

**FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**  
**Northeastern Minnesota Synod - ELCA**  
**December 27, 2020**

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship** - ELW # 283 "O Come, All Ye Faithful", vs. 1

**Welcome & Apostolic Greeting**

Bishop Amy Odgren's welcome...

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Hymn of Praise** - ELW # 267 "Joy to the World", vs. 1, 3 & 4

**SERMON IN SCRIPTURE, REFLECTION/PRAYER & SONG**

***\* Come to Us***

Scripture: Galatians 4:4-7

Reflection/Prayer

Song - ELW hymn # 286 "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord" vs. 1 & 3

***\* Be with Us***

Scripture: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Reflection/Prayer

Song - ELW hymn # 282 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" vs. 3 & 4

***\* Empower Us***

Scripture: Romans 8:15-17

Reflection/Prayer

Song - ELW hymn # 279 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs. 2 & 4

***\* Use Us***

Scripture: John 1:14, 16

Reflection/Prayer

Song - ELW hymn # 296 "What Child is This" vs. 1 & 2

***\* Bless Us***

Scripture: Luke 2:22-38

Reflection/Prayer

Scripture: Luke 2:39-40

Song - ELW hymn # 292 "Love Has Come" vs. 1-3

**PRAYERS**

***Prayers of the People***

Holy God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, wonderful Counselor,  
at the birth of time your Word brought light into the world, and  
throughout the ages, you proclaim newness of life. For your  
wondrous Word, we thank you, O God.

**We thank you, O God.**

In the fullness of time, your Word became flesh, to shine in our  
world's darkness, to speak peace to all peoples, and to welcome us as  
members of your family. For your loving Word, we adore you.

**We adore you, O God.**

Grant us now the gift of your Spirit, that held, nourished, and  
protected by your Word, we may live as your children, bearing your  
goodness throughout the world. For your powerful Word, we praise  
you, O God.

**We praise you, O God.**

All glory to you, holy God, now and forever. Amen.

**Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer***

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

**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.**

## **DISMISSAL & SENDING**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*(Romans 15:13)*

Lord, let your servants go in peace  
**to share the love of Christ with all your people!**

**Sending Song** - ELW # 290 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" vs. 1 & 3

**Postlude**

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**A blessed Christmas and New Year from your Northeastern  
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