

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

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July 28, 2024 - Christmas in July

**PRELUDE “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” - Deacon Bonnie Vize-Bells
Vicki Sobczak -Piano**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER DEDICATION - The altar flowers are provided by Jim and Anne Emerson in memory of Dick Emerson.

OPENING LITANY

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

We have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

OPENING HYMN ELW #283 - “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (page 8)

PASTORAL GREETING

Prayer of Confession for Christmas

O God, you search us out and know us, and all that we are is open to you. We confess that we have sinned.

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

When we make no room for Jesus, and fail to welcome him into our lives,

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

When we follow shooting stars and squander our gifts in Herod's court,

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

When we seek to cut down those who might rise above us,

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

When we sanitize your birth place and erase from memory the poor and displaced,

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

When we sing sweet sentiments over Jesus' birth, and fail to rejoice over His everyday presence,

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

We turn to you, Lord Jesus, knowing you hear our every prayer.

We renounce evil; We claim your love; We choose to be made whole.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news of Christmas. Today God reveals to us the wonders of His divine love:

For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given. His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Amen

SONG OF PRAISE ELW# 270 - "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING - Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #292 "Love Has Come" (please stand and sing)



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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This is the good news according to St. Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL - Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAISE BAND - "Light of The Stable"

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #277 - "Away in a Manger" (page 9)

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING - *If you missed placing your offering in the plate when you arrived, there will be another plate by the ushers to leave your offering as you depart. Thank you for your support.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

Holy, Holy, Holy – Sung to “The Bells of Christmas”

Ho --- ly, Ho --- ly, Ho -- ly are you. Our God of
pow --- er and might -----, Hea -- ven ---- and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho ----- sa ----- na in the -- Highest
Bles -- sed --- the one who comes in your name Ho
san ----- a ----- A ----- men

Music: Det Kimer Nu Til Julefest, Carl C.N. Balle, 1806-1855

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Let us pray for God's kingdom to come here, now and forever:

THE LORD'S PRAYER - sung to "O' Holy Night"

**Our Father, God, Who lives and reigns in heaven—
Oh, may Your Name be kept holy and blessed.**

**Your Kingdom come; Your will be done forever.
Give us this day all of our daily bread;**

**Forgive our sin as we forgive each other.
Keep us from evil; help us not to stray.**

**Your kingdom reigns!
Your power—it has no ending!
Your glory divine!
Father, Son, & Spirit, One.
Our God, forevermore!
Amen! Amen!**

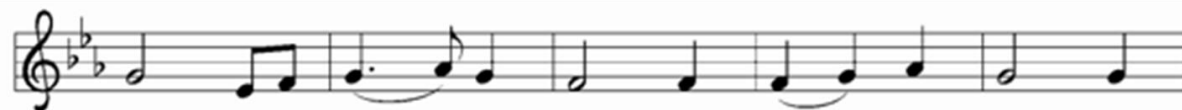
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Come to the Lord's Supper, for all is now ready and all are welcome.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION - Sung to "The Bells of Christmas"



Be Known to us Lord Je ----- sus, in break ----- ing



of the bread-----, Al --- le ----- lu ---- ia. Al ---



le ----- lu --- ia. Al --- le ---- lu --- ia -----, A ----- men.

Music: DET KIMER NU TIL JULEFEST, Carl C. N. Balle, 1806-1855

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SHARING THE MEAL

All are welcome to receive the Real Presence of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this church or a Lutheran to receive the sacrament. We do ask that you desire a relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you require gluten-free hosts, please say "no gluten" when you approach the person sharing the host.

The center rings of the trays provided contain grape juice for those desiring it. Cups may be returned to the Acolytes' baskets. The Common Cup is also available.

Children may come forward for a blessing, or to receive communion if they have been through instruction, here, or at another church.

If you wish to still receive the individual communion packet (wafer on top and wine/juice on the bottom), please pick one up as you approach the front.

*If you would like the sacraments brought to you, please let the usher know.
Welcome!*

**COMMUNION HYMNS - ELW #289 - "Angels We Have Heard on High" (page 9)
ELW #296 - "What Child is This" (page 10)**

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING - HYMN ELW #281 - "Silent Night" (page 11)

BENEDICTION - The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #267 - "Joy to the World" (page 12)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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**Serving you today in
Christ's Love:**

Ushers
Team Thompson

Reader
Nora Geach

Communion Helpers
Team Nelson

Acolyte

Calendar-Week of July 28, 2024

Sun, July 28

9:00 am Worship Service

10:00 am Private Baptism

Tues, July 30

9:00 am Women's Bible Study - FR

Thurs, August 1

6:00 pm Boy Scout- FH

Sun, August 4

9:00 am Worship Service

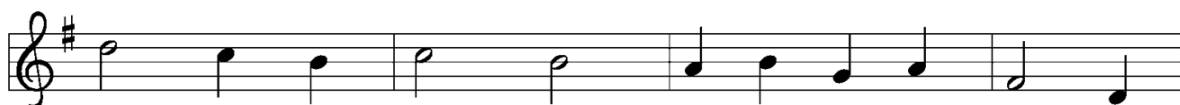
OPENING HYMN ELW #283 - "O Come, All Ye Faithful"



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

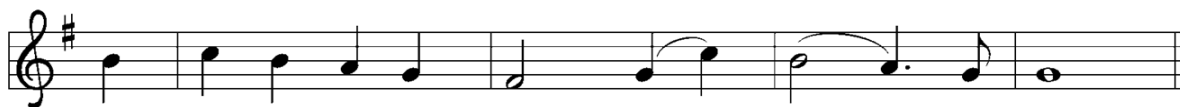


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. unknown, st. 2
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

Faith Fest



Mark your calendars for Sunday September 8th for Christ Lutheran Church's DeForest Faith Fest, a full day of Christian concerts, food and fun. Volunteers are needed and there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. All the bands are performing for free. We are receiving generous donations for hamburgers and brats to sell in the concession stand. However, we would gladly accept monetary donations to help us get all the other items purchased such as buns, water, condiments, paper goods, etc. Please note "Faith Fest" on your donation.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #277 - "Away in a Manger"



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841-1905

COMMUNION HYMN - ELW #289 - "Angels We Have Heard on High"



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

Music: GLORIA, French carol

COMMUNION HYMN - ELW #296 - "What Child is This"



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898
Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

Let's Make Pillowcases!

Join us on Saturday, September 21st, 2024 to make pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles. The pillowcases will go to UW Children's Hospital to be given to children battling cancer. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a lunch served and work until about 3:00 or so.

You do not need to know how to sew to help. There will be cutting, pinning and ironing to do in addition to the sewing. Feel free to bring a friend. Confirmation kids will get community service hours for helping. If you are interested in donating fabric for this project the material needs to be 100% cotton with no sparkles on it and material suitable for children including holiday, Packer and Badger material. The main pillowcase takes 3/4 yard fabric and the border fabric takes 1/3 yard.

A money donation for fabric is always appreciated. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Friendship Room. Please sign up if you will be attending so that we will know how much food we will need for lunch. Any questions, call Pam Hamele at 608-215-0382.

CANDLE LIGHTING - HYMN ELW #281 - "Silent Night"



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885
 Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

Notice - Incoming 5th Grade Students

Dear Parents,

I have your child on the list of incoming 5th grade students. This summer, I will be holding a First Communion class to prepare your child to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Class will be Monday, August 12 from 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon.

Please let me know if you are interested in having your child attend. As with other years, each child will decorate their chalice, which will then be taken back to Fired Up Pottery to be glazed and fired in their kiln so they can use their chalice on the date of their First Communion and take it home as a keepsake. The date for the Celebration of First Communion that I hope will work for everyone is Sunday, August 25th at the 9:00 a.m. worship service. A sign up form is online at www.christlutherandeforest.org Forms are also available at the front entry Usher's table.

First Holy
Communion



SENDING HYMN ELW #267 - "Joy to the World"



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872