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*December 8, 2024 - 2nd Sunday of Advent
The liturgy is Setting 10.*

PRELUDE “Pastorale” - Rheinberger

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Temple Talk - Judd Blau, Council President

FLOWER DEDICATION Today’s altar flowers are provided by Dan and Kathy Paulson in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary, December 8.

OPENING HYMN ELW #257 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (vs. 1-4) (page 9)

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, † one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us. Amen.

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

As our days grow shorter and our nights longer, we who are people of faith turn to symbols such as candles, evergreens, and wreaths, to proclaim our belief in the unquenchable light of Christ. In hopeful anticipation, we prepare for the coming of the Reign of God.

HYMN #240 - "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" vs. 2 (Printed below.)

**Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.**



CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

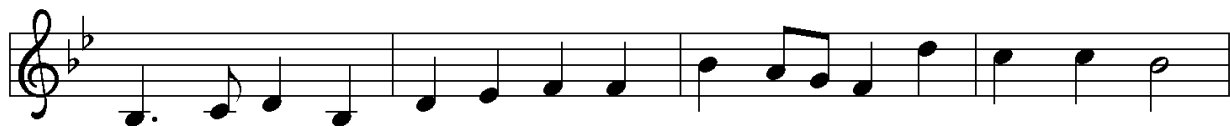
¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand and sing)



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

This is the good news according to St. Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL - Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAISE BAND: "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming"

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #265 "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" (page 10)

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A Brief Silence

Renewing God, transform your creation. Steer us from habits that harm what you have made, and guide us in practices that preserve and restore creatures and habitats. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Rescuing God, restore your people who are in any need. Heal all who are suffering. Provide comfort and strength, and nurture sustained wholeness for the future. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Reforming God, fill this congregation with your presence. Enrich our seasonal preparations, and bless the efforts by worship committees, music ensembles, staff, clergy, and lay leaders as they work in the weeks ahead. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Reassuring God, we remember those who have died and rest in you. Guide us in deep gratitude for their life, and allow us to learn from their faithful witness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.



OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN ELW #184 - "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n 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.

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, 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.

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

Come to the Lord's Supper, for all is now ready.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

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 † give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW #723 "Canticle of the Turning" (page 11)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Serving you today in Christ's Love

Ushers

8:00 am

Team Kvalheim
Leighton Vieau

10:30 am

Team Campbell

Reader

8:00 am

Beth Erickson

10:30 am

Nora Geach

Communion Helpers

8:00 am

Team Paulson

10:30 am

Team Lockman

Acolyte

8:00 am

Mikena Kilbane

10:30 am

Tristan Andorfer

Calendar-Week of December 8, 2024

Sun, December 8

8:00 am Worship Service

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Mon, December 9

8:00 am Quilters-NK

5:30 pm Girl Scouts-NK

5:30 pm Stephen Ministry-CR

Tues, December 10

9:00 am Women's Bible Study - FR

6:30 pm Bell Practice

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Wed, December 11

6:00 pm Confirmation class -NK

6:30 pm Choir-FR

Thurs, December 12

6:00 pm Boy Scout- FH

Sun, December 15

8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Children's program

****Quilt Sale**

Children's Christmas Program Sunday, December 15

The Sunday School Children's Christmas Program will take place on Sunday, December 15, during 9:30 a.m. worship service. There are 2 services that day, one at 8:00 a.m., a regular service and the Children's Program at 9:30 a.m.

The children are excited to deliver a delightful and uplifting Christmas pageant for all, complete with songs, costumes, and possibly even a few endearing bloopers. Please join us!



OPENING HYMN ELW #257 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs. 1-4)



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far - and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



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

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Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
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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



Christmas Sing-along



Please join your Praise Band for a Christmas Sing-along today in the CLC Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. (immediately following late service)

There will be many traditional favorite carols sung, along with a free soup and sandwich luncheon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #265 "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
 4 Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
 in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
 thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
 and Chris-tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

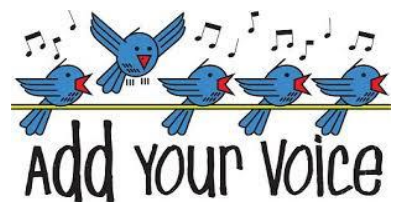
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 Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol

Lutefisk Sale Items

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| 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 |

CLC Choir Practice Has Begun!

Enjoy singing? Come and sing with the Christ Lutheran Church Choir. We practice once a week and sing most Sunday's. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Friendship Room as well. 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.



SENDING HYMN ELW #723 "Canticle of the Turning"



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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 Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 15th

8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Children's Program

Sunday, December 22nd (one service)

9:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve.

3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, and 7:00pm

Sunday, December 29th (one service)

9:00 am Worship Service

Blood Drive

This year's blood drive will be Friday, December 27th, from 12:00pm - 5:30pm at Manthe Paulson Farm's shop, (4083 Manthe Road). Appointments preferred. Feel free to contact Tracy Paulson at tmanthe@yahoo.com or 608-279-9650 to set up an appointment. We will be looking for volunteers and possibly food donations again as well.

You can also call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Manthe

Help save lives!



**Donate blood
at our
upcoming
blood drive!**

Quilt Sale

December 15th, after the Children's Christmas Program, the Quilters are having a quilt sale as a fund raiser. They are looking to raise money for quilting material and other supplies.

