



January 3, 2021 Second Sunday of Christmas

Worship Participants

Assisting Minister: Pastor Meredith McGrath

Preaching Today: Pastor Lamont Koerner

Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss

Hymn Leader: Sylvia Mills

Reader: Lynne Moratzka

Today's Gospel reading describes the profound yet 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 through the scriptures, the waters of baptism, the bread and the wine, and through our neighbors near and far, familiar and unfamiliar. Through these gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

Prelude

Welcome/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.**

Hymn: *ELW 292 - Love Has Come, verses 1 & 2*

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Gospel: John 1:10-18

Sermon

Generosity Moment

Hymn: *ELW 272 - Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, verses 1 & 4*

Prayers of the People

Communion - Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Table Blessing/Prayer

Blessing and Sending

Postlude

For readings, refer to your Bible or use an online Bible source, such as [Bible Gateway](#). [NOTE: The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is used.]