

Second Week of Christmas

December 30, 2020 & January 3, 2021



Faith Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

*“We are building a welcoming, nurturing faith community
that is guided by Jesus and shares the Gospel.”*

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

OPENING HYMN: ELW 292 “Love has Come”

- 1 Love has come—a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

- 2 Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;
what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

- 3 Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of goodness and lovingkindness,

**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.

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.

Amen.

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

WORD: *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

READING: John 1:1-18

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

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

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

And 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. (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."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 510 “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

- 1 Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heav'n descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

- 2 Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,
crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.

- 3 Word that speaks God's tender love,
one with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

OFFERING MOMENT

***SENDING: God blesses us and sends us into the world to
love and serve our neighbors.***

SENDING HYMN: ELW 267 "Joy to the World"

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

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- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sin and sorrow grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

BLESSING

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.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus!

Thanks be to God.

Message & Liturgy: Pastor Sylvia Bull

Musician: Vicki Martel



Thank you for your gifts of \$14,655
in general fund offerings for last week.

Struggling during this time apart? Visit our website: faithbismarck.com/get-help for resources on mental wellness, parenting, financial assistance, addiction recovery, and more. You are not alone. *God loves you.* We want to walk with you through this hard time. You can also call the office at 701-223-2236 for assistance. Be well and safe!

Just a reminder that we still are collecting Dan's receipts. The receipt bucket is in the entryway, so please drop them off at the Church the next time you stop by! *Thank you.*

Looking for ways to serve God and neighbor during this time? Check out our new "Serve" page on our website faithbismarck.com/serve to learn how you can respond to needs from our partner ministries and the wider community. *Thank you for the many ways you are serving as the church in the world in these days!*

You can **continue to give** to FLC's mission and ministry via mail: (1402 E Ave C, Bismarck, ND 58501), directly through your bank's bill pay feature, electronically through our website, or by using the Give+ app. If you do not already give, please consider committing to a sustaining gift of \$5 or \$10 a month as we continue to share in ministry together.

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AT A GLANCE...

Thursday, December 31

Friday, January 1

Office Closed

8:00 NA

Saturday, January 2

Sunday, January 3

8:30 Streaming Only Worship

9:45 (B) Church School

Monday, January 4

7:00 AA

Tuesday, January 5

4:00 Guiding Team

Wednesday, January 6

10:00 Bible Study - ZOOM

11:30 * Limited Indoor Worship

6:00 (B) Church School

7:00 Streaming Only Worship

Thursday, January 7

9:00 Esther Circle

Friday, January 8

8:00 NA

Saturday, January 9

Sunday, January 10

8:30 Worship

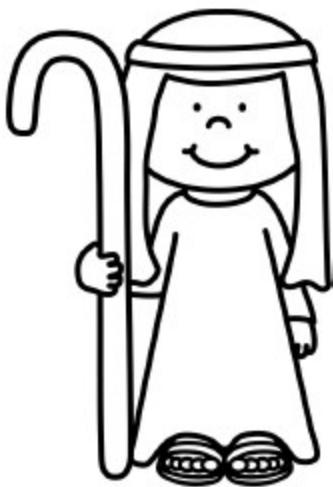
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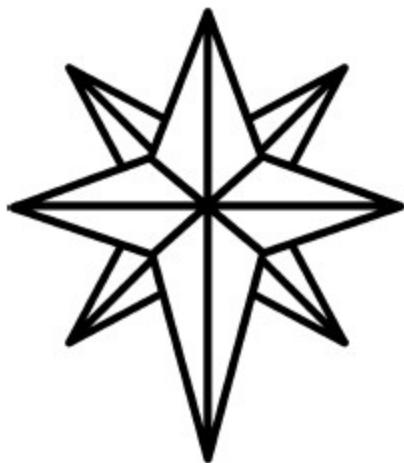
Read and Color

Read each sentence. Then color the picture using the color words.

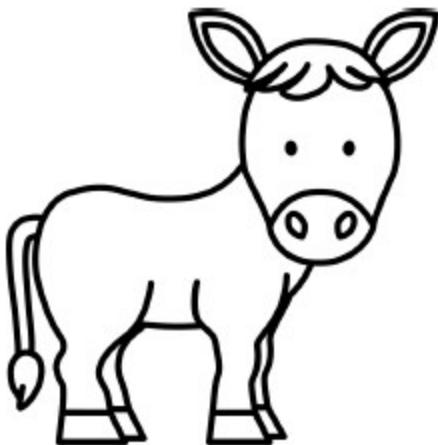
The shepherd's tunic is brown.



Look at the yellow star!



The gray donkey is in the stable.



The wise man's robe is green.

