



Christ Lutheran
— CHURCH —

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 10:00 a.m.

Pastor John Ferra

Welcome to worship at Christ Lutheran Church!

Whether you are in the sanctuary, tuning to FM 93.9 in the parking lot, or streaming from home online, we rejoice that you are with us this morning! Worship in 2021 may look or feel different but know that the heart of our worship at CLC remains unchanged. Several steps are in place to ensure our mutual safety and we appreciate your help – and patience – as we gather together. May God bless us all today and in the week to come!



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Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prayer

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the second candle on this wreath,
rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord
when he comes with all the saints and angels.
Enlighten us with your grace,
and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Amen.

Advent Song

"Light Two Candles" (Verse 2)



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Please rise in body or spirit.

Confession and Forgiveness

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 Song: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Verses 1,2,5)

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on
 3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's
 4 Oh, come, blest Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by your
 5 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times once gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

Refrain
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

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

Greeting

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated

Word

First Reading:

Malachi 3:1-4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

If you are worshipping in the parking lot, an usher will collect your yellow prayer request cards during the following song. If you have one filled out, please raise it high out your window. Thank you.

If you would like to participate in Sunday School, you may head to meet your teacher in the narthex now!

Response:

“Sing to the King”

Sing to the King
Who is coming to reign.
Glory to Jesus
The Lamb that was slain.
Life and salvation
His empire shall bring,
And joy to the nations
When Jesus is King.

Chorus

Come, let us sing a song
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus
He is all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise.

Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King.

For His returning
We watch and we pray.
We will be ready
The dawn of that day.
We'll join in singing
With all the redeemed,
Cause Satan is vanquished
And Jesus is King.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 3:1-6

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

‘and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon: Pastor John Ferra

Silence for meditation



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird, and flow-ing foun-tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Please rise in body or spirit.

Song of the Day

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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.**

Commemorations

Monday, December 6, Nicholas

Tuesday, December 7, Ambrose

Prayers of the Church:

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

Congregational response: **hear our prayer.**

Offering

Tithes and offerings will now be received to support the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church. Offering envelopes are available (in the back of the pews), on which special designations may be indicated. Any quarters contributed will be given to fight world hunger.

Musical Offering:

“Offertory”

Choral Anthem

Please rise in body or spirit.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
 You are most holy,
 and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
 but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
 to fulfill for us your holy will
 and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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.**

Please be seated

Fraction and Communion Information

We welcome all Christians to commune at the Lord's Table.

If you are worshiping inside, you will be directed forward by the center aisle in two lines. At the center, you will be offered the choice of a white flour wafer, a wrapped gluten free wafer, or a sealed wafer/juice combo. If you receive the combo you may return directly to your seat by the side aisle. If you receive a wafer, you will be handed wine or white grape juice in individual cups. Baskets for used cups are available as you return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you are worshiping in the parking lot, you are invited to receive the elements at the portico or wave your hand out the window and they will be brought to you. A note on opening the wafer/wine combo. Bend the side tab down and up at the crease to loosen the seal. Lift the clear plastic to access the wafer and the foil to access the juice.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Song:

“Joy Has Dawned”

Joy has dawned upon the world
Promised from creation
God's creation now unfurled
Hope for every 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 start in place
Shaped the earth in darkness
Cling now to a mothers 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
And 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 savoir! What a friend!
What a glorious myst'ry!
Once a babe in Bethlehem
Now the Lord of hist'ry.

Gloria in excelsis deo
 Gloria in excelsis deo
 Come to Bethlehem and see
 He whose birth the angels sing
 Come adore on bended knee
 Christ the lord the newborn King.

Communion Song: **“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”**



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;
 3 This flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man woe;



Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as proph - ets long have sung,
 with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
 dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - 'ry - where.
 O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who dost our weak - ness know:



it came, a flow'r - et bright, a - mid the cold of
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to us a
 True man, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he
 bring us at length we pray to the bright courts of



win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 heav - en, and to the end - less day.

Please rise in body or spirit.

Post--Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

P: Come Holy Spirit. Enrich our lives, so that all that we do may be pleasing to you. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: "Hear Our Praises"

by Robert Morgan

May our homes be filled with danc - ing.
May a light shine in the dark - ness,

5
May our streets be filled with joy. May in - jus -
as we walk be - fore the cross. May your glo -

10
- tice bow to Je - sus as the peo - ple turn and pray.
- ry fill the whole earth, as the wa - ter o'er the seas.

15
From the moun - tain to the val - ley, hear our

21
prais - es rise to you. From the heav - ens to the

27
na - tions, hear our sing - ing fill the air.

33
Ha - le - lu - jah! Ha - le - lu - jah!

37
Ha - le - lu - jah! Ha - le - lu - jah!

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Leading Us in Worship:

Preaching: Pastor John Ferra

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Coffee Servers: Dave & Lisa Harris

Welcome Visitors!

*Please join us for a cup of coffee in the Gathering Space.
Also, be sure to stop at the Welcome Center—we have a
gift for you—adults and children!*

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