

*Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham*

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**January 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2021 – SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

**10:30 AM - Worship/ Holy Communion**

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**Piano Prelude - "God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman - arr. David Lang**

**Welcome - Announcements - Welcome our Guest Preacher,**

**Rev. James Heckman**

**Introduction to Worship**

**Confession and Forgiveness** (Stand if you are able)

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who send the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

**Amen.**

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Holy God,

**we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us.**

**Amen.**

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. + In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn - ELW #283 - "O Come All Ye Faithful"**

(Stand if you are able)

**Greeting**

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

PEOPLE: **AND ALSO WITH YOU**

**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.* (Please be Seated)

### **First Reading- Jeremiah 31: 7-14**

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Lector: **The Word of the Lord.**

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Psalm Isaiah 147: 12-20** (read responsively)

Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,

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

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

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

<sup>16</sup>God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

**<sup>17</sup>God scatters hail like bread crumbs.**

**Who can stand against God's cold?**

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

**<sup>19</sup>God declares the word to Jacob,  
statues and judgments to Israel.**

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

Hallelujah!

**Second 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.

Lector: **The Word of the Lord**

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)**

*(sung) "O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord."*

Pastor: **The holy gospel according to John:**

PEOPLE: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

**The Holy Gospel - John 1: [1-9] 10-18**

[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.

Pastor: **The gospel of the Lord.**

PEOPLE: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

**Message/ Sermon** - Rev. James Heckman

**Hymn of the Day** - ELW # 296 - "What Child is This"

**NICENE' CREED** (Please stand , if able)

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified, who 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 and Intercessions:**

**Pastor: Hear us, O God.**

**People: YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer (said by Pastor)**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Pastor: The Lord be with you.**

**People: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

**Pastor: Lift up your hearts.**

**People: WE LIFT THEM TO THE**

**LORD.**

**Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**People: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

**Jesus' Words of Institution (said by Pastor)**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Pastor: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.**

(At this time, remove the seal at the bottom of the small chalice, remove the small piece of bread. Hold it in your hand)

**P: This is the body of Christ given for you. Take and eat.** (Eat the bread)

(At this time, remove the seal above the small chalice. Hold the chalice in your hand.)

**P: This is the blood of Christ, shed for you. Take and drink.**

(Drink the wine or grape juice. Set down the small chalice for prayer.)

**P: (Communion Blessing) The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. AMEN.**

**Prayer after Communion (said by Pastor)**

**Blessing (Pastor) :** The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn- ELW # 300 - "The First Noel"**

(Stand if you are able)

**Dismissal:**

Pastor: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Organ Postlude - "The Three Kings" - Arr. Gordon Young**

## Helping in Worship

|                         |                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Preacher                | - Rev James Heckman             |
| Organist/Choir Director | - Carolyn Williams              |
| Acolyte                 | - Hunter Aquino                 |
| Altar Guild             | - Linda Sauter & Nancy Moskella |
| Lector                  | - Cathy Mueller                 |
| Usher                   | - Joe Hlavaty                   |
| Council Counting Team   | - Val McGinn & Barb Naska       |
| Technology              | - Ken Anderson                  |
| Office Secretary        | - Jessica Mette                 |
| Custodian               | - Dianna Streletz               |

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- TODAY, SUNDAY, January 2nd - Second Sunday of Christmas/ Holy Communion
- Next Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> - Worship - with Rev. James Heckman
- The Adult Sunday School class is meeting in the church library at 9:15. We are studying the minor prophets, and will finish this study soon. Then the class will decide where to go next. All are invited to join us.
  - The Adult Bible study meets from 2:00-4:00 at the home of Don Seipt and Kathy Hlavaty on Thursdays. Carpooling from the church is available.
- JANUARY BIRTHDAYS - JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup>- Joe Hlavaty
- JANUARY BAPTISMS - JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup>-Kaitlin Jensen; JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup>- Faye Gadwell and Conner Aquino
- JANUARY "OUTREACH OFFERINGS" go to our Local Food Banks

**Please lift up in prayer the following ...**

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Norma Fox; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Dot Peterman; Steven Streletz; Carolyn Williams and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Deb Carmichael; Bill Corrigan; Lisa & Dave DeLorenzo; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Gabriella Froehlich; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; George & Lois James; Jesse; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Kyle Kels; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Ron Steele; Jesse Stimell; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; and Linda Wilson.

**For those who are Homebound:** Cleo & Ken Eck; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

**For the Grieving:** The families of Brian Ashmore, Jr; Dean Litzenberger; and Bobby Starling

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

**Essential postal workers:** Andrea Fox and Dawn Margeson.