### Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

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### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD:

## A Worship Service for Christ the King Sunday

### November 24, 2024

We have been on a journey these past twelve months traveling through the Christian church year. We followed in the steps of Jesus as He was born in a stable, as He walked the dusty hillsides of Galilee, opened the blind eyes and made the lame to walk again; as He taught the multitudes and the twelve disciples, as He was crucified and rose again. We celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, reflected on the mission of the Church and what it means for us to be disciples of Jesus.

Today is the last Sunday of that journey for this year. Next Sunday, we start the season of Advent as we once again begin that journey to remind ourselves who we are and whose we are. We do so knowing that the Kingdom of God that Jesus brought is a present reality in our lives. And yet we also know that there is a future kingdom over which God will reign in Jesus Christ, a Kingdom in which the world will once again fully reflect its Creator.

The liturgical calendar began to be developed around the 4th century A.D., with the calendar as we know it today being completed during the Medieval Ages. After the Reformation in the 16th century, the saints' days were reduced and a celebration of the Reformation was added. There have been only minimal changes to the liturgical calendar between the Reformation and today.

On this Christ the King Sunday, we celebrate Jesus as past, present, and future King over all the earth, at the same time that we express our hope and our faith in that coming Kingdom.

**Prelude** - "O Sanctissima" arr. Bish

### **Welcome and Announcements**

# Call to Worship

- P: We are people of seasons. Advent longing, Christmas breakthrough,
- C: Springtime awakenings, summer heat,
- P: Epiphany embodiment of holy presence.
- C: We are people of seasons.
- P: The suffering of Lent to the new life of Easter.
- C: Autumn harvest to winter cold
- P: Pentecost fire, wind and holy breath.
- C: We are people of seasons.

Words by Richard Bruxvoort Cooligan

## Opening Hymn #634 - "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (vss. 1 - 2) (page 9)

## Pastoral Greeting & Prayer of the Day

- 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.
- P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day:
- C: Almighty and Ever-living God, You anointed Your beloved Son to be Priest and Sovereign of the world for all time. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Children's Sermon

## (8:00) Choir Anthem - "Anthem of Thanksgiving" - Jay Althouse

# The Journey through Word and Song ADVENT

P: We begin our journey once more around the great circle of the Christian year. The season of Advent, which is from the Latin word meaning "coming" marks the beginning of the church year. The Christian Church has observed a season of preparation before Christmas since the time of Bishop Perpetuus of Tours in 490 A.D.

Advent is a joyful season. It is also a time of hope amid crisis, light in deep darkness, a growing season of expectation and a growing trust in the promises of God. The royal color of blue is used during Advent signifying the hope we have in the Messiah who has come and will come again.

We walk through this season of four Sundays hearing again the promises of the prophets. We experience the breathless waiting of the Israelites hoping for the Messiah. We sing, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," with longing, not because we seek the Messiah yet to come into the world, but because Jesus has come and we long for Him to come again. The quiet pace of Advent is in direct contrast to the bustling commercialism of the secular holidays.

And so we begin our new year in Advent, reminding ourselves that in the midst of the worldliness of our lives, we need to renew our relationship to this King who has come.

R: Scripture Reading - Isaiah 9: 1-7

Advent Hymn #257 - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs. 1 - 2 (page 10)

### **CHRISTMAS**

P: The second season of the church year is Christmas—the celebration of Jesus' birth, when God became a human being, born of the virgin Mary in the little town of Bethlehem. The word "Christmas" is from the Old English word meaning "Mass of Christ." The Christmas season lasts for only 12 days—ending the day before Epiphany.

The color of the Christmas season is white, symbolizing the purity of Jesus and our joy at His birth. Christmas Day is both the culmination of the waiting of the Advent season, and the beginning of the twelve days of celebration as we rejoice in the gift of our Savior and the daily rebirth of His grace in our own lives.

### Responsive Reading of Luke 2:1-7

- P: At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.
- C: All returned to their home towns to register for this census.
- P: And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home.
- C: He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, his fiancée who was pregnant.
- P: And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born.
- C: She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the Inn.

## **Christmas Confession and Forgiveness**

- P: God, your Word in the Christ Child brings us gladness, grief, and joy. Gladness because you left the splendor of Heaven's glory to come to a dark and cold world to bring the light and warmth of your kingdom to a world so in need of your love, peace and joy.
- C: Grief because You came into our world, yet we claim there is no room for you in our lives. Still today, people turn you away and turn away from you. I turn from you. Sin still scars your creation and the hearts of your own people.
- P: Jesus, you are joy because you offer perfect forgiveness and full cleansing to all who acknowledge their need of you.
- C: Cleanse my heart today, Lord Jesus, so that I may welcome you as I long to, certain that I am also welcomed by You.

Silence for reflection.

- P: Rejoice with the angels in heaven: "Do not be afraid! I bring you good news of great joy for all people! The Savior has been born for you and for me. Jesus has forgiven our sins and remembers them no more. Be at peace with yourself, with God, and with one another!
- C: Amen!

Christmas Hymn #300 - "The First Noel" (vss. 1&2) (page 11)

### **EPIPHANY**

P: Epiphany means "to make known." During the season of Epiphany we remember the ways and events through which God was revealed through Jesus Christ. In Epiphany we celebrate how the Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the infant Jesus were the first Gentiles (non-Jews) to acknowledge Jesus as "King" and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the promised Messiah.

This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon's blessing that this child Jesus would be a light for revelation to the Gentiles (Luke 2:32), was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited.

The season of Epiphany begins with the celebrating of the Magi. The Sunday after the Epiphany celebrates Jesus' baptism and the season of Epiphany ends with the Transfiguration of our Lord—the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Epiphany can last anywhere from four to eight weeks, depending on the date of Easter.

The color of the day of Epiphany, for Jesus' baptism, and the Transfiguration is white; the color for the remaining Sundays of Epiphany is green, symbolizing spiritual growth and renewal.

R: Scripture Reading - Matthew 2:1-12

(10:30) Epiphany Hymn #302 - "As With Gladness Men of Old" (vss. 1 & 2) (page 12)

### **LENT**

P: With the ashes on our foreheads from the service of Ash Wednesday, we see the sanctuary colors for Lent are a somber purple. Throughout the six weeks of Lent, we walk the length of Jesus' three years of ministry. In Lent we re-learn the faces and names of people who, like you and me, were sometimes faithful and sometimes selfish; people who heard the good news and responded and others who laughed and scorned. Lent is a sacred time which calls us to stop and take a deep look at our own life and to humble ourselves before God who says to us, "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing to obey, you shall eat the good things of the earth." (Isaiah 1: 18-19)

The season of Lent culminates with Holy Week or Passion Week, from the Latin word that means "to suffer." Starting with Palm Sunday and the joyful entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, it ends with that very same crowd yelling "Crucify Him!" on Good Friday. On Maundy Thursday we remember the night in which Jesus was betrayed and the night He celebrated the Passover meal with His disciples; a meal that has become central in Christian worship services known as The Last Supper or Holy Communion. Maundy is from the Latin word "mandatum" which means commandment. We remember the new commandment that Jesus gave His disciples the night He washed His disciples' feet, "to love one another as I have loved you."

### **OFFERING**

OFFERING HYMN ELW #686 "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (vs. 1)

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

## **Celebration of Holy Communion**

Words of Institution - "In the night..."

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



### **Invitation to Communion**

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

#### 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. The Common Cup is also available. Cups may be returned to the Acolytes' baskets. Children may come forward for a blessing or to receive Communion if they have been through instruction in this or another church. If you would like the sacraments brought to you, please let the usher know. Welcome.

Hymn during Communion: #353 - "Were You There" (page 13)

### **Communion Blessing and Prayer**

#### **EASTER**

- P: Sunday morning dawns and Mary Magdalene weeps at the tomb until she is told the Good News. "Jesus is not dead! He has risen!" And that call echoes throughout the centuries as Christians around the world joyfully cry out, "Christ is Risen!"
- C: He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!
- P: Easter lilies adorn the sanctuary and the colors change to a golden brightness to portray the holiness of our Risen Savior. There is no joy compared to an Easter Sunday after the solemn weeks of Lent. Three days before, we buried our beloved Jesus. Today, He lives! We wept with Mary on the day Jesus was crucified, and on Easter we are awed by the greatest news that Jesus lives.

The 50 days of Easter ring joyfully with new life and new hope that the Risen Savior brings to us, to our world, and to all people who open their hearts to Him. We listen in on the conversations of the disciples as they struggle to wrap their hearts and minds around this news. We watch as those who had previously persecuted the people of God now fall on their knees in awe and wonder. We experience for ourselves in this season a renewed sense of freedom and joy, power, strength and life that is our heritage as the people of God.

### Scripture Reading - Matthew 28: 1-10

Easter Hymn: #365 - "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" vs. 1-2 (page 14)

### **PENTECOST**

P: The Red of flames is the sanctuary color of Pentecost as we remember the great rushing wind and the dancing flames like fire, and the words of Jesus, baptizing his disciples with the Holy Fire of the Spirit.

## A Reading of Acts 2:1-11

- P: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
- OS: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a flame rested on each of them.
- PS: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
- P: Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.
- OS: When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.
- PS: They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. These people are all from Galilee, and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!

- P: Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs.
- C: And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!

Pentecost Hymn: ACS #943 - "As the Wind Song" (page 15)

### **SEASON OF PENTECOST**

(Ordinary Time)

P: The season of Pentecost, or Ordinary Time in the church year includes the Sundays between the Day of Pentecost and Christ the King Sunday. This time includes the festivals of Holy Trinity Sunday, Reformation, and All Saints Day.

The book of Acts and the Epistles (Letters) to the early churches give us a clear picture of ordinary people going about ordinary lives, but doing extraordinary things that built the Kingdom of God. The Church was growing by leaps and bounds, both the individuals within it and the worldwide Church. So we use the color of Green to depict this growing time and pray for the same thing within our ordinary lives. We hear again the Good News, we are instructed in the ways of the world and the Kingdom, and we are shown the vision of the Church and our responsibility within it. As followers of Jesus Christ, we await His Second Coming, when He comes as Christ the King.

ELW #452 - "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" (page 16)

### CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

P: Let us pray,

C: Lord, on this Christ the King Sunday, we are reminded that You journey with us through every season of our earthly life. There is no greater way to spend our life than serving You. May you bless us to do your work in this world through a Spirit-filled life of growth and fulfillment until You come again in your glory.

Amen.

### Benediction

Sending Song #430 - "Rejoice for Christ is King" (page 16)

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

### Postlude

# Serving you today in Christ's love:

### **Ushers**

8:00am

Team Lockman

10:30am Team Emerson

### Readers

8:00am Tim Gerritsen

10:30am Nora Geach

### Communion

8:00am

Team Ursin

10:30am Team Emerson

### Acolytes

8:00am

Leighton Vieau Mikena Kilbane

10:30am Tristan Andorfer

## Calendar - Week of November 24, 2024

### Sun November 24

8am Worship

9:15am Sunday School 9:20am Adult Learning-CR

10:30am Worship

### Mon November 25

9am Quilters-NK

### Tue November 26

9am Women's Bible Study-FR

6:30pm Bell practice 6:30pm Cub Scouts

### **Thur November 28**



## Sun December 1

8am Worship

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Worship

## Lutefisk Sale Items

Lutefisk -\$8/lb -5lb minimum (\$40)

Potatoes: Idahoan instant 3.24lb - \$14

Herring: 8oz-\$6/12oz-\$9/26oz-\$17

2lb Brown Sugar: \$2

Lefse: \$4 smaller package (6pc.)

64oz Mayo: \$6



### Opening Hymn #634 - "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (vss. 1 - 2)



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je sus' name! Let an gels pros trate fall;
- 2 O seed of Is rael's cho-sen race now ran-somed from the fall,
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da-vid's line, whom Da vid Lord did call—
- 4 Sin ners, whose love can ne'er for get the worm-wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him all. his grace and crown him him who saves you by Lord of all. hail in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him the Lord of all. spread your tro-phies at and crown him his feet Lord of all. go



Bring forth the di - a - dem all. roy - al and crown him Lord of Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord all. of The God in - car - nate, man di - vine and crown him Lord of all. his feet Go spread your tro-phies at and crown him Lord all. of

- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6 Music: Coronation, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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# Christmas Sing-along

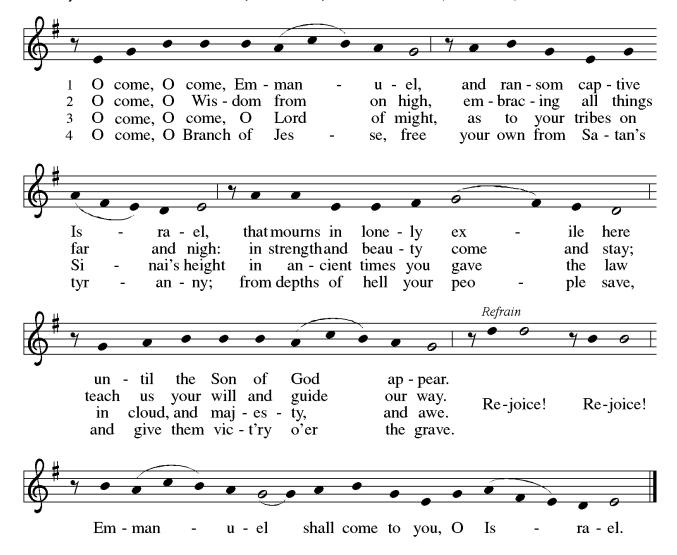
Please join your Praise Band for a Christmas Sing-along on Sunday, December 8, 2024 in the CLC Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. (immediately following late service)

There will be many traditional favorite carols sung, along with a free soup and sandwich luncheon.



Please drop off your donations for Toys for Tots by December 8. A box will be located in the Friendship Room. They accept toys, books, games, sports equipment, hand held electronics, backpacks, but no clothes.

### Advent Hymn #257 - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1 - 2)



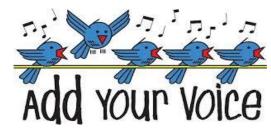
Text: Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710; tr. composite Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent. Text sts. 2, 6, 7  $\otimes$  1997 Augsburg Fortress.

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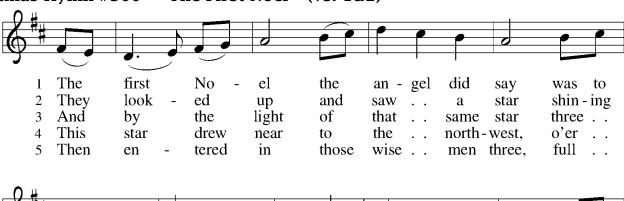
## CLC Choir Practice Has Begun!

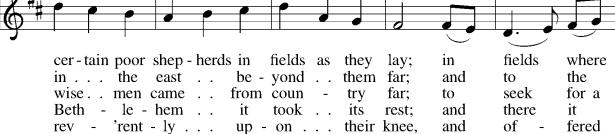
Enjoy singing? Come and sing with the Christ Lutheran Church Choir. Practice began on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30PM (NOTE NEW TIME) in the Friendship

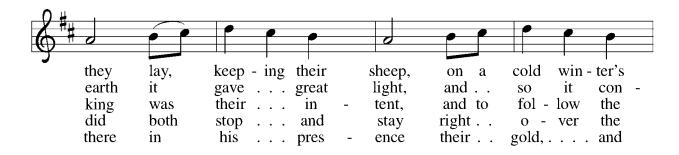
**Room**. We meet once a week and sing most Sunday's. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Friendship Room as well. Don't worry if you have a busy schedule and can't make every practice. We are happy to have you join us whenever you can! Any questions, please call Anne Emerson (608)846-0898

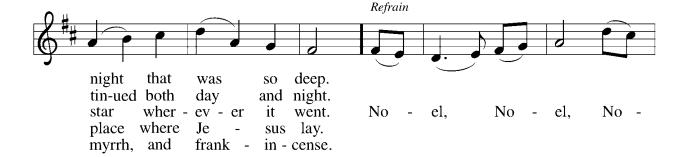


## Christmas Hymn #300 - "The First Noel" (vs. 1&2)











Text: English traditional

Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional

## (10:30) Epiphany Hymn #302 - "As With Gladness Men of Old" (vss. 1 & 2)



- 1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be hold;
- 2 As with joy ful steps they sped, Sav ior, to thy low ly bed,
- 3 As they of fered gifts most rare at thy cra dle, rude and bare,
- 4 Ho ly Je sus, ev 'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
- 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre a ted light;



joy they hailed its with light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright; as bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore; there to we with ho - ly pure and from sin's al - lov. free may joy, when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at and last light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down; thou its



most gra-cious Lord, may we thee. so, ev - er - more be led we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat. SO may cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly all our king. guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry where they need no to hide. star al - le - lu - ias to king. there for - ev - er may we sing

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

# **Blood Drive**

Donate blood at our upcoming blood drive! This year's blood drive will be Friday, December 27th, from 12:00pm - 5:30pm at Manthe Paulson Farm's shop (4083 Manthe Road). Appointments preferred. Feel free to contact Tracy Paulson at <a href="mailto:tlmanthe@yahoo.com">tlmanthe@yahoo.com</a> or 608-279-9650 to set up an appointment. We will be looking for volunteers and possibly food donations again as well.

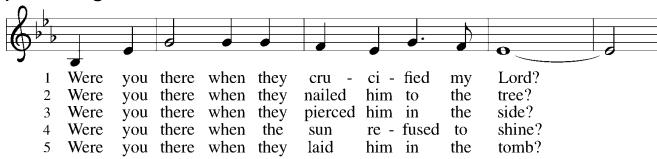
You can also call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Manthe

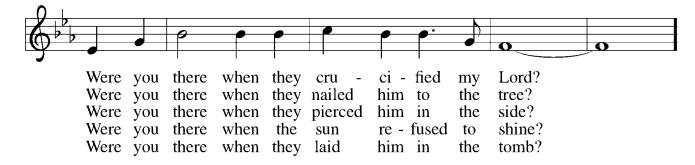
## Have Sunday Dinner and Donate Back

Dine at the Texas Roadhouse on Sunday and show your server a bulletin from Sunday's church service. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your meal back to Christ Lutheran.



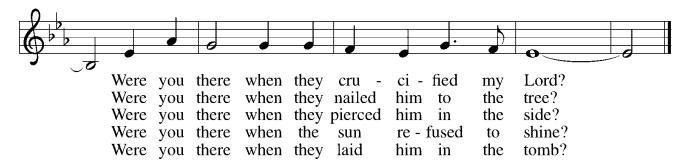
## Hymn during Communion: #353 - "Were You There"







Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Text: African American spiritual

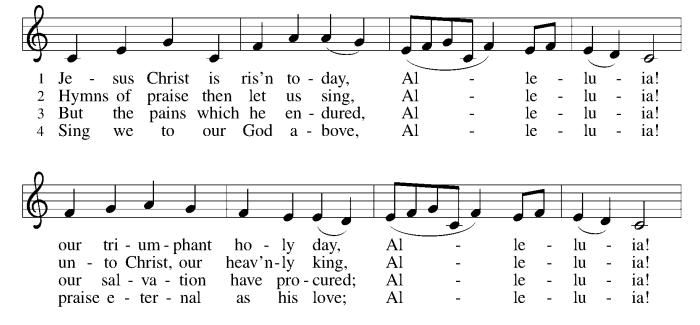
Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

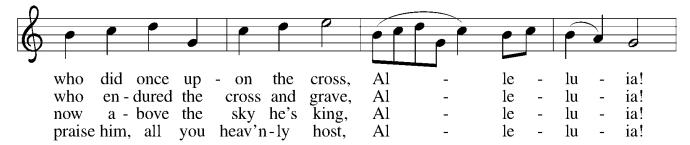
## Giving Tree

The Christmas tree is up, along with a box in the Friendship Room. There are tags for boys, girls and elder adults stating their Christmas wishes. When you take a tag, please record it on the list, which will be located on the table beside the tree.

The number that is on the tag is the number you would put your name and phone number by. Instructions will be on each gift tag. Gifts should be returned to the tree unwrapped with the tag attached **by December 8th**. There will be a box where you can drop off toys, that we will be collecting for Toys for Tots. We will also be collecting wrapping paper that is given to the parents for wrapping these gifts. Thank you for making someone's Christmas a little bit brighter.

### Easter Hymn: #365 - "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (vss. 1-2)







Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708



# Children's Christmas Program Sunday, December 15

The Sunday School Children's Christmas Program will take place on Sunday, December 15, during 9:30 a.m. worship service. There are 2 services that day, one at 8:00 a.m., a regular service and the Children's Program at 9:30 a.m.

The children are excited to deliver a delightful and uplifting Christmas pageant for all, complete with songs, costumes, and possibly even a few endearing bloopers. Please join us!



Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931-2020

Music: WAIRUA TAPU, Lim Swee Hong, b. 1963

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### ELW #452 - "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"



- 1 A wake, O sleep-er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re lease,
- 3 There is one bod y and one hope, one Spir it and one call,
- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con-quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its to give the Spir - it's one Lord, one faith, and with kind and gen - tle A - wake, a - rise, go length and breadth, its full u - ni - ty, the ver one bap - tism, one God hearts for - give as God forth in faith, and Chris

its full - ness, depth, and height. the ver - y bond of peace. one God who made us all. as God in Christ for - gave. and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

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## Sending Song #430 - "Rejoice for Christ is King"



- 3 His king-dom can not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
- 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub mit



joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph more: re ev er had purged our stains, he took his when he seat bove: the kevs of death and hell giv'n: are to our Je - sus bow com - mand and fall be - neath his and to his feet:





Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936