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**Last Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 15, 2026**

Setting 8

*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**

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### **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.

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Flowers on the Altar  
**Sponsored by Connie & Gary Ashenfelter**  
***"Just Because"***

## WELCOME

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFSSION &amp; FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**C Amen.**

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**C you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.**  
**We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.**  
**We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.**  
**Turn us to seek your face.**  
**Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.**  
**Amen.**

P The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG*****Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*****ELW 834**

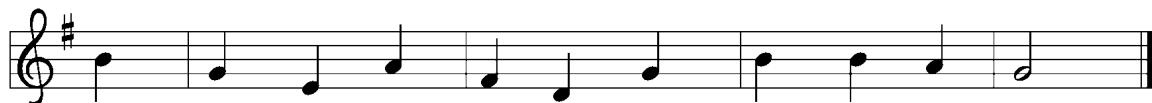
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun-tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee!

*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.

## KYRIE

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.  
Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - pas-sioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*



*"Kyrie eleison" means "Lord have mercy."*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## WORD

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

## **FIRST READING Exodus 24:12-18**

L A reading from Exodus.

<sup>12</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L Word of God, Word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 2**

L <sup>1</sup> Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

**C <sup>2</sup> Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against the Lord's anointed?**

L <sup>3</sup> "Let us break their yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their bonds from us."

**C <sup>4</sup> God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord holds them in derision.**

L <sup>5</sup> Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

**C <sup>6</sup> "As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

L <sup>7</sup> Let me announce the decree of the Lord, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you."

**C <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

L <sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

**C <sup>10</sup> And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

L <sup>11</sup> Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

**C <sup>12</sup> lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

## **SECOND READING 2 Peter 1:16-21**

L A reading from 2 Peter.

<sup>16</sup> We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**L** Word of God, Word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### **GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9**

**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

**P** <sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Cheryl Kussow

## SERMON

## "Chalking the Door"

Hope Moran

*Please rise as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## *Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

ELW 317



1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in  
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -  
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing  
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,  
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law  
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!  
sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.



join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.  
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:  
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:  
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Please be seated.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

AM 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**

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\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use. \*\* meaning the church universal

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

AM As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

AM Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

AM Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

AM Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger especially those in Minnesota. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

AM Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. We pray for those teens being ministered to by Lutheran Child and Family Services. Comfort the dying and those who grieve especially **Jon, Donna, Bob, Rita, Mike, Mimi, Ray, Janice, Tina, Marilyn, Charlotte**, and for all those we now name in our hearts or in Your presence. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

AM Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

AM Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

AM Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**C Amen.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

AM The peace of the Lord is with you always.

**C And also with you.**

AM Let us share a sign of God's peace with those around us.

*(Due to the intense flu season, we'll refrain from shaking hands).*

## RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

God calls us to be generous stewards for the sake of our ministry near and far. You can support our ministry by placing an offering in the offering plate, mailing it to the church, giving online through our website, or the QR code. If you would like more details on direct deposit, please contact our office administrator for more information at [office@clcziionsville.org](mailto:office@clcziionsville.org).



## OFFERING

**Jesus on the Mountain Peak**

**~ Sanctuary Choir ~**

**Wren/Eggert**

*Congregation is invited to sing with the choir as noted on the musical score.*

*Men*



*Choir 1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak Stands a - lone in  
Women 2 Trem - bling at His feet we saw Mo - ses and E -  
Choir\* 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came; God pro - claim - ing  
All 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets*



*glo - ry blaz - ing; Let us, if we dare to speak,  
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law  
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!  
sing be - fore Him, First and Last and on - ly One.*



*Join . the saints and an - gels prais - ing.  
Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:  
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der,  
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him!*



*Al - le - lu - ia!*

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**OFFERTORY SONG*****Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*****ELW 182**

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**

AM God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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.  
You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,  
ever to be adored in your eternal 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

**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 Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste 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 ask. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. When you come forward you will receive a wafer from the Pastor or Assisting Minister 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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

AM Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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

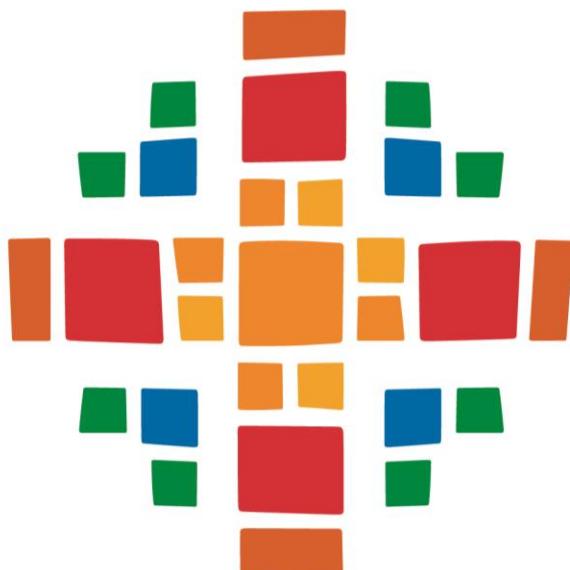
## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **BLESSING**

P May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
☩ bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**



**SENDING HYMN*****In Thee is Gladness*****ELW 867**

1 In thee is glad - ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my  
2 Je - sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow - ers, not of earth or sin or

heart. By thee are giv - en the gifts of heav - en, thou the  
death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis - tress - es; he can

true re - deem - er art. Our souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou  
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto - ry tell of his

break - est. Who trusts thee sure - ly has built se - cure - ly  
glo - ry with heart and voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es

and stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for

pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing,  
glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him

to thee are cleav - ing; naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

**DISMISSAL**

AM Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE*****Fugue on "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"*****Behnke**



## SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

<b>Interim Pastor:</b>	Hope Moran
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Jeannie Phillips
<b>Lector:</b>	Andi Hardesty
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<b>Greeter:</b>	Gary Ashenfelter
<b>Usher:</b>	Brian Hardesty
<b>Nursery:</b>	Connie Steinhart
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Will Luczak, Cheryl Kussow
<b>Financial Assistants:</b>	Cindy Cannedy, Dawn Firmani
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