thee"

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THE BENEDICTION

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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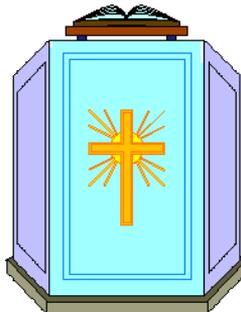
Attendance Last Saturday: 1/1:3

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Attendance Sunday, 1/2: 22



Thank you, Gary Steinhorst and Lenny Peterson, for providing pulpit supply this weekend. Pastor Tom & family are in quarantine.

Nearer, My God, to Thee

1 Near - er, my God, to thee, Near - er to thee,
 2 Though like a wan - der - er, The sun gone down,
 3 Then let my way ap - pear, Steps un - to heav'n;
 4 Then with my wak - ing thoughts, Bright with thy praise,

E'en though it be a cross That rais - eth me,
 Dark - ness be o - ver me, My rest a stone,
 All that thou send - est me In mer - cy giv'n;
 Out of my ston - y griefs Beth - el I'll raise;

Still all my song shall be, Near - er, my God, to thee,
 Yet in my dreams I'd be Near - er, my God, to thee,
 An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my God, to thee,
 So by my woes to be Near - er, my God, to thee,

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Jennifer Block 1/8
Kay Newberry 1/13

Jennifer Sunderlage 1/9
Mike Percudani 1/14

Lessons for Next Week

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 128; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11



FLC ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 10:15 A.M.

Annual Report Booklets will be ready January 15th.



Thank you for all of the cards, prayers and phones calls during my visit to the hospital for my foot. Charmaine Massey

Thank you for the cards and prayers after my sister, Harriet's passing. Chuck Huey

Today, 1/9: Join us after the service for coffee in Fellowship Hall!

Newsletter items due today.

Monday 1/10: Food Truck Delivery, 9am.

Tuesday 1/11: Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; distribution., 12-2pm.

Wednesday 1/12: Newsletter Folding, 9am.

Thursday 1/13: Confirmation Class, 5:30pm.

Saturday 1/15: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 1/16: Communion Service, 9am.



Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including:

- Bishop Rev. Dr. Khamphone Kounthapanya died. He was of the Lao Evangelical Church in Laos. He was like a second father to Pastor Deaune.
- Bill Hutchins, son of June & Steve May is battling Covid. He is very ill.
- Our new Pastor, Thomas Thorstad and family as they settle in.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Amy Blobaum, Abby (Pahnke) Bohn and Annelise Daab, Mark Boehmer's girlfriend.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Betty Paulsen, Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All NALC churches that are searching for a Pastor.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.