

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

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December 1, 2024 - 1st Sunday of Advent
The liturgy is Setting 10.

PRELUDE 8:00 am “Veni, Emmanuel” - Wyton
10:30 am “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” - CLC Bells

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Temple Talk - Tim Thompson

OPENING HYMN ELW #250 “Blessed Be the God of Israel” (page 10)

PASTORAL GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us. Amen.

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

As our days grow shorter and our nights longer, we who are people of faith turn to symbols such as candles, evergreens, and wreaths, to proclaim our belief in the unquenchable light of Christ. In hopeful anticipation, we prepare for the coming of the Reign of God.

HYMN #240 - "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" vs. 1 (Printed below.)

**Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.**



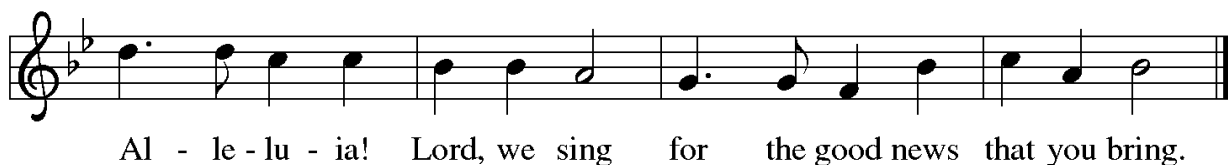
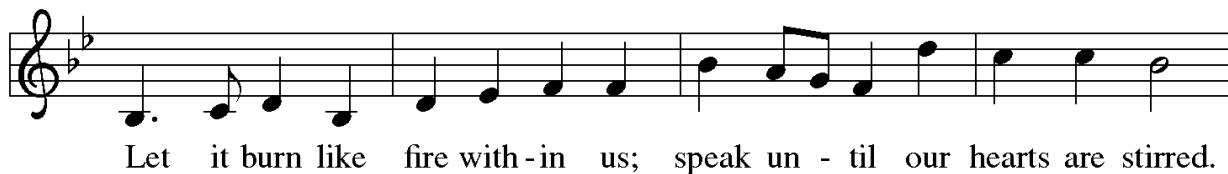
CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand and sing)



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

GOSPEL - Luke 1:1-25

¹Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. ⁵In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. ⁷But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. ⁸Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. ¹⁰Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. ¹¹Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. ¹³But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. ¹⁴You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." ¹⁸Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." ¹⁹The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." ²¹Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. ²²When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. ²³When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. ²⁴After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, ²⁵This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" - Brenda Austin

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #256 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" (page 11)

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A Brief Silence

God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission, and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit the common good. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of change, you accompany us through life's transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering. In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of memory, we give you thanks for faithful ones who have died. Tend to our grief and sorrow with renewed trust in your promise of abundant and eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN ELW #184 - "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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!

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

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers in their homes, in prisons and in hospitals. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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 #239 “Hark the Glad Sound” (page 12)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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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!



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.

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

Ushers

8:00 am
Team Nelson

10:30 am
Team Blau

Reader

8:00 am
Jane Cahill-Wolfgram

10:30 am
Jason Gest

Communion Helpers

8:00 am
Team Nelson

10:30 am
Team Legried

Acolyte

8:00 am

10:30 am
Madisyn Howard

Calendar-Week of December 1, 2024

Sun, December 1 *Nametag Sunday*

8:00 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Monday, December 2

5:15 pm Praise Band Practice-S

Tues, December 3

9:00 am Women's Bible Study - FR
12:15 pm Deforest Study Club-FR
5:30 pm Property Committee - FR
6:30 pm Bell Practice
6:30 pm Cub Scouts -FH

Wed, December 4

5:15 pm Praise Band Practice-S
6:00 pm Confirmation class -NK
6:30 pm Choir-FR

Thurs, December 5

6:00 pm Boy Scout- FH
6:00 pm Boy Scout-Committee-NK

Sun, December 8

8:00 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am 🎵Praise Band Sing Along🎵



HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 15th

8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Children's Program

Sunday, December 22nd (one service)

9:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve.

3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, and 7:00pm

Sunday, December 29th (one service)

9:00 am Worship Service

OPENING HYMN ELW #250 "Blessed Be the God of Israel"



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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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 also will be a box where you can drop off toys which 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.



Have Sunday Dinner and Donate Back

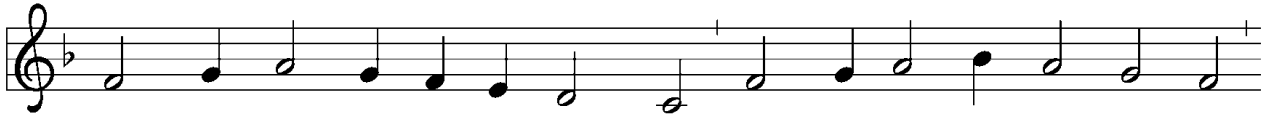
Dine at the Texas Roadhouse on Sunday and show your server a bulletin from Sunday's church service. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your meal back to Christ Lutheran



HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #256 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"



1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseauxes de David*, Geneva, 1551

Lutefisk Sale Items

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

2lb Brown Sugar: \$2

Potatoes: Idahoan instant 3.24lb - \$14

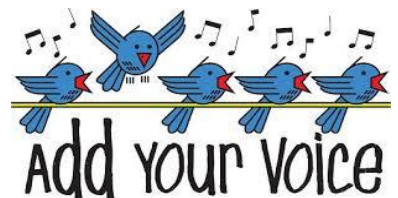
Lefse: \$4 smaller package (6pc.)

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

64oz Mayo: \$6

CLC Choir Practice Has Begun!

Enjoy singing? Come and sing with the Christ Lutheran Church Choir. We practice 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.



Quilt Sale

December 15th, after the Children's Christmas Program, the Quilters are having a quilt sale as a fund raiser. They are looking to raise money for quilting material and other supplies.

SENDING HYMN ELW #239 "Hark the Glad Sound"



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751
 Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820



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.

Blood Drive

Help save lives!



**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 tmanthe@yahoo.com 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

Décor and Fall Display

A big thank you to Tracey and Mike Paulson for donating, putting up and taking down the corn stalks for our Harvest display. Also, thank you Sandy and Harley Legried for generously donating the pumpkins. We were pleased to have so many contribute gourds, small pumpkins, Fall decorations, etc. The displays were so beautiful, thank you Decorating Committee and all those who volunteered.

