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FONTANELLE, NEBRASKA  
July 25, 2021 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Christmas in July

Gathering + The Word + Community + Sending

**Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit gathers us into one body all together (online and in person!) by God's grace.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

C: Amen.

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

P: God of glory,

C: We confess that we have hid the light that reveals the truth about us. We cling to things of this life, rather than giving them to you and sharing with open hands and open hearts in faith. Save your people, O God; share your new life with us and sustain us as we give our praise to you. Free us to live boldly in the light and truth of Jesus, your Son, our savior and Lord. Amen.

**+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

P: The grace of God shines upon us, bringing salvation to the whole world. We are saved, our sins are washed away, not because of what we have done, but because of God's mercy + and selfless love found in Jesus Christ. Renewed by the Holy Spirit, let us live in hope and joy.

C: Amen.

**+GATHERING HYMN**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (ELW 270)*

*Congregation*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

***Refrain;***

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

*Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!      **Refrain***

*Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. Refrain*

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### **+APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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.

### **+PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray,

C. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **The Word**

*We listen to the Word.*

### **FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 52:7-10**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

### **PSALMODY: Psalm 145:10-18**

10 All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

11 **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

12 that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

14 The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

15 **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.**

16 You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

17 **You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

18 You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

### **SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 3:14-21**

*We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.*

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      *Away in a Manger*      (ELW 277)      *Congregation*

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

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**+GOSPEL**

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.** (Reading of Luke 2:1-7.)

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**SERMON SONG**      *O Little Town of Bethlehem*      (ELW 279)      *Congregation*  
*(please stand for last verse)*

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!*

*How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.*

*O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!*

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### Community

*God calls us to be united in God's love, one in Christ.*

### +CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 OF THE PEOPLE

**P:** Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*At the end of each petition:*

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

**C:** Your mercy is great.

### +SHARING OF PEACE

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you now and always.

**C:** And also with you.

### OFFERING/OFFERING REFLECTION *Angels from the Realms of Glory (ELW 75) Congregation*

*Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.*

*Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.*

*Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.*

*All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.*

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**+OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Good and loving God,

C: We rejoice at the birth of Jesus, we came among the poor to bring riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for the joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.

**+THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

C: 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.

**Sending**

*We are sent from the worship service, to our serving of God & our neighbors in the week ahead.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS** *for in-person and online worshippers for departing and the week ahead*

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Joy to the World (ELW 267)*

*Congregation*

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

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**BENEDICTION** *(please stay seated - ushers will dismiss by pew)*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God. We will!

## POSTLUDE

Rev. Allison Siburg --- Pastor  
Deacon Timothy Siburg --- Musician  
TBA --- Acolytes  
TBA --- Lector  
TBA --- Ushers  
TBA --- Greeters  
TBA --- Sound Room  
TBA --- Counters  
Ruth Brown, Barb Carson --- Altar Guild

## WELCOME TO SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Enter in stillness...know that the Lord is God.

Listen in reverence...it is God who had made us.

Sing with delight...it is God who hears us.

Depart in peace...it is God's gift to you.

Serve with joy...it is your gift to God.

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM:

SNDAY, AUGUST 1:

Worship w/Holy Communion

9:30 am

**MANY THANKS** to Deacon Timothy Siburg for sharing his musical talent with us this morning.

**CARD SHOWER** for Anita Brand who will turn 90 on August 7. If you would like to send her a card her address is Anita Brand #204, 4620 Randolph, Lincoln, NE 68510. Her family is also hosting Fellowship on Sunday, August 15 so please plan to stay.

**BLOOD DRIVE.** The Health Cabinet and Nickerson Fire Department will again be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Sunday August 8. There is a huge demand for blood right now, so if you can spare a pint, please sign up on online at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Go to the "Give Blood" tab - then "Find a Blood Drive" - enter 68044 for the zip code. Several opportunities for different blood drives will appear - go to the one on August 8 and sign up. You can also call 1-800-Red Cross to schedule a time - just mention the Nickerson Blood Drive.

**THE CAMP CAROL JOY HOLLING QUILT AUCTION** will take place on Saturday, July 31 at the camp, 27416 Ranch Road, Ashland, NE. New this year is silent auction online bidding. You can view the quilts, see the schedule of events and absentee bidding instructions on their website [cjhcenter.org/quilt-auction](http://cjhcenter.org/quilt-auction). See the flyer on the bulletin board for all the details.

**INTERESTED IN WATCHING SOME BASEBALL** - there are several opportunities to watch the Fremont MOO team at Moeller field in Fremont. Check out the bulletin board for their schedule.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** is starting again. If you would be interested in serving fellowship, please sign up online or on the bulletin board. If no one has signed up for a week there will be no coffee or fellowship served. Please let Heather Ruwe or Chris Walz, Co-Evangelism chairs, know if you have any questions. Thank you for helping us fellowship!

**FAMILY FUN EVENTS THIS SUMMER FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL** - This year our Sunday School is not going to have a Vacation Bible School. Instead we are going to have several "Fun Family Events" to incorporate parents & kids (partly because we have so many little ones), August 22, Family Swim at the YMCA from 1:00-3:00 pm - INVITE A FRIEND! and Sunday, September 12 is Rally Day/God's Work, Our Hands Sunday!!

**FOR THE SUMMER - WORSHIP HOURS WILL BE AT 9:30 AM** and will continue thru the month of August. Beginning on September 5 we go back to the normal worship hour at 10:30 am.

**CRUNCH CONES AND JESUS IS A BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR!** Will take place at Zestos in Fremont on the third Wednesday of the month -August 18th beginning at 6:00 pm will be Hope to see you there!

**SAVE THE DATE** - The Arlington Community Church is hosting a Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, September 1 - all are welcome. More information to follow.

**SIGNUPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2021!** Please note that signup sheets for 2021 are now posted on the bulletin board and are available on Signup Genius - please add your name where you can. We are in desperate need of several areas for Servants for Worship - serving as lector, usher, greeter, mower, or as acolyte - you name it - we need it. please find time to help out.

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