



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshipping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you. Then after worship, you're encouraged to introduce yourself to anyone you haven't met.

THE SERVICE BEGINS

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

C O Mighty God, you once revealed yourself to your people on Mount 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: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" **LBW 60**

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

1 Kings 3:5,9-14

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

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

PSALM 119:97-104 (Read by whole verse)

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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, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless

before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

GOSPEL

Luke 2:40-52

⁴⁰The child {Jesus} grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have

been searching for you in great distress.”⁴⁹ And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them.⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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

SERMON: “OUR FATHER” - Gospel

SONG: “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

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STATEMENT OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them up to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

P Isaiah said of old, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news.”

C People of God, today this prophecy has been fulfilled in your hearing.

C Amen!

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

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P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

THANK YOU, PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH,

Pastor, we have been blessed by having you as our interim Pastor for 428 days (through January 3, 2022). We have learned a lot about the Bible and you over this time. Many of us, would enjoy spending time with you to learn even more from you. You are a very active young man, and we know that you will keep busy. May God bless you on your next journey.

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Please help us prepare for the Epiphany Season

We will need to take down the Christmas tree and decorations on Thursday, January 6th. We will then place Epiphany banners up. We will begin at 4pm, if you are available that would be VERY helpful!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Chloe Schindler 1/1
Sara Haag 1/7

Jean Bauer 1/3
Brian Mielke 1/7

Loraine Krabbe 1/5

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Keith & Renee Krabbe 1/1/2017

John & Jo Boehmer 1/5/1992



Thank you for all of the cards, prayers and phone 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



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes should have arrived at your home by now. If you have not received yours, please let Dianna know.

Sunday 1/2: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee after the service!
Annual Reports are due!

Monday 1/3: Justin Newberry's funeral, 11am. here.

Tuesday 1/4: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; distribution, 12-2pm.

Thursday 1/6: Worship & Music, 9:30am;

"Undecorate Church", 4pm, ALL are invited to help!

Confirmation Class with Pastor Tom Thorstad, 5:30pm;

Church Council, 7pm.

Saturday 1/8: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 1/9: Worship Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

- Justin Newberry, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd.

Visitation will be at Quiram-Olsen Funeral home on Sunday,

Jan. 2nd from 1:00-5:00pm. His funeral will be here at FLC on

Monday, Jan. 3rd at 11am.

May the promise of God's Resurrection bring peace to the family of Justin.

- Alexis, Jo Boehmer's relative, is 8 years old and has Covid. She is in isolation at home on her own.

- Bill Hutchins, son of June & Steve May is battling Covid. He is very ill.

- 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 suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.

- 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.

- Our new Pastor, Thomas Thorstad and family as they settle in.