

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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January 3, 2021 – Second Sunday of Christmas 10:30 AM -

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Prelude

“We Three King” - Organ

Welcome- Announcements - Intro to Worship

Opening Hymn – “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice ” - vv. 2&3 - ELW #288

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice- with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this.
He has o-pened heaven’s door, and we are blest for-ever-more
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
2. Good Christian friends, rejoice- with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading- Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Psalm 147:12-20

¹²Worship the Lord O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,

¹³**who has strengthened the bars of your gates and has blessed your children within you.**

¹⁴God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵**God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.**

¹⁶God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

¹⁷**God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God's cold?**

¹⁸The LORD sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow.

¹⁹**God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgements to Israel.**

²⁰The LORD has not done so to any other nation; they do not know God's judgments.

Hallelujah!

The Holy Gospel - 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 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.

Message

Prayers and Intercessions:

Pastor: Receive our prayer, merciful God.

People: Save your people, O LORD.

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Christmas Blessing

Hymn - "The First Noel" - vs 1, 3&5 - ELW #300

1. The first Noel the angel did say -
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they-- lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: No-el, No-el, No-el, No-el!
Born is the King of Israel.

3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star where-ever it went

Refrain

5. Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev-'rent ly upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence.
Their gold and myrrh, and frank-in-cense.

Refrain

Postlude- "March of the Kings" - Organ

Helping in Worship

Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Lector	- Scott Gaun
Altar Guild	- Val McGinn, Nancy Moskella
Technology Leader	- Ken Anderson
Preparation of Bulletin	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wednesday, January 6 - DAY OF EPIPHANY
- Next Sunday, January 10 - BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
worship will offer us all an opportunity to remember our Baptism - 10:30 AM
- Weekly Sunday School Virtual “Whirl” Broadcast - newly posted each week on www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran
- “Outreach” special offerings for both January and February will be sent to local food pantries, who continue to be overwhelmed by increasing demands.

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Esther Crouse; Norma Fox; Faye Gadwell; Virginia Hager; Betty & George Kreitz; Phyllis Lanshe; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; and Carolyn Williams; Joanne Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Phyllis Allebach; Brian Ashmore, Jr.; Lynn Bailey; Reta Bieber; Jason Bigley; Julia Bizon; Karen Bolesta; Kelly Bordelon; Phyllis Boyer; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Josie Crown; DeLorenzo Family; Robert & Helen Eby; Nancy Edelen; Chris Fear; Ray Fear; Fred Foerster; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Florence Gonzalez; Bob Helm; Kathy J.; Paige Jipner; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jean Kaki; Jane Kemmerer; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Joanne Dehel Lavin; Macey Litz; Barbara Lynch; Chelsea Marley; Warren & Pat Merkhams; Andrea Miller; Steven Neff; Clint O’Connor; Jeff Petruno; Lisa Pezzino; Les Pross; Donnie Pyne; Letitia Reidinger; Jill Roland; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Laurel Sheetz; Gary Shollenberger; Erma Starling; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Alex Ulrey; Michelle Woodruff. ALSO, Laura, Kelly, Charlie D., Charlie L., and Jane.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo and Ken Eck.

For the Grieving: The families of Lea Kneebone; Sarah Rhine; Gerry Seipt; Manfred & Elfriede Marschewski; Rudolf von Watzdorf; and Duane Lehr.

For those in Health Care: Including Sara Aquino, Debbie Angstadt; Kendell Beerer, Mary Crouse, Sara Deal Den Herder, Mary Erceg; Faye Gadwell; Morgan Litz; Tanya Naska; Kristi Lee Reiman; Linda Sauter, and Sharron Streletz.

Essential Food Workers: Bethany Michl, Trauger’s Farm

Essential Postal Workers: Andrea Fox and Dawn Margeson

New Baby: Please keep Kristi Lee and Dane Reiman and their newborn son, Dane Charles, in your prayers.