



SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Forest City, Iowa
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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

GATHERING HYMN: "Love Has Come"

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GREETING: L: 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.

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.**

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7-14 *Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20

REFRAIN

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

- ¹²Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,
¹³who 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.
¹⁵God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly. **REFRAIN**
¹⁶God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.
¹⁷God 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.
¹⁹God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.
²⁰The LORD has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah! **REFRAIN**

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14 *The will of God made known in Christ*

GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9]10-18 *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

Announcement: ALL: Glory to you, O Lord. Conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"**

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS: *L: Hear us, O God; C: your mercy is great.*

Heather Davison

Ashley Rayhons

Jennie Spencer

Angela Flowers

Ron Sampson

LouAnn Van Gerpen

Anna Marie Mitchell

Tim Schmidt

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallenes

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Elaine Schultz

Missionary Karen Anderson

Kathryn Olson

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERING STATEMENT / OFFERING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **"Angels We Have Heard on High"**

virtual choir

BLESSING

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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Worship Participants:

Worship & Music Director: Ben Allaway

Assisting Minister: Kathy McEnelly

Scripture Reader: Leah Boyd

Sound/Video Techs: Brody Hopp, Dave Tett

Today's 9:15 worship is broadcast at 11:00am over KIOW 107.3FM. Broadcast is given in memory of Don (Curly) Olson (Jan. 9 b'day) from Kathy and family.