# Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

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## January 5, 2025 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas The liturgy is Setting 10.

PRELUDE "How Brightly shines the Morning Star" - Pachelbel

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

OPENING HYMN ELW #303 Brightest And Best Are The Stars (page 8)

#### 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,  $\pm$  one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting. **Amen.** 

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God-with-us, we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, + forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy. **Amen.** 

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around;

they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

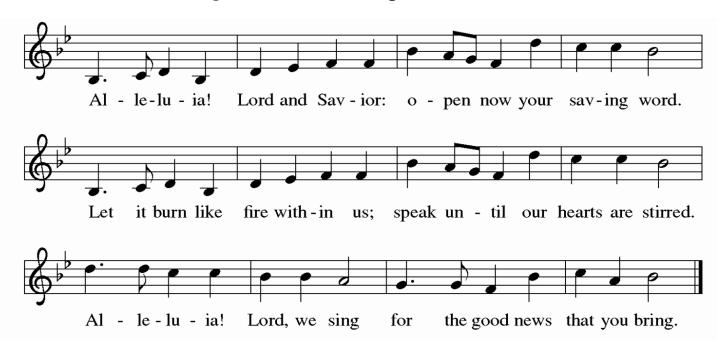
## SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — <sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, 4a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. 5In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: 6 that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 7Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. 8Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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. Matthew Glory to you, O Lord.

#### GOSPEL - Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." 3When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 6'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." 7Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." 9When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAISE BAND "Emmanuel" by Chris Tomlin and Ed Cash

**SERMON** 

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HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #302 "As With Gladness, Men of Old" (page 9)

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

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

A brief silence.

O God, you reveal yourself in this assembly. In water, wine, and bread, show us again and again your grace upon grace, that your church boldly testifies to your love. Lord, in your mercy,

### hear our prayer.

You reveal yourself in every human being. Help us recognize your image in our siblings in Christ who are in the strong grip of addiction, depression, anxiety, hopelessness, or other illness. Grant us compassion in our care for your people. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You reveal yourself anew every day. In this new year, renew this congregation and its ministries in our witness to the good news of the incarnation. Transform the way we have always done things into your new future for us. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You reveal yourself in the lives of your holy ones. We give you thanks for those who set their hope on you, trusting the inheritance we receive in you. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **OFFERING**

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.

Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

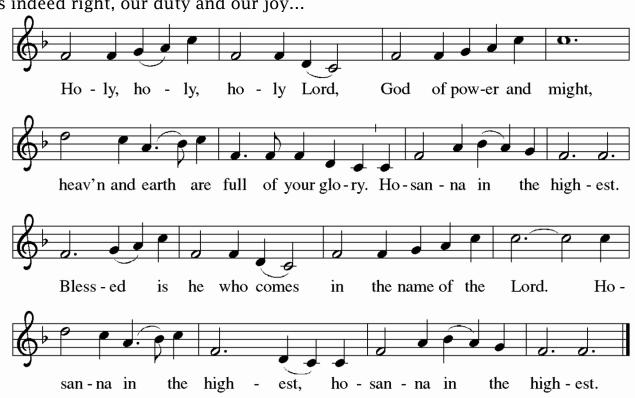
Lift up your hearts.

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...



#### **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, saving: 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



## COMMUNION HYMN "Father, I Adore You" by Terrye Coelho (Praise Band)

#### 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

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.

#### 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  $\pm$  give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

SENDING HYMN ACS #914 "Jesus, The Light of the World" (page 10)

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

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## THANK YOU

Special thank you to Pastor Ken Schaub for filling in this Sunday.

### Serving you today in Christ's Love

Ushers 8:00 am

Team Campbell

10:30 am

Team Thompson

Reader 8:00 am

Jeff Gaffney

10:30 am

Jason Gest

## **Communion Helpers**

8:00 am

Team Paulson

10:30 am

Team Cahill-Wolfgram

Acolyte 8:00 am

10:30 am Madisyn Howard Jameson Bergeron

### Calendar-Week of January 5, 2025

Sun, January 5 \*Nametag Sunday\*

8:00 am Worship Service

10:30 am Worship

## Tues, January 7

9:00 am Women's Bible Study - FR 5:30 pm Property Committee - FR

6:30 pm Bell Practice

6:30 pm Cub Scouts -FH

## Wed, January 8

6:00 pm Confirmation class - NK

6:30 pm Choir-FR

## Thurs, January 9

6:00 pm Lutefisk Committee - FR

6:00 pm Boy Scout- FH

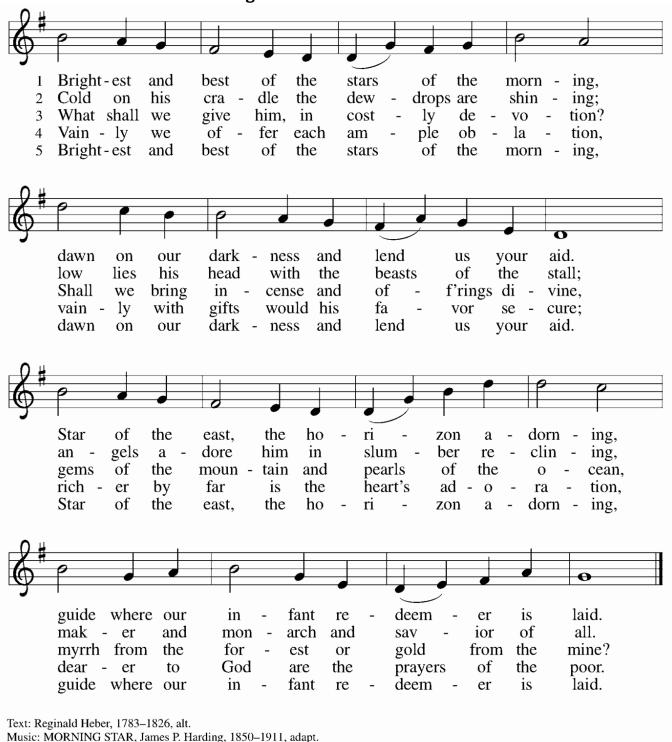
## Sun, January 10

8:00 am Worship Service

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

## OPENING HYMN ELW #303 Brightest And Best Of the Stars



# 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 #302 "As With Gladness, Men of Old"



- 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,
- As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare, 3 Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us the nar-row 4 Ho - ly in way;
- 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre a ted light;



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



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

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

# 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



SENDING HYMN ACS #914 "Jesus, the Light of the World"



- 1 Hark! the her ald an gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 2 Joy ful, all you na tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 3 Christ, by high est heav'n a dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world; 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



"Glo new-born king," Je-sus, the Light of the world. to the join the tri-umph of Je-sus, the Light of the world. the skies; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world. Je-sus, the Light of the world. Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845–1928, refrain Music: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, Traditional; arr. George D. Elderkin



# **CLC Choir Practice Has Begun!**

Enjoy singing? Come and sing with the Christ Lutheran Church Choir. We practice once a week on Wednesday in the Friendship Room and sing most Sunday's. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Friendship Room or just come to practice and we can add you then. 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.