



**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 this morning and in the week to come.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith

**C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him, born the king of angels:

Refrain: Oh come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,  
oh come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
son of the Father now in flesh appearing! *(refrain)*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest: *(refrain)*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus to thee be glory given!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing *(refrain)*

Christmas Dialogue

P: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

**C: By day and night he shines for all to see.**

P: Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

**C: that the world may see the justice and richness of God.**

P: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

**C: so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.**

P: Jesus is the light of the world.

**C: Jesus is the light of our lives.**

P: Sing to God a new song!

**C: A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.**

Hymn of Praise: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King  
CCLI Song # 27738

## Opening Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Lessons and Carols

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

First Carol: "Joy Has Dawned"

Joy has dawned upon the world  
Promised from creation  
God's salvation now unfurled  
Hope for ev'ry nation  
Not with fanfares from above  
Not with scenes of glory  
But a humble gift of love  
Jesus born of Mary

Sounds of wonder fill the sky  
With the songs of angels  
As the mighty Prince of Life  
Shelters in a stable  
Hands that set each star in place  
Shaped the earth in darkness  
Cling now to a mother's breast  
Vulnerable and helpless

Shepherds bow before the Lamb  
Gazing at the glory  
Gifts of men from distant lands  
Prophesy the story  
Gold a King is born today  
Incense God is with us  
Myrrh His death will make a way  
By His blood He'll win us

Son of Adam Son of heaven  
Given as a ransom  
Reconciling God and man  
Christ our mighty Champion  
What a Savior what a Friend  
What a glorious mystery  
Once a babe in Bethlehem  
Now the Lord of history  
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Second Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Second Carol/Musical Offering: "Away In A Manger" – Bell Quartet

Third Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Third Carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

Fourth Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4

Fourth Carol/Musical Offering: "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" – Diane DeVries

Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:1-20

Fifth Carol: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? Gloria....

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

Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:21-33

Sixth Carol/Musical Offering: "Angel Carols" - Bell Quartet

Seventh Lesson: John 1:1-14

Seventh Carol: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Good Christian friends rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Give ye heed to what we say  
Jesus Christ is born today  
Ox and ass before him bow  
And he is in the manger now  
Christ is born today  
Christ is born today

Good Christian friends rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Now we hear of endless bliss  
Jesus Christ was born for this  
He has opened heaven's door  
And we are blest forevermore  
Christ was born for this  
Christ was born for this

Good Christian friends rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Now ye need not fear the grave  
Jesus Christ was born to save  
Calls you one and calls you all  
To gain his everlasting hall  
Christ was born to save  
Christ was born to save  
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## Prayers of the Church

Ending of each petition: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

Congregational response: **hear our prayer.**

## 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.**

Musical Offering: "His Love Is All I See" – Nicholas Hopkins

## 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.**

## Announcements

## Blessing

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

**C: Amen.**

## Sending Hymn: "Go Tell It On the Mountain"

Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn

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Dismissal

P: Glory to God in the highest!

**C: Peace to God's people on earth!**

P: Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Leading Us in Worship:

Preaching: Pastor Justin J. Walker

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