

He has clothed me
with the garments
of salvation;
he has covered me
with the robe
of righteousness.

ISAIAH 61:10

December 27, 2020
First Sunday after Christmas
9:30 AM Worship

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PRELUDE AND BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Jesus Christ, the Savior of the Nations, took on our human form in order to save humanity from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Let us take a few moments to examine our consciences, offering to our Lord a sincere confession of all our sins – known and unknown.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: We come before you this day with contrite hearts. Forgive us, we pray, for all the ways in which we have neglected our neighbors, turned from those in need, and trusted in our own will rather than listening and obeying yours. Restore us to a right relationship with you, and give us a willingness to hear and follow your mandate to share the Good News of great joy with all the world.

P: For the grace of God has appeared in Jesus Christ, bringing salvation to all. Our great Savior and Lord gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous to do good deeds. In him we put our trust as we receive his promise of forgiveness (Titus 2:11-14)

C: Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us; the love of the Father who created us in his own image; and the communion of the Holy Spirit, the giver of all good gifts, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC Peggy Moran, Rick Richard
Brent & Theresa Petersen
"Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray
to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the
Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the
Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship
and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

**C: God of majesty may your Spirit help us to know that in
the midst of all that assails us your promise of light and
presence through Jesus Christ remains constant and
unchanging. Strengthen our faith, bring us your peace,
and send us to share both with others. We ask this
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord;
who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now
and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3
*(See how the land produces its fruit in due season? (Lev 26:4)
The faithfulness of the earth is a gift from God. Yet, if the earth
is dependable, God is far more faithful. His faithfulness extends
beyond the needs of the flesh. He has dressed us in the
clothing of salvation, so that we may walk with God in eternity
(Rev 3:5). God will make it happen, for he is faithful.)*

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul 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 like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a
bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings
forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to
sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake
I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as
brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations
shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and
you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord
will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the
Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

PSALM.....Psalm 111
*(Praise the Lord for his works: food, land, and redemption to
name a few mentioned in our Psalm. Having sent redemption to
his people (Psa 111:9), one must agree with Luther when he
stated, "the 'great works of the Lord' are the church of the
faithful" (Works, vol. 11, p374). The Lord's great works are
remembered among the Israel of God (Gal 6:16); he is praised
in the congregation. To clarify Luther, it is not the people who
are great; it is the merciful God of their redeeming who is
wondrous to behold.)*

¹ Praise the Lord.

I will extol the Lord with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

² **Great are the works of the Lord;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

- ³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ **He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and compassionate.**
- ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
- ⁶ **He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.**
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
- ⁸ **They are established for ever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.**
- ⁹ He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever—
holy and awesome is his name.
- ¹⁰ **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise.**

SECOND READING Galatians 4:4-7
(At just the right time, God sent sent his Son into the world. God the Son was born of a woman; in other words, God became man. In the fullness of time God became fully man—and yet God. He was also born under the law. There were no special circumstances for the Christ. He lived as all live, so that he might redeem all.)

Just as Jesus was sent from the Father, the Spirit proceeded from the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is sent into the hearts of gentile believers so that they may speak with or pray to the Father, calling him Abba or Papa, as adopted children. Their adoption into the family of God gives them the right inheritance. They will now receive every good gift previously reserved for the children of Abraham.)

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

ALLELUIA

C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READINGLuke 2:22-40
(The consolation of Israel (Luke 2:25) is an intriguing phrase. Though it does not occur elsewhere in Scripture, the theme certainly does. It is generally connected to the comforting of Israel by returning from captivity in a foreign land. Simeon applies it to the Messiah. Simeon believed the ultimate consolation had come to Israel in the Christ child. The coming of the Lord is the consolation of God's people. Encourage one another with Simeon's realization and be at peace (1 Thes 4:18).)

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, {Joseph and Mary} brought {Jesus} up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." ³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that

thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin,³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC Peggy Moran, Rick Richard
Brent & Theresa Petersen
“When Christmas Morn Is Dawning”

SERMON Pastor Chuck Mann

SPECIAL MUSIC Peggy Moran, Rick Richard
Brent & Theresa Petersen
“What Child Is This”

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the

Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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, for ever and ever. Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C: Amen

BLESSING AND SENDING

P: Great are the works of the Lord. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. Go now in the name of God Most High: Father, Son, and + Holy Spirit.
(Psalm 111)

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace! God's Word has been fulfilled.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN On next page
"Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

POSTLUDE

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

Once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry; Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, Yon - der shines the in - fant light.
Seek the great de - sire of na - tions, You have seen his na - tal star.
Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

*Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.
Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879*

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Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR..... Pastor Chuck Mann
READERS Aubrey & Lilly Gardner
ORGANIST LeAnn Richard
USHERS/GREETERS Donna Kroll & Sylvia Thompson
ALTAR GUILD Brent & Theresa Petersen
SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS Larry & Kathy Keller

Our Mission

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

Welcome to all who have come to worship.

Today we continue to celebrate Christmas – and God’s lavish gift of love, Jesus. Welcome!

Visitors

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today.

Nursery

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

Thank you for your giving

Sunday, December 20th Attendance – 82

Facebook Online Viewing - 183

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$7,099.00

Prayer Requests

Janice Harper – Wife of Mark Kugler, Keith Hammerbeck – Family friend of the Kugler’s, Robert Walter – Former Professor of Pastor Chuck, Brian Hall – Related to Pastor Chuck, Shelly Lonski – Sister to Sharon Nelson, Deborah Davenport – Mother of Laura Gardner’s friend, Virgie Emineth, Cindy Delmonico – Mother to Melissa Kugler, Glenn Weist, Anna Belle, Ruby from Pine Ridge, Claire Boucher – Friends of Aaron & Lexie Solomonson newborn, Jamie Baumann, James Tolbert, Brad Taylor – Friend of Pastor Chuck, Taylor Gardner, Harold Holtz, Elaine Renfrow – Mother to Lynette Sondrol, Sandi Femling – Cousin to Melanie Beckman, Laren Holznagel, Harlow Tatum – Daughter to Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum, Melisa Chrest, Ruth Lund – Mother to Doddie Kuntz, Derek Laning, Jacklyne Carlson, Amber Selken – Sister to Wendy Miller, John Krebsbach – Brother to Peggy Wollmuth, Arlo Omoth – Brother to Jeneen Loe, Shirley Nelson, Bob Miller, Rodney Jaeger

2021 FLCW Books

All women of First Lutheran Church, please check your mailbox in the narthex and take your 2021 FLCW book home with you! If you do not see a mailbox for yourself, please talk to Jeannette in the church office during office hours to have one made for you. Every member should have one!

2021 Offering Envelopes

The 2021 offering envelopes are on the cart in the narthex. Pick yours up today to use next year. If you don't find one for yourself and would like a set, please talk to Jeannette during office hours.

Annual Report

All committee reports for the annual report need to be in the church office no later than noon, January 12th. Please email them to flc@westriv.com or drop them off at the church office. Email is preferred.

Pastoral Care

Please call Pastor Chuck if you or a loved one are in the hospital or know you will be going to the hospital. The church does not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name. We want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

First Lutheran Church Update as of November 17, 2020 regarding Orders from ND Governor's Office and ND Dept. of Health:

As a religious organization, the FLC executive committee has reviewed the subject COVID 19 related materials, and in prayerful consideration we are moving forward with the following guidelines:

Church Services- in-person

- Facemasks will be required in accordance with the Governor's/State Health Officer's orders
 - Masks must be worn when *entering* or *exiting* the sanctuary. Please bring your own mask if able, if you do not have one available, the church will continue to provide disposable masks barring any supply/availability issues.
 - This does not apply to those who are exempt from ND health order, such as those with medical conditions, children 4 years old and under (children under 2 years old should never wear face coverings), etc.
- Social distancing will be observed, by family unit (maintaining six feet apart).
 - Pews will remain in usual position to allow for the most space per family unit
- Circumstances where mandatory face coverings may be temporarily removed (from state health officer order part 6) that are applicable to our services

- Pastor Chuck (or others using mics up front) while socially distant in leading the service
- Musicians to play instruments (as long as they are able to be socially distance)
- While a family unit is sitting in the pew during the service when social distancing is possible
- After the service has finished, please fellowship outside for adequate space for social distancing.

Sunday School/Confirmation/Other small group activities held at the church

- All small groups are still welcome to meet
- Facemasks will be required when attending any of these activities at the church
- To accommodate more families to come see the Sunday School Christmas Program safely, we will be splitting the program into two separate programs with 20 minutes in-between, more information on this coming soon!

All previous guidelines remain in place:

- Every family is encouraged to attend church, Sunday school, or other activities in the manner that they feel most comfortable (whether on-line or in person)
- Hand sanitizer is available at multiple locations within the church.
- No food is to be prepared in the kitchen at this time, and there will be no coffee hour.
- The FLC website (www.flcwashburn.com) and Facebook will be updated as we continue to monitor the situation and any new developments. Please check these sites for updates or concerns. If you do not see an answer to your concern, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Chuck or Jeannette.
- If you are joining online and would like the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Chuck.

“May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; may the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26