



Welcome to Worship at Christ Lutheran Church

Welcome to worship at Christ Lutheran Church! We rejoice that you are able to join us virtually today.
Let us worship God fully in all that we do on this Christmas Eve and in the week to come.

Welcome

Opening Hymn: "Away In A Manger"

Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes
I love Thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there

Greeting and Christmas Prayer

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Musical Offering: "White Christmas" – Annie & Caden Westers

Gospel Acclamation: "Angels We Have Heard On High" verse 1

**Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.**

Refrain: **Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

The Christmas Story – Pastor Justin

"Christmas Story: Birth of Jesus Christ" by Mocomi Kids – Blubaugh Family Puppet Show

Gospel Response: "Angels We Have Heard On High" verse 3

**Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King.**

Refrain: **Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Song: "Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven"

Jesus joy of the highest heaven
Born as a little baby
Under a wondrous star
Like us crying he takes His first breath
Held by His mother helpless
Close to her beating heart
Jesus laid in a lowly manger
Facing a world of dangers
Come to turn me a stranger
Into a child of God

Jesus King of the highest heaven
Learning to take His first steps
That He might bring us life
Like us knowing our smiles and sorrows
He showed the way to follow
A way that is true and right
Jesus take away every darkness
Steady my simple footsteps
That I might in Your goodness
Live as a child of God
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The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Hymn of Light: "Silent Night"

Silent night holy night
All is calm all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night holy night
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth
Jesus Lord at Thy birth

Silent night holy night
Wondrous star lend thy light
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Christmas Blessing

P: May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always. Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: "O Holy Night" with "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Agnus Dei"

O holy night the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees
O hear the angel voices
O night divine
O night when Christ was born
O night O holy night
O night divine

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy name

Christ is the Lord
O praise His name forever
His power and glory
Evermore proclaim
His power and glory
Evermore proclaim

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb - Amen

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with us!

C: Thanks be to God.

Leading Us in Worship:
Preaching: Pastor Justin J. Walker
Minister of Music: Nicholas Hopkins
Organist: Marilyn Burgard