

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

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December 15, 2024, 9:30 a.m. - Children's Program

PRELUDE - PRAISE BAND

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN - "O Come, Little Children - Johann A.P. Schulz"

**Oh, come, little children, oh, come, one and all,
to Bethlehem's stable, in Bethlehem's stall,
And see with rejoicing this glorious sight
Our Father in heaven has sent us this night.**

**Oh, see in the manger, in hallowed light
A star throws its beam on this holiest sight.
In clean swaddling clothes lies the heavenly Child,
More lovely than angels, this Baby so mild.**

**Oh, there lies the Christ Child, on hay and on straw
The shepherds are kneeling before Him in awe.
And Mary and Joseph smile on Him with love,
While angels are singing sweet songs from above.**

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us celebrate God's gifts in this joyous season.

Every good and perfect gift is from above.

Come, let us worship the Light that Shines in the darkness.

O Come, let us adore Him!

Come and rejoice. The true light, which gives light to everyone, has come into the world.

From His fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

Come, let us adore Him.

Christ our Lord, our good and perfect gift sent from above.

Let us pray together

Holy and life-giving God, shine upon us as we hear your Word. Fill us with the same joy and awe as those who first met Jesus. Bless the children who lead our worship and proclaim the Good News of your extravagant love for all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE LITTLE STAR: A CHRISTMAS FANTASY

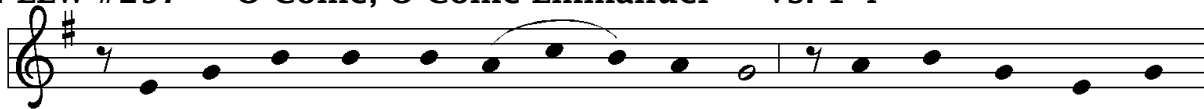
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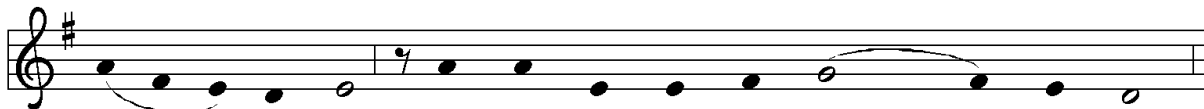
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ACT 1:

HYMN ELW #257 - "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs. 1-4



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far - and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
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ACT 2:

HYMN ELW #279 - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893
Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908



ACT 3:

HYMN 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!



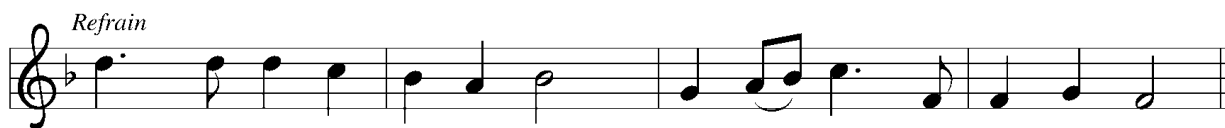
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



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



ACT 4:

HYMN WOV #646 - "We Three Kings of Orient Are"



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891, alt.
Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891



ACT 5:

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



ACT 6:

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

OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dearest Jesus, thank you for the endless gifts of blessings you give us each day. Thank you especially for the gift of salvation that you secured for us on the cross where you died for our sins. Send us now with the same eagerness the shepherds had, to tell the Good News to our families, friends, and neighbors, so that all may share in your good gifts. In your name, we pray. **Amen.**

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.**

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give to you His peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Said the night wind to the little lamb,
"Do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb,
Do you see what I see?
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite,
With a tail as big as a kite."

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
"Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea,
With a voice as big as the sea."

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
"Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king,
Do you know what I know?
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold,
Let us bring him silver and gold."

Said the king to the people everywhere,
"Listen to what I say!
Pray for peace, people, everywhere,
Listen to what I say!

The Child, the Child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light,
He will bring us goodness and light."

Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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THE LITTLE STAR



CAST

NARRATORS – Cora O’Connor, Kallista Arnold-Schuett, Avery Snortum, Mardell Gest

LITTLE STAR – Taya Paulson

STARLIGHTER 1 – Merritt Paulson

STARLIGHTER 2 - Lincoln Howard

STARLIGHTER 3 – Marshall Paulson

1st STAR (Sirius) – Logan Gaffney

2nd STAR (Polaris) – Nolan Snortum

3rd STAR (Castor) – Emma Polachek

4th STAR (Pollux) – Lily Polacheck

Sun – Clara Cornwell

MARY – Penelope Howard

JOSEPH – Turner Paulson

Angels – Callie Heiman, Adah Pederson, Millie Furseth, Clara Furseth, Claire Joswiak

Shepherds – Lydia Pedersen

Three Wise Ones – Owen Hackl, Wyatt Hackl, Emmett Cornwell

Thank You Helpers!

Thank you to our teachers who are so dedicated to our children every Sunday, and are prepared with enthusiasm and heart. Thank you to our classroom aids and other helpers who volunteer every week! Thank you to the parents of our Sunday School students who faithfully bring their children every Sunday. None of this would be possible without your help and cooperation. God Bless You and Merry Christmas!

Serving you today in Christ's Love

Ushers

8:00 am

Team Thompson
Maddie Riedel

9:30 am

Team Paulson
CaylieJo Perea

Reader

8:00 am

Vicki Sobczak

Communion Helpers

8:00 am

Team Ursin

Acolyte

8:00 am

Leighton Vieau

Calendar-Week of December 15, 2024

Sun, December 15

8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Children's program

****Quilt Sale**

Tues, December 17

6:30 pm Bell Practice

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Wed, December 18

6:00 pm Confirmation class

UIC - Morrisonville

6:30 pm Choir-FR

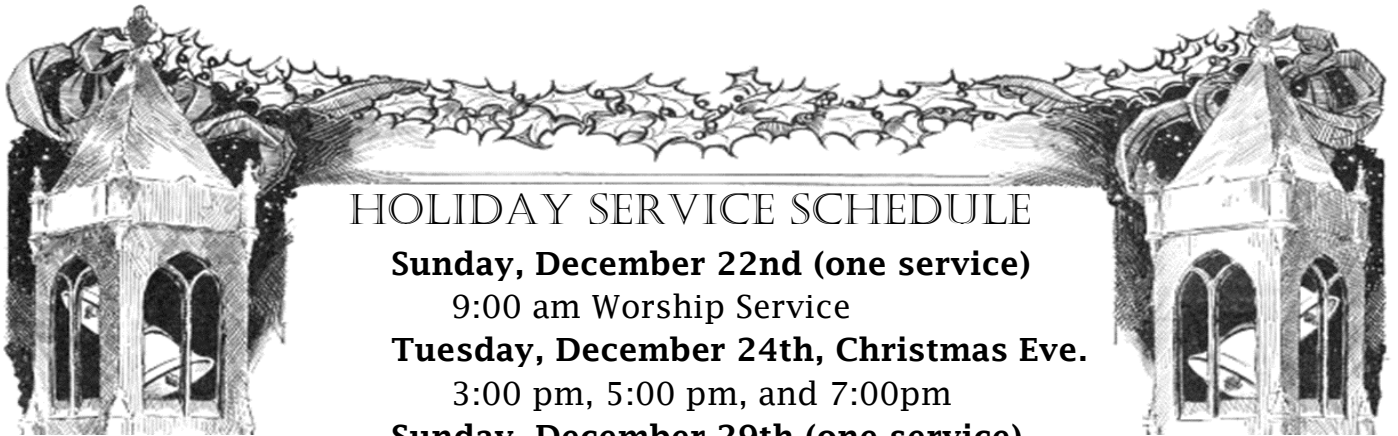
Thurs, December 19

6:00 pm Boy Scout- FH

7:00 pm Council Meeting

Sun, December 22

9:00 am Worship - Only 1 service



HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Holiday Office Hours

The office will be closed December 24, 25 and January 1st. The office will close early December 31st at noon.

One Last Call for Poinsettias

We are still accepting Poinsettia orders and decorating donations.
Final deadline is Monday, December 16th.



Social Ministries – No-Sew Fleece Blankets

The Social Ministries Committee invites you to join us on Saturday, February 1, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall to make no-sew fleece blanket kits for Ronald McDonald House in Madison, WI. If you are interested in donating material for this project we use no-pill or blizzard fleece. Each blanket has 2 sides so each side will need 1 1/2 yards of material. If you would like to make a money donation towards the fabric you can send that to the church office. Any donated fabric can be left on the desk in the Friendship Room. Any questions, call Pam Hamele at 608- 215-0382.



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

Lutefisk Sale Items

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

Potatoes: Idahoan instant 3.24lb - \$14

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

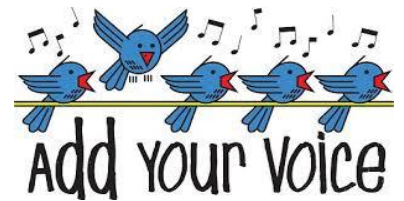
2lb Brown Sugar: \$2

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

64oz Mayo: \$6

CLC Choir

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.



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

Help save lives!



**Donate blood
at our
upcoming
blood drive!**

Thanksgiving Meal

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving Outreach. We donated 15 meals to seniors through the Community Center, donated non-perishable food items to the DeForest Area Food Pantry and also helped the Moravian Church provide a meal to people in need in our community.

Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who participated in providing gifts for the Giving Tree. We collected 46 gifts for families and the elderly in our community. Also thank you for supporting the Toys For Tots program.

RECIPE FOR A

Merry Christmas



TO: 1 Crisp December Night

ADD: A Generous portion of Frosty Air
A large Handful of Stars

BLEND IN: The Fragrant scent of an Evergreen Tree

MIX: Into a family circle with a
large scoop of love
A Child's smile
The Sparkle in his eye
The touch of a Red-nosed Reindeer
A Sprig of Mistletoe
Set mixture beside the fire in
the warmth of that age-old
tiding "PEACE ON EARTH"

GARNISH WITH: The light of the Star in the East

SERVE: To the Tune of a Favorite Carol

NUMBER OF SERVINGS: Will serve all people everywhere

COST PER SERVING: Absolutely nothing!