



Traditional

December 5, 2021

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church!

TO OUR GUESTS: We're glad that you are with us today! It is our prayer that you will experience God's presence in a meaningful way as we worship together. We invite you to worship with us again. If you are new to Christ Lutheran and would like to learn more about the church, please contact Kathy Hofmann, *Guest and Hospitality Director*, khofmann@christelca.org.

PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Luther Ringers

arr. Dobrinski

WELCOME

SONG OF PREP (*Stand*) Light One Candle



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.



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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

People: Amen.

Leader: 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.

People: Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Leader: Most merciful God,

People: we confess that we are in bondage 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.

Leader: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. (*stand*)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Please greet those around you with the peace of the Lord.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

People: And also with you.

KYRIE



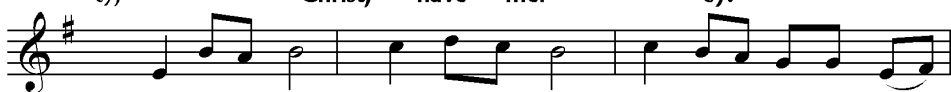
Leader: 1. Ga - thered in peace, the peace from our Fa - ther;
2. peace in the world, — light in our dark-ness,



long - ing for sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mer -
par - don to the sin - ner, and — strength to the weak: Christ, have mer -



cy; All: Lord, have mer - - - cy. 2. For
cy; Christ, have mer - - - cy.



Leader: 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, hope of the poor, light of the na - tions and —



Prince of peace: Lord, have mer - - - cy;



All: Lord, have mer - - - cy. Leader: May al -



might - y God have mer - cy on us, for - give us our sins, and



bring us to ev - er - last - ing life. All: A - - - men.

Steven R. Janco

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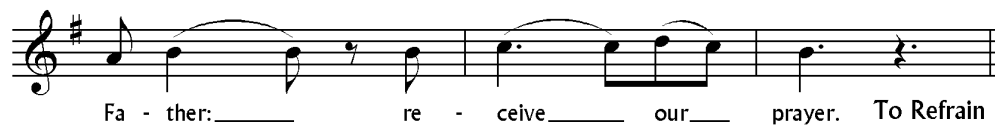
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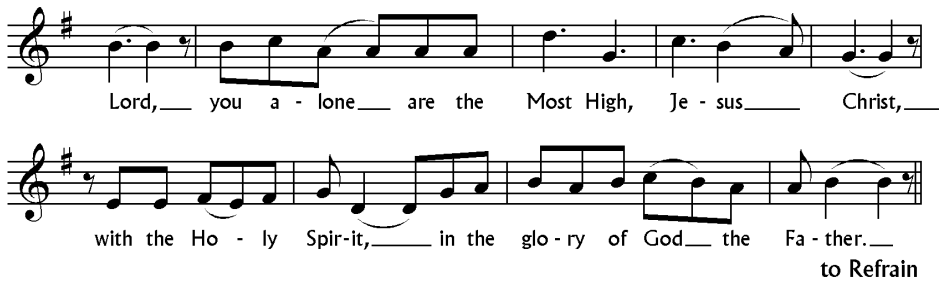


Glo - ry to God in the high - est, — and peace to his peo - ple on earth. —

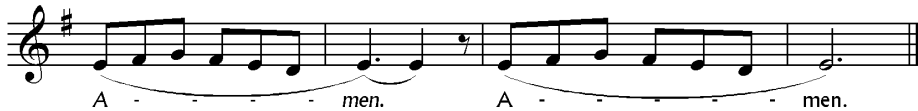


Refrain:





After final refrain:



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us pray. God of mystery whom no eye can see, you yourself have given us a sign we can behold: The virgin is with child and bears a son whose name is Emmanuel, for God is with us. Plant within our hearts your living Word of promise, that, into a world grown weary of empty dreams and broken promises, we may bring forth the living presence of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

People: Amen. (*Sit*)

THE LESSON

Proverbs 31:10-17, 28-31 NIV

A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants. She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

After the reading:

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE (*Stand*)



GOSPEL

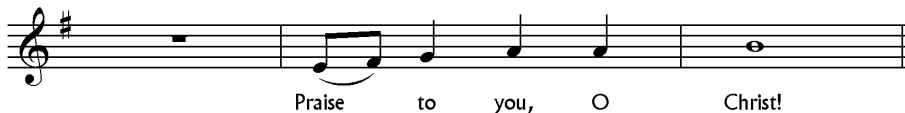
Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 1st chapter. (v. 39-55 NIV)



At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

After the reading:

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.



(sit)

Invite Children to attend CHRIST KIDS

SERMON VIDEO

God is....Inspiration (For the Depleted) Pastor Scott Suskovic

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Stand)*

Canticle of the Turning





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.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat

Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional

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NICENE CREED

People: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS *(kneel)*

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM *(sit)*

**Keep Your Lamps!
Christ Choir**

Thomas

OFFERTORY *(Stand)*

O Come, Divine Messiah



O come, Di-vine Mes - si - ah, The world in si - lence waits the day



When hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.



Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the night and show your face,



And bid us hail the dawn of grace. O come, Di - vine



Mes - si - ah, The world in si - lence waits the day



When hope shall sing its tri - umph, and sad - ness flee a - way.

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful God,

People: Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you. Leader: Lift up your hearts. All: We lift them up to the Lord. Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the Leader's line 'The Lord be with you.' and the All's response 'And also with you.' The second staff continues with the Leader's line 'Lift up your hearts.' and the All's response 'We lift them up to the'. The third staff continues with the Leader's line 'Let us give thanks to the Lord' and the All's response 'our God.' The fourth staff concludes with the All's response 'It is right to give him thanks and praise.'

Leader: It is indeed right and salutary . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho -

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are: '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, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. 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, Ho - san - na, Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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. *(Sit)*

COMMUNION

*Communion is a meal of celebration, forgiveness and blessing. We welcome all baptized Christians who believe that Jesus' body is broken for you and that His blood is shed for you. If you would like to know more about either baptism or communion, any of our pastors would be pleased to speak with you.
Welcome to God's table!*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

No Wind at the Window

3 This child must be born that the king - dom might come:
4 No pay - ment was prom - ised, no prom - is - es made;
no light from the lamp - stand, no foot on the floor;
Be glad that you're fa - vored and filled with God's grace.
sal - va - tion for man - y, de - struc - tion for some;
no wed - ding was dat - ed, no blue - print dis - played.'"/>

1 No wind at the win - dow, no knock on the door;
2 "O Mar - y, O Mar - y, don't hide from my face.
3 This child must be born that the king - dom might come:
4 No pay - ment was prom - ised, no prom - is - es made;
no light from the lamp - stand, no foot on the floor;
Be glad that you're fa - vored and filled with God's grace.
sal - va - tion for man - y, de - struc - tion for some;
no wed - ding was dat - ed, no blue - print dis - played.





no dream born of tired - ness, no ghost raised by fear:
 The time for re - deem - ing the world has be - gun,
 both end and be - gin - ning, both mes - sage and sign;
 Yet Mar - y, con - sent - ing to what none could guess,



just an an - gel and a wom - an and a voice in her ear.
 and . . . you are re - quest - ed to . . . moth - er God's Son."
 both . . vic - tor and . . vic - tim, both . . yours and di - vine.
 re - plied with con - vic - tion, "Tell . . God I say yes."

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: COLUMCILLE, Irish melody

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(stand)*

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Leader: 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and in her
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you, and saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart new joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom,
 an - gels sing be - fore you. The harps and cym-bals all u - nite.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
for her Lord comes down all glo - rious, the strong in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, where, dwell - ing



thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.
grace, in truth vic - to - rious. Her star is ris'n; her light is come.
with the choir im - mor - tal, we gath - er round your daz - zling light.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
Oh, come, you Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
No eye has seen, no ear has yet been trained to hear,



Al - le - lu - ia! Pre - pare your - selves to meet the
Sing ho - san - na! We go un - til the halls we
what joy is ours! Cre - scen - dos rise; your halls re -



Lord, whose light has stirred the wait - ing guard.
view where you have bid us dine with you.
sound; ho - san - nas blend in cos - mic sound.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake!

arr. Manz

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AWAKENED FAITH

lecture series

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Sunday, December 5 • 6:30 p.m.
at Christ Providence (Forum)
-or- Online (Zoom)

Hear from local experts about Charlotte's housing issues & ways to help, especially as we resume our Room in the Inn ministry.

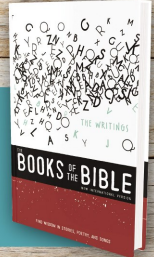
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READING FOR WEEK 5
December 6 - 12:

CBE pages 289-355 (Job)



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Children's Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 24 • 10:00 a.m.
at Christ Providence

2022 ELCA
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XPERIENCE Tour

JULY 20-28, 2022
MINNEAPOLIS & SURROUNDING AREA CHURCHES

Next year, our high school youth is combining the national youth gathering & CLC's annual Xperience tour into one faith-filled week!

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THRIVE DAY SCHOOL

GIFT OF INCLUSION

PLEASE DONATE to the Thrive Scholarship Fund.

Use the QR code to donate online.

MAIL DONATIONS TO:
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ROOM IN THE INN

Starts December 2nd!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Overnight Hosts
- Drivers (CDL required)

Volunteers must be vaccinated and wear a mask while indoors.

Sign up at signupgenius.com
(search: ckramer@christelca.org)

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

SAVE THE DATES

Ice Skate
December 5th (late afternoon)

Fusion
Sunday, December 19th

More Info: acurrier@christelca.org

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Save the Dates

Ice Skate
Sunday, December 5th (evening)

Fusion
Sunday, December 19th

More Info: acurrier@christelca.org



Baptismal Class

Sunday, December 5
1:00 p.m. on Zoom

For info, email Jane at
jsatterfield@christelca.org

Find Zoom link at
christelca.org/online



Poinsettias

\$10 EACH

Deadline to order:
December 15th

Purchase in REALM



XPERIENCE⁺ Christmas Show

December 10 & 11 • 6:00 p.m.
at Christ Providence (Pit) -and- Christ Online
christelca.org/online

MEXICO MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETINGS

Sunday, December 12 • January 9
12:15 p.m. at Christ Providence (Center Six)
-or- Christ Online (via Zoom)

Next summer, CLC is partnering with Myers Park & Faith Ministry to build houses & help with community wellness in Reynosa, Mexico, July 3-9.
-Participants must be high school age & beyond-

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A SOCIAL GROUP FOR 50+

Christmas Party

Sunday, December 12 • 4-8:30 p.m.
hosted by the Morrisons (York, SC)

The Morrison family is providing rotisserie turkey breasts. Please provide salad, veggie or dessert. \$5 per person.

RSVP IN REALM by December 5th
or email Don Essick (dessick@me.com)



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Christmas Eve Worship

[SAVE THE DATES]

Friday, December 24


- 10 a.m. Children's Service (Providence)
- 3 & 8 p.m. Contemporary (Providence)
- 4 & 6 p.m. Multi-Generational (Concord)
- 5 p.m. Outdoor Worship (South - Land)
- 6 & 10 p.m. Traditional (Providence)


Dance for Parkinson's Class

Thursdays • 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.
at Christ Providence (Center Six)

Weekly class explores gentle movement through dance & music. Can be adapted to anyone's abilities. Seated or standing dancers welcome! Taught by CLC member Jennifer Youse (jenniferyouse@gmail.com)

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The flowers are given to the glory of God and...
In celebration of our daughter Sloan's first birth-
day from Scott & Kendra McAdams



Keep in Prayer...

- ◆ Shelly Wilson's son, Laith
- ◆ Jim
- ◆ Ed & Kristy Eddleman's son-in-law, Russ James
- ◆ Wilma Jackson
- ◆ Stuart Groll
- ◆ Lauren Wright's grandparents
- ◆ Hayden Mauney and family
- ◆ Harry Croote
- ◆ Buddy Burton
- ◆ Chuck Larson
- ◆ Ben Cline
- ◆ Robin Canady
- ◆ Tom Taube's parents, Tom and Frances
- ◆ Steven Ladd's father, William
- ◆ Pam Wingard and family on the death her husband, Joe
- ◆ Gretchen Suskovic and family on the death of her mother, Helen Yetter
- ◆ Simmons family
- ◆ Kate Shepard

Hospice List:

- ◆ Ellen Burton
- ◆ Dean Emmans' mom, Renata
- ◆ Karen Costea's mother, Jackie



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