

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Welcomes You



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

November 29, 2020 – 8:00 & 10:45 A.M.

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Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class: 9:30 a.m..
Thursday Evening Service at 7:00 p.m.
Christian Day School: Preschool through 8th grade

The First Sunday in Advent

As We Gather

Advent, with its strange opening number, the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, is to open our eyes to the wonder that God keeps coming, entering into dialogue with us, to speak in love, and in judgment in love, where we least expect: in a man sitting on a donkey – God’s huge joke, if you will – always appearing to be less than He really is, so we can recognize Him in His love, in the big, overbearing problems of a world in radical change, or in the simple delights of daily life. He’s literally all over the place hoping that we’ll have the eyes to see and the ears to listen to His coming. (Edmund A. Steimle [1907-1988]; From Death to Birth)

Hymn - “The Advent of Our King” Hymn 331

- 1 The advent of our King
 Our prayers must now employ,
 And we must hymns of welcome sing
 In strains of holy joy.
- 2 The everlasting Son
 Incarnate deigns to be,
 Himself a servant’s form puts on
 To set His servants free.
- 3 O Zion’s daughter, rise
 To meet your lowly King,
 Nor let your faithless heart despise
 The peace He comes to bring.
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light,
 He soon will come again
 And His true members all unite
 With Him in heav’n to reign.
- 5 Before the dawning day
 Let sin’s dark deeds be gone,
 The sinful self be put away,
 The new self now put on.

6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

Invocation Page 151

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Introit



Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

To you, | O Lord,*

I lift | up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;*

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

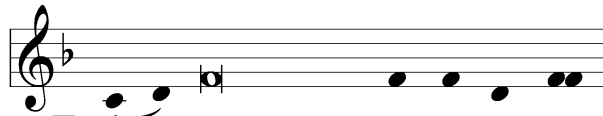
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Ps. 25:1–3; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.

Kyrie Page 152

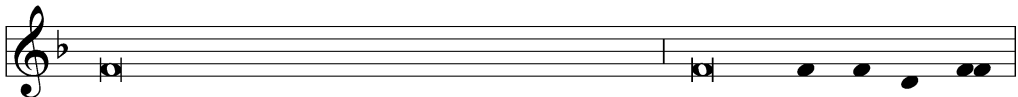
Note: the “*Gloria In Excelsis*” (the song of the angels from Luke 2) is omitted in Advent to be sung again with vigor on Christmas.



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



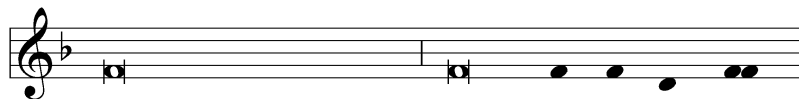
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



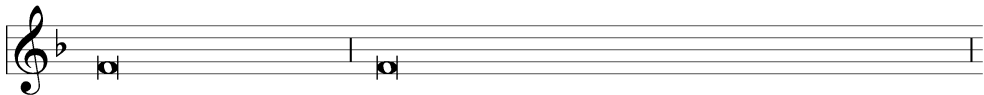
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



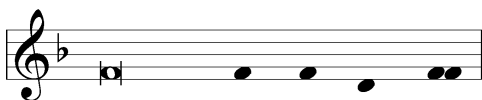
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



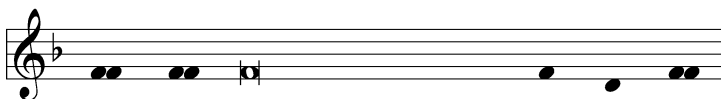
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



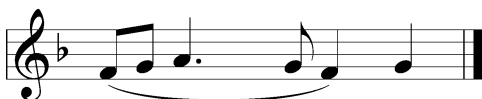
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Reading from the Book of Concord

*The Augsburg Confession,
Article III – The Son of God*

Our churches teach that the Word, that is, the Son of God [John 1:14], assumed the human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. So there are two natures—the divine and the human—inseparably joined in one person. There is one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried. He did this to reconcile the Father to us and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of mankind [John 1:29].

He also descended into hell, and truly rose again on the third day. Afterward, He ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. There He forever reigns and has dominion over all creatures. He sanctifies those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort and make them alive. He defends them against the devil and the power of sin.

The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead, and so forth, according to the Apostles' Creed.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

C **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

P Behold, your king is coming to you;

C **righteous and having salvation.**

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

P Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates!

C **be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**
Alleluia.

Ps. 24:7

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 11:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 11th chapter

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there

said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?”⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go.⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Hymn ~ “Savior of the Nations, Come” Hymn 332

- 1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin’s Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.
- 3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.
- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.
- 5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father’s Son
Who in flesh the vict’ry won.
By Your mighty pow’r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

(Continued)

7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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“Savior of the Nations, Come” is one of the most ancient hymns in the church. It is attributed to St. Ambrose, bishop of Milan. He lived from 340 A.D. to April 4, 397. He was a steadfast supporter of the divinity of Christ and opposed all who would make Jesus less than the Son of God.

Our English version comes from Martin Luther’s German translation of this hymn that the Church has been singing for more than 1,600 years. Lutheran Churches have been singing it since 1524 when it appeared in the first Lutheran hymnal together with Luther’s well known hymns, “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” and “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come.”

Pastor Quardokus

Sermon

“Promise Fulfilled. Hope Renewed.”

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

(You may be seated if necessary.)

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

*There will be no passing of the offering plates.
Please place your offering in the plates in the narthex.*

Offertory ~ “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”Hymn 334

1 O Lord, how shall I meet You,
How welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You,
My hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please You best.

(Continued)

5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
Cannot His love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by His grace.
He comes, for you procuring
The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing
Eternal life in heav'n.

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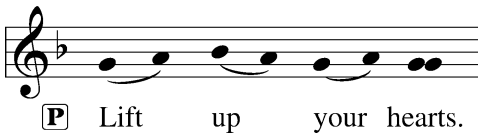
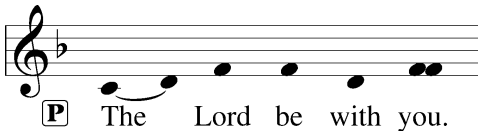
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Service of the Sacrament

(Please see our Communion Statement in the announcements on Page 21.)

Stand

Preface



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

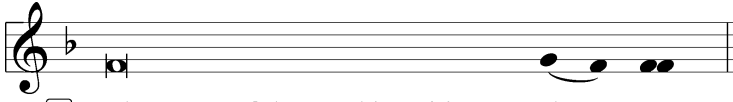
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution Hymn ~ "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" Hymn 355

- 1 O Savior, rend the heavens wide;
Come down, come down with mighty stride;
Unlock the gates, the doors break down;
Unbar the way to heaven's crown.

(Continued)

- 2 O Father, light from heaven send;
As morning dew, O Son, descend.
Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:
To Jacob's line rain down the King.
- 3 O earth, in flow'ring bud be seen;
Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
Bring forth, O earth, a blossom rare,
Our Savior, sprung from meadow fair.
- 4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?
When will You come with comfort strong?
O come, O come, Your throne forego;
Console us in our vale of woe.
- 5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
When will our hearts behold Your dawn?
O Sun, arise; without Your light
We grope in gloom and dark of night.
- 6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
O come, lead us with mighty hand
From exile to our promised land.
- 7 There shall we all our praises bring
And sing to You, our Savior King;
There shall we laud You and adore
Forever and forevermore.

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Stand

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

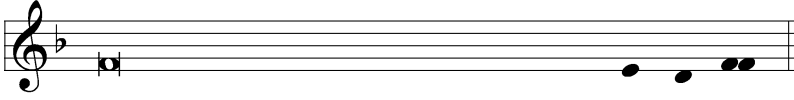
P Let us pray.

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction



P 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.



C A - men.

Hymn ~ “Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment” Hymn 511



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, Warn - ing
 2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; Tell the
 3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— Those re -
 4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has



us of right and wrong, Turn - ing us from sin and
 news that Christ is here; Make a path - way through the
 pent - ing are for - giv'n; God re - ceives His way - ward
 come to share our life, Bring - ing God's own love and



sad - ness Till once more we sing the song.
 des - ert For the one who brings God near.
 chil - dren, And to them new life is giv'n.
 pow - er, Grant - ing vic - t'ry in our strife.

Refrain



Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav-ior king, is come!

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+ Silent Prayer +

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*Midweek Advent Worship Services begin this week on
Wednesday, December 2nd
at 7:00 p.m.*

Christ Lutheran Church and School Christ's People Proclaiming Christ's Love

The following safety precautions will be followed:

- ◆ Please maintain social distancing (6 feet apart front and back, and side to side), only use every other pew and maintain 6' between family units.
- ◆ Please use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting.
- ◆ We will not pass the plate or attendance books. Offering plates located by the entrance.
- ◆ Everything will be in the bulletin, no need for the hymnal. Keep the bulletin or recycle it.
- ◆ Face masks encouraged (but not required).
- ◆ Communion will be continuous style, so that people can maintain 6' between family units. This would be explained in an opening announcement.
- ◆ We request that people not congregate in the narthex (take a donut to-go and head home). If you'd like to talk please talk outside in the parking lot while still maintaining 6' separation.
- ◆ Bible study continues online and in person.
- ◆ The pews / door handles / bathrooms will be cleaned in-between services.
- ◆ If you are sick or have any symptoms of any illness, please stay home.
- ◆ If you are vulnerable, or feel uncomfortable coming back, feel free to remain home as long as necessary until you're comfortable. We will continue to stream Sunday services live at 8:00 a.m., which may be viewed thereafter.

Thank you for being considerate of your neighbor.

Pastor Measel, Pastor Yeager, Board of Elders

Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery*Continued Prayers:*

Amanda Clark	Deleigh McClintock	Laurie Ulmer	Miro Virsik
Addie Scheffler	Denice McClintock	Laura Leshner	Nancy Duke
Amee Mantei	Dave Knuth	Laura Schornhorst	Ron Szoke
Bea Rudlaff	Ferny Rantz	Helen Quardokus	Mary Panzica
Connie Schmidt			

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery*Continued Prayers:*

Aubrey Hamby – nephew of Dee Payovich

Austin Arndt – grandson of Linda Steinke

Gabe Szoke – brother of Ron Szoke

Grace Gerken – niece of Andrew & Terri Gerken

Jim Russell – brother of Mark Russell

Kimberly Greening – daughter-in-law of
Dwayne Greening

Paula Hicks – niece of Dee Payovich

Phil Oberhaus – brother of Susan Jackemeyer

Rebecca Wroblecky – fiancé of Kevin Dixon

Taryn Schrader – sister of Tamara Paulun

William Maul – brother of Charles Maul

* Our country, president, armed forces and all those who serve our country,
including

* **Alex Root, Allison Blake, James Vieregge**, USMC – grandson of Ken
Vieregge, **Joseph Schafer** – grandson of Helen Quardokus, **Mitchell Carter** –
grandson of Bob Dixon.

Missionaries

Rev. Mark and Stefanie Rabe in Ethiopia, Deaconess Caitlin Worden de Ramirez
in the Dominican Republic and Rev. Roger James in the Philippines.

Bulletin Announcements for November 29, 2020

WELCOME, EVERYONE, TO OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Churches and Christian families now begin to celebrate the birth of Christ, whom God sent to earth for our salvation. Let us offer our gratitude and praise to our Creator. May this be a time of inspiration and joy for us all. Visitors, please sign our guest book. Please help yourself to a visitor bag located on the credenza in the narthex. Please visit again!

THE LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood (*Matthew 26:26-28*) to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (*1 Corinthians 11:28-30*) and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, (*1 Corinthians 10:16-18*) any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with one of the pastors.

THE FRONT PEW ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SANCTUARY is reserved during communion services for those that have physical difficulty approaching the altar for communion. Communion services are held the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Please be seated in that pew if you would like the pastor to bring communion to you.

ALTAR FLOWERS – The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Fred & Sally Knuth on the occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary.

2020 FLOWER CHART – The flower chart for 2020 is posted in the commons area. Be sure to sign up soon for the date you would like flowers given in memory or honor of your loved ones. The **Altar Flowers** are \$15.00. After the services, they are delivered to a shut-in or someone that is sick or hospitalized. Thank you!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE BACK PEWS IN THE SANCTUARY ARE RESERVED FOR FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN.

THE NURSERY IS AVAILABLE for your children 3 years of age or younger. You are welcome to take your child or children into the nursery and watch the service from there. Please do not leave your child unattended.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP – *The 2021 chart for radio broadcasts will be posted soon in the commons area.* Christ Lutheran records two radio broadcasts per month. This will give our members more opportunities for sponsorship. Please consider sponsoring a broadcast (you could share it with a family member or friend.) The cost is \$150.00.

Our service is being recorded today and will air next Sunday.

This broadcast is dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Jerry & Laura Schornhorst on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Our Local Lutheran Worship Service Broadcasts are now on WQYQ AM 1400 and 106.1 FM (Note: The call sign has changed from WSJM to WQYQ but the time and frequencies remain the same for our broadcast) on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. The service also can be heard online at <https://www.thenewqyq.com> or with the TuneIn app on your device. To listen with Alexa say, "Alexa, play WQYQ." The service can be heard from anywhere in the country online.

WORSHIP ANEW is a 30-minute traditional Lutheran worship service, broadcast weekly to nourish the souls of those who cannot attend church in a traditional setting. Watch on Sundays at 11:00 am on **WHME-TV 46 [FBC]** or watch online at any time at www.worshipanew.org/onlineviewing.

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE. (*James 5:16*) As caring Christians, please remember the following members of Christ Lutheran in your prayers this week:

Harriet Gotsch

John & Tamara Paulun Family

Mary Spaulding

Todd Batson

Gerald & Linda Drews

Don & Sharon Jeschke

We will be praying for these members during our worship services today. Each week we ask you to remember a different group of members in your daily prayers.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



Rev. Mark and Stefanie Rabe serve the Lord as missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Ethiopia. Mark teaches at Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This seminary is dedicated to training faithful Lutheran pastors and other

church workers to serve in Ethiopia. Pray God gives their entire family strength and peace as they transition back to overseas mission work, learning the culture and the language. Pray also for their continued health and safety. Please pray for the church in Ethiopia and for the faculty, staff and students at Mekane Yesus Seminary. Ask God to give Mark His wisdom and guidance as he teaches these students and helps them prepare to become faithful Lutheran pastors, lay evangelists and other professional church workers.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – Sunday morning bible class continues with the study of the Gospel lesson of the day. Classes continue to be on Zoom as well.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – Tuesday and Wednesday bible class will resume after the new year. Pastor Measel will begin a study on apologetics using the book “Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers.” Beginning dates will be announced as the time gets closer.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – Thursday morning Bible class on Joshua will resume after the new year. If you are still interested in learning the Book of Joshua please join Pastor Yeager at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

STORYTIME SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES - The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis story time has started. We have begun with Book I: The Magician's Nephew. Each Sunday will include: chronological reading of the book and talk about how it relates to Jesus & faith. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. and is held in the 3rd & 4th classroom. Come and have fun and fellowship with friends!

WE ALL KNOW WHAT MICHIGAN WINTERS ARE LIKE. BRRRRR! Help keep someone's feet warm this winter. **New** men's socks are being collected for the local Salvation Army Men's Shelter. Look for the box in the Commons area. Donations accepted now until December 4th. **Please New Socks Only!** Let's Connect with our Community as we Run the Race!

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS – The youth group will be collecting food to distribute at Christmas to those in need in our congregation and community. Please place your non-perishable donations under the Youth Bulletin Board in the Commons until December 13th. If you prefer to make a cash donation, please see Christine or Pastor Yeager in the office, or you may place your donation in the offering plate. Be sure to mark the envelope “Food Baskets.”

POINSETTIA ORDERS are being taken. Honor or remember a loved one while adorning the church for Christmas. *Plants are \$8.00 each.* Please fill out a form found as an insert in the bulletin or in the commons area. Place them in the box provided with your check (payable to Christ Lutheran) or cash in the envelopes which are provided. The deadline for placing orders is *Sunday, December 6th.*

RADTKE JAMS & JELLIES – The fellowship group is again selling Radtke jams and jellies just in time for Christmas gift giving. Stop at the display located in the commons area and purchase your jams and jellies today! The jars sell for \$5.00. Sugar-free jams are available by special order. A box is located there for your payment. Thank you!

USHERS NEEDED – We are in need of a few men to join usher teams for the 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. services. It is a wonderful way to serve the Lord. It requires only serving four months out of the year. Please call or text Glenn Scowcroft at (269) 519-3030 if you would like to help.

LADIES LEAGUE NEWS – The ladies league will be sending a Christmas gift of money to Grace Randolph, a deaconess student at Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne. Grace is a first-year student from First St. Paul, Chicago. Her husband, Patrick, is a seminarian. Please help us “grow” the gift. A basket for donations is located in the commons area. Thank you!

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS is the official periodical of the LCMS. Published 11 times a year, it provides Missouri Synod laypeople with stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. Subscription year is March, 2021 through February, 2022 at a cost of \$11.60. Please fill out an order form found as an insert in the bulletin or on the welcome center credenza. Return the form to the office with your check (or cash) made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Subscriptions are due *December 8th.*

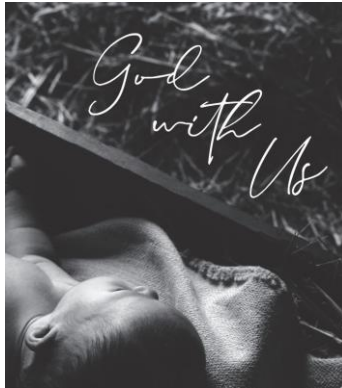
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1 Corinthians 1:9 – “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us, and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us, and He will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. When it comes to following the Lord’s commandments for our daily lives, we know His will is best for us because our God is faithful.

Charting Our Course – Statistics from Last Week

Thursday Service	<u>11/19/2020</u>		
	16		
Sunday	<u>11/22/2020</u>		
8:00 A.M.	57		
10:45 A.M.	<u>32</u>	Adult Bible Class	--
Total:	105	Weekday Classes	--

Prior Week Total Budgeted Receipts	\$13,489
Average Weekly Budgeted Disbursements	\$18,683



“God With Us”

Lutheran Hour Advent Devotions

What better news is there than to know that God is always by our side! In *God with Us*, we learn again what God the Father has done—He has kept His promise. In so doing, He has announced that grace and forgiveness are available to all, freely given in the birth of Jesus: God’s Son, our Savior. He is Immanuel, “God with us.”

Copies are available on the credenza in the commons area. You may also have them delivered right to your inbox, podcast the audio devotional, access them on your mobile device through the FREE app, or listen with Spotify, iHeart Radio, Alexa, or Google Home. Go to www.lhm.org/advent/ Call Christine in the office and she will be happy to mail one to you if needed.



Coming Up at Christ Lutheran

Sunday, November 29 2020	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Communion Worship Service Bible Class Sunday School Communion Worship Service
Monday, November 30		
Tuesday, December 1		
Wednesday, December 2	7:00 p.m.	Advent Worship Service
Thursday, December 3		
Friday, December 4		
Saturday, December 5		
Sunday, December 6	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Second Sunday in Advent Worship Service Bible Class Sunday School Contemporary Worship Service

Christ's Mission
Christ's Ministry
Christ's People



Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

We are sincerely thankful that the Lord has led you to worship with us today. We pray that in our liturgy, in our hymns and in our sermon that you will see Jesus Christ, the Savior who died on the cross for the sins of the world. We pray that you will hear Jesus call all nations to repent of their sins. We pray that you will receive the forgiveness of sins won by Christ on the Cross. We believe that through faith this forgiveness transforms us from self-centered lives to lives of service.

If you are use to “praise” style worship, the historic liturgy may be unfamiliar and somewhat strange to you. Our form of worship has its roots in the earliest days of the church.

The word “liturgy” means service. Our worship is called the “Divine Service.” In the Divine Service our Lord is the Lord who serves. We understand worship in this way:

“Our Lord serves us today through His holy Word and Sacraments. Through these means, He comes among us to deliver His forgiveness and salvation, freeing us from our sins and strengthening us for service to one another and to the world. At Holy Baptism, He puts His name upon us, pours His Holy Spirit into our hearts, and rescues us from sin, death, and the devil. Through Holy Absolution, He pronounces His forgiveness again and again. With His holy Word, written in Scripture and preaching into our ears, He daily proclaims His abiding love for us through all the joys and sorrows of life in this world. In His Holy Supper, He gives us His own body and blood to eat and drink as a priceless gift to nourish and strengthen us in both body and soul”

Lutheran Service Book vii.

If some of the historic words that we use in worship are new to you, please look at page xxiv of Lutheran Service Book for a glossary. As you learn more about the ancient worship of the Church, you will learn to cherish it as Christians have throughout the centuries. If you have questions about anything that you have seen or heard today, please feel free to contact one of our pastors.