

CHRIST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
ZIONSVILLE



3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Looking for a Church Home?

Mr. Rogers once asked, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Jesus asked, "Who is your neighbor?" At Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) - Zionsville, our answer to Jesus' question is EVERYONE, and to Mr. Rogers - YES.

God calls us to meet people wherever they are in their journey of faith – and that includes YOU!

At Christ Lutheran Church you are welcomed, just as you are:

- Single, committed, married, divorced, lost your partner, still looking or not.
- Every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- Ready to join a group or prefer to sit back
- Regardless of knowing a little or a lot about Jesus
- Whether you have left the Church and are returning
- Whether you find yourself on this list or not

We are calling YOU neighbor! Join us!

Children in Worship

Children hold a special place in our congregation! We warmly invite children of all ages to join us in worship. We embrace their natural tendencies to giggle, poke, squirm, and swing their legs - it's all part of being a child and a precious gift to our community.

Our nursery is available from **10:30 to 11:30**, staffed by dedicated caregivers who will lovingly care for infants and toddlers. This allows parents to fully engage in worship, knowing their little ones are in safe hands. The nursery provides age-appropriate toys and a comforting environment, ensuring your child's needs are met while you worship with the congregation.

We respect and support each family's unique circumstances and preferences. Whether your child joins the main worship service or utilizes our nursery, we are here to accommodate and make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.

PRELUDE

Open My Eyes That I May See

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

P Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

C but Christ who chose us,

P That we are not here because of our goodness

C but because of Christ's grace,

P That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

C but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

P That we have not come to be entertained

C but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength. *

ENTRANCE SONG


Carry the Light

REFRAIN




Car-ry the light of the Lord, our God, in-to ev - 'ry earth-ly place.

5




High from the hill where the cross shines bright in glo - rious streams of grace.

9 VERSES



1. Walk on in a grand pro-ces - sion; Fol-low the cross at His lead.
2. Walk for - ward your wor - ship rai - sing, Sing-ing the vict - 'ry He won.

13



On now ev - 'ry tongue con - fess: Christ the Lord! is our creed.
On then, with this song of praise: Bright-er than light is God's Son.

to Refrain

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
God, our rock and refuge,

C we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

**We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.**

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of † Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

C Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

C Amen.


GATHERING SONG

I Love to Tell the Story

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1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.




I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,




it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Please be seated.

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Bless the Lord, My Soul

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Bless the Lord, my soul, and let all within me bless this ho-ly

5 name. Bless the Lord, my soul, and re - mem - ber ev - 'ry ben - i - fit and ev - 'ry

10 kind - ness; God for - gives all my sins, and then heals all my

14 hurts, and re - deems my life from the grave, and then crowns me with love and

18 mer - cy. Bless the Lord, my soul, O bless the Lord, my soul, bless the

23 Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10

L A reading from Jonah

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 62:5-12

L ⁵For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

C ⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

L ⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

C ⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

L ⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

C ¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

L ¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

C ¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

L A reading from 1 Corinthians.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Rise for the Gospel



Rise for the Gos - pel, the pow - er of God. Praise Him:

5 Christ the liv - ing word. Bless-ed is His name for-ev - er. Bless-ed is the

10 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na!

P The holy gospel according to Mark.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION RESPONSE



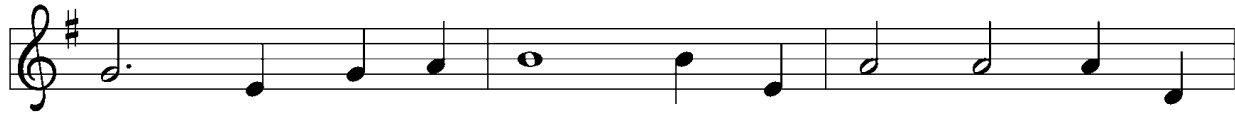
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Pastor Wes

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1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

APOSTLES' CREED

P Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess our common faith:

**C 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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use. ** meaning - all of God's Church..

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P As we commemorate the incarnation of Christ in human form, we lift our hearts in prayer for God's blessing upon the church, the world, and all of creation.

A moment of reflection

P O God, our unshakable rock and deliverer, may your church stand firm. We place our trust in your unwavering promises, especially for the most vulnerable among us. Grant wisdom and empathy to your church in its diverse ministries. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

P Our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our stewardship of oceans and all creatures within them. Hold us accountable for actions that jeopardize water sources and the well-being of those who depend on them. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

P God who proclaims judgment and offers mercy, be a guiding light for the leaders of our nation and the world. May they lead in your way of justice and truth. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

P Compassionate God who cares for the suffering, uphold survivors of assault and sexual abuse. Sustain all who minister to them, following the example of Agnes who cared for victims. Watch over those living under the threat of violence, in poverty, and those who are ill or in pain. On this day we pray especially for **Kussow's, Jean, Rose, Michael, Kathy, Bill, Martha, Kat, Dorothy, Marilyn, Mimi, Mike, Steve, Victoria, Theresa, Dave, Jonny, Dennis, Janice, Patrick, LCFS** and for all those we now name in our hearts or in the presence of this assembly. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

P God of resurrection and new life, empower us and this faith community to be receptive to your call, just as the first disciples shared the good news. In times of uncertainty, assure us; when we stray from your ways, redirect us. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

P God who cradles the saints against your tender bosom, we trust in your welcome into their eternal rest. Bring comfort to those who grieve, and may our hope rest in your salvation. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

P Acknowledging the Holy Spirit's intercession, we present these prayers and the silent petitions of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
C Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ is with you always.
C And also with you.

OFFERING

Would I Have Answered When You Called
~ Sanctuary Choir ~

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Would I have answered when you called, "Come, follow, follow me?
Would I at once have left behind both work and family?
Or would the old, familiar round have held me by its claim
And kept the spark within my heart from bursting into flame?

Would I have followed where you led through ancient Galilee,
On roads unknown by ways untried beyond security?
Or would I soon have hurried back where home and comfort drew.
Where truth you taught would not disturb the ordered world I knew?

Would I have matched my step with yours when crowds cried, "Crucify!"
When on a rocky hill I saw a cross against the sky?
Or would I too have slipped away and left you there alone?
A dying king with crown of thorns upon a terrible throne?

O Christ, I cannot search my heart through all its tangled ways,
Nor can I with a certain mind my steadfastness appraise.
I only pray that when you call, "Come follow, follow me!",
You'll give me strength beyond my own to follow faithfully.

Please rise as you are able.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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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 the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



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

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them 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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **C Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to participate in the Lord's Meal. If it's been years, or just a week, the bread and wine/juice and Jesus' presence in, with, and around them are for all. If you have questions about taking your first communion don't hesitate to speak with Pastor Wes.

*Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. When you come forward you will receive a wafer from Pastor Wes and you will hear the words **the body of Christ, given for you**. Once you eat the wafer you are invited to take either wine or juice from the communion assistant and you will hear the words, **the blood of Christ, shed for you**. Once you've communed there is a small receptacle where the used communion cup can be placed.*

COMMUNION SONG

The Songs of Communion

1. Ho - ly com - mun - ion, in this high feast we
2. We are Christ's bod - y, one in His love di -
3. Peace Lord is poured now, ves - sels of love brim
4. Ho - ly com - mun - ion, in this high feast of

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share God's ho - ly grace, heav - en's em - brace, un - end - ing care.
vine, One in His bread, with Him now wed, one in His wine.
full. Joy ov - er - flows. Life in us grows so boun - ti - ful.
love, See dawn - ing here God's glo - ry near, the Feast a - bove.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever. **C Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P Go now in peace,
for Christ has called you to live in peace
among your siblings in Christ.

Go now in courage,
for Christ has called you from the places of your life
to be agents of redemption and partners in healing.

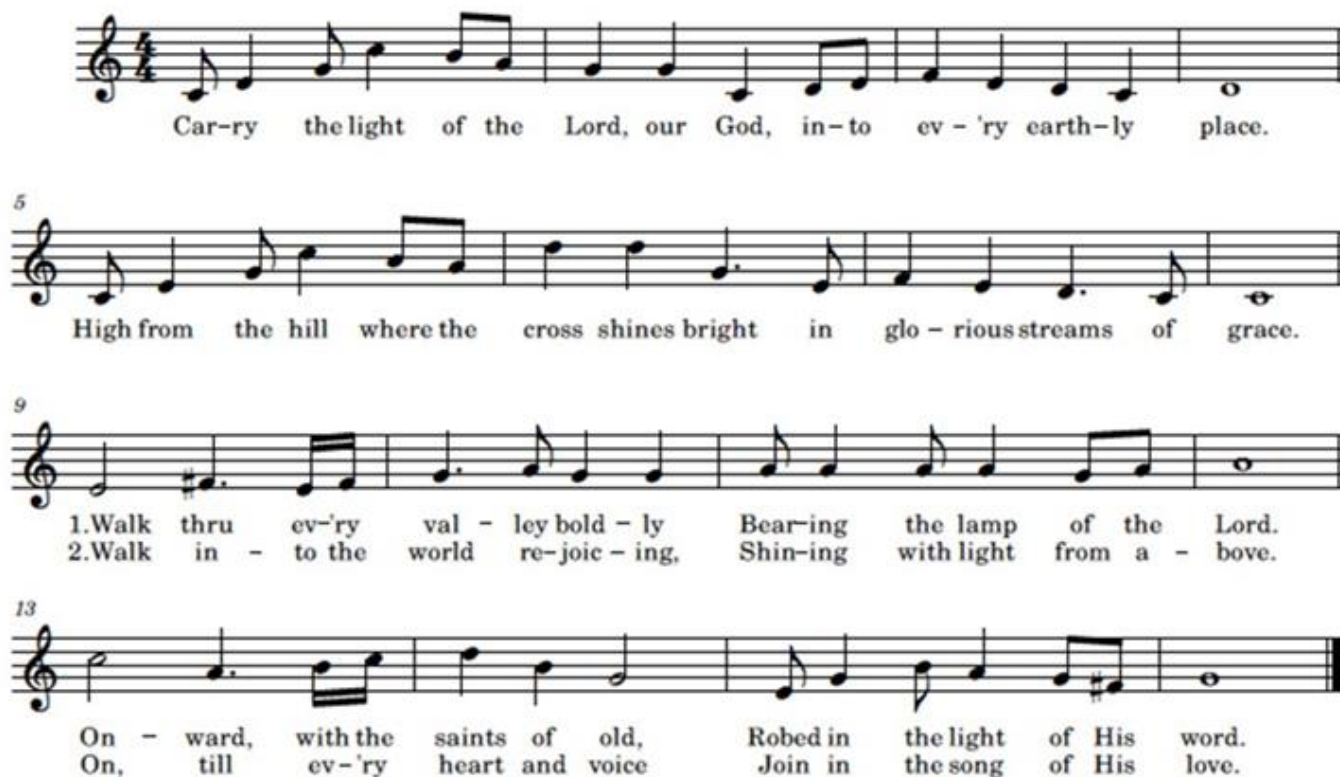
Go now in joy and thanksgiving,
for Christ is our light!

Go now as one body,
to love and serve God as you love and serve the world!**

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

Carry the Light – Reprise



Car-ry the light of the Lord, our God, in-to ev - 'ry earth-ly place.

5
High from the hill where the cross shines bright in glo - rious streams of grace.

9
1. Walk thru ev - 'ry val - ley bold - ly Bear-ing the lamp of the Lord.
2. Walk in - to the world re-joic - ing, Shin-ing with light from a - bove.

13
On - ward, with the saints of old, Robed in the light of His word.
On, till ev - 'ry heart and voice Join in the song of His love.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **C Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Praise!

Eliot

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