

**CHRIST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
ZIONSVILLE



4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 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

Let All Together Praise Our God ~ Celebration Bells ~

arr. White

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

**C Blessed are the poor in spirit,
the downtrodden and despairing,**
P They will rejoice in God's reign forever.

**C Blessed are those who mourn,
who are grieving**
P They will be comforted in God's reign forever.

**C Blessed are the ones who seek
justice and righteousness**
P They will find it in God's reign forever.

**C Blessed are we when we love our neighbors
and seek their needs**
P We will live in God's reign forever.

**C Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others
in God's name.**

P Let us worship together, serving one another
and serving our Mighty God. Amen. *

ENTRANCE SONG

Carry the Light

REFRAIN



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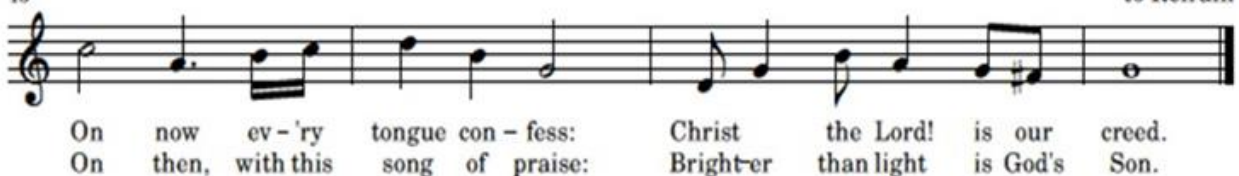


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VERSES



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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.

GATHERING SONG

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

ELW 519




- 1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain




To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



Hal-le-lu-jah!

To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



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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
 name. Bless the Lord, my soul, and re-mem-ber ev-'ry ben-i-fit and ev-'ry
 kind-ness; God for-gives all my sins, and then heals all my
 hurts, and re-deems my life from the grave, and then crowns me with love and
 mer-cy. Bless the Lord, my soul, O bless the Lord, my soul, bless the
 Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 18:15-20

L A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111

L ¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

C ²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

L ³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

C ⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

L ⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

C ⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

L ⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

C ⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

L ⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

C ¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

L A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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!

GOSPEL MARK 1:21-28

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ²¹Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION RESPONSE



Ho - san - na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na!

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Angie Eugenio

SERMON

Bill Steinke



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
 sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
 the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
 O fallen human race!
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
 be now and ever giv'n
 by saints below and saints above,
 the church in earth and heav'n.

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 rejoice in the embodiment of Christ in human form, our hearts lift in prayer for God's blessings upon the church, the world, and the entirety of creation.

A moment of silence

P Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority nurtures and strengthens your church in love. May all leaders and teachers within the church honor your guidance and exemplify your inclusive ways. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Renewing God, we pray for the well-being of all creation. May waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces be safeguarded, and our planet experience healing. Let us commit to thoughtful care of the earth. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership. May they lead with honor and mindfulness, remembering their covenants and walking uprightly in their ways. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Compassionate God, we lift up all those in need, especially those who have experienced rejection, individuals grappling with long-term illness or chronic pain, those lacking access to safe housing or healthcare, and all who suffer. On this day we pray especially for **Jean, Rose, Michael, Kathy, Bill, Martha, Kat, Dorothy, Marilyn, Mimi, Mike, Steve, Victoria, Theresa, Dave, Jonny, Dennis, Janice, Patrick, Pete, 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 Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, its artists and musicians, educators and caregivers. May all gifts be utilized to care for those in need and to embody your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Eternal God, we remember all who have been teachers, mentors, and companions in the church and in our lives. We trust that all who have departed rest in your loving care. 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

Please rise as you are able.

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.

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

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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.

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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

Word of God, Across the Ages

Smith

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~ With Thanksgiving ~*



SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

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