

Online Worship

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020



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 257 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

(verses 1, 3, 4, 6)

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

3 O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
whose forgiveness is sure
and whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Together let us honestly and humbly confess
that we have not lived as God desires.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving and forgiving God,

we confess that we are held captive by sin.

In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray.

We have not welcomed the stranger;

we have not loved our neighbor;

we have not been Christ to one another.

Restore us, O God.

Wake us up and turn us from our sin.

Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

People of God, hear this glad news:

by God's endless grace

your sins are forgiven, and you are free—

free from all that holds you back

and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.

May you be strengthened in God's love,

† comforted by Christ's peace,

and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

If you have an advent wreath in your home, we invite you to light the three candles with us as we pray and light the wreath in our sanctuary.

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the candles on this wreath,
kindle within us the fire of your Spirit,
that we may be light shining in the darkness.
Enlighten us with your grace,
that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.
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: Isaiah 61:1-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour,

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and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;
but you shall be called priests of the LORD,
you shall be named ministers of our God;
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,
and in their riches you shall glory.
Because their shame was double,
and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore they shall possess a double portion;
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 266 "All Earth Is Hopeful"

- 1 All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:
this, the labor of people who struggle to see
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.
- 2 People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";
she conceived him, "God with us,"
our brother, whose birth
restores hope and courage to children of this earth.
- 3 Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
new highways opened, new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

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- 4 We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live
in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

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 239 “Hark, the Glad Sound”

- 1 Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
and ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,
in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.

BLESSING

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, ✝ now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Pastor Sylvia Bull

Liturgy: Pastor Derek Harkins

Musician: Janine Johannes



Thank you for your gifts of \$13,220
in fund offerings for last week.



Poinsettia Sale

The Altar Guild is selling Poinsettias this Advent season to decorate the sanctuary.

\$10 per plant

Call the church office at **701.223.2236** to order and inform whom the poinsettia is for. Please mail your payment to the church office at 1402 E. Avenue C, Bismarck ND 58501.

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...

Sunday, December 13

8:30 Streaming Only Worship
9:45 Congregational Meeting -
Facebook Live

Church School following the
Congregational Meeting -
Facebook Live

Monday, December 14

7:00 AA

Tuesday, December 15

Wednesday, December 16

10:00 Bible Study - Zoom
11:30 * Limited Indoor Worship
4:30 (C) 8th & 9th Confirmation
6:00 Church School - Online
7:00 Streaming Only Worship

Thursday, December 17

Friday, December 18

8:00 NA

Saturday, December 19

Sunday, December 20

8:30 Streaming Only Worship
9:45 Church School

Monday, December 21

7:00 AA

Tuesday, December 22

5:00 HR Committee - Zoom
6:00 Compass Group
7:00 Executive Committee

Wednesday, December 23

11:30 * Limited Indoor Worship
NO Church School

* *Reserved for those
without online access.*

2021 Summer Camp Programs



- ⇒ Camp of the Cross Ministries offers camps for children and youth that are entering grades 2 through 12!
- ⇒ CCM offers on-site and off-site adventure camps! & Family camps!
- ⇒ CCM offers 2 nights or 5 nights options!
- ⇒ Do you love CCM so much that you want to go twice? Receive half off registration for your second week!

Early Bird Registration Deadlines

1/2 price before Christmas Eve!!

February 1, 2021

April 1, 2021

Check out the amounts for each week on our website!



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FEATURED CAMPS

Voyagers (entering grades 2-3)

- 3 days/2 nights at camp exploring with Bible study, games, campfires and much more!
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Homesteaders (entering grades 4-5)

- Specialty Camps— fishing, art & in-tents
- Christmas in July
- Mini Week (3 days, 2 nights)

Prairie Dwellers (entering grades 6-7)

- Specialty Camps
- Trekkers Canoeing Week

Pathfinders (entering grades 8-9)

- Specialty Camps
- Pathfinders Week
- Trekkers Canoe Week
- North Country Backpacking
- Christmas in July

Senior High (entering grades 10-12)

- Trekkers
- North Country Backpacking

Camps for Families (check them out!)

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

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