

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 26th, 2021

9:30 am



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Welcome to worship! We're glad you're here!

To assist in your worship: * means stand as you are able, **bold** print means we respond.

TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME

Jesus' proud parent offered the most extravagant birth announcement—this baby is for everyone to celebrate!



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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Pam Challis

*GATHERING CAROL

Joy to the World

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*CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

By day and night he shines for all to see.

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus is the light of the world.

Jesus is the light of our lives.

Sing to God a new song!

A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

*CAROL

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. God of proclamation, **You sent John into the world to prepare the way for Jesus. Jesus prepared the mission for us. Give us courage to carry the mantle and proclaim your word to the world. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

Pew Bible Old Testament Pg. 1

CAROL

I Wonder as I Wander

**1. I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to God's people on earth.

Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.
Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.
Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.
Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world. Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.
And with you, his servant.
Oh, come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

tune: Adeste Fideles

**With hearts uplifted
Thanks to him we render;
With joy we come before him,
In gratefulness implore him,
With thankful hearts adore him evermore!**

Holy God, Creator of all in your holy Church, both now and forever.
Amen

**Holy, holy, holy Lord!
God of hosts, by all adored!
Heav'n and earth cannot contain
All the glory of your name!
Hail, hosanna, God most high!
Blest is he who now draws nigh
In the name of God the King!
Hallelujahs glad we sing;
Hail, hosanna! Praises due
Be forever, Lord to you!**

tune: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

On the night our Lord Jesus was betrayed...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

***BLESSING**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below!

You are the shepherds telling the story.

We tell it in the streets and across the land.

You are the wise ones worshipping with thanksgiving.

We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.

You are the angels announcing peace.

We live with joy and go now in peace.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray... **Amen.**

SENDING

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

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING CAROL**

Angels We Have Heard On High

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POSTLUDE

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (OFF CAMERA)

The Birth of Jesus

J B E T H L E H E M N G I H K
S A F P V T E N C D N Z B H H
F H A T Y F S O N B B D Q B J
A V E R E P D R K C A M G Z O
S S A P N P V U R I B G Q D S
E M D B H A E O I Z Y A K H E
L B X I C E I C E N S U S L P
S Q O H V V R B R O O M G R H
I M U R A N R D B S W S A R K
Y F E S N C A B S C H I L D R
C M A S L V A X F T E I S E G
A J H E S Q M E Z I Z L G K P
Y T G K Z I T G S C M N W R Y
A N G V W E A G J A A S R X G
A Z H X Y W Y H M M R S F F C

SAVIOR	CENSUS	MARY	MANGER	BORN
CAESAR	SON	JOSEPH	MESSIAH	ROOM
CHILD	SHEPHERDS	ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	BABY

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It is our joy to worship with your whole family this morning!

CHILDCARE

We hope everyone of all ages and abilities will be able to worship together. A special play area is available at the back of the sanctuary. If you need to take a "time out" please do so in the narthex (gathering space at the entry), and return to worship when you are ready. A changing table is located in the restroom off the main entry. Activity bags, filled with crayons, paper and storybooks, are available in the main entry. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Christ Is Alive!

OUR VISION STATEMENT

Christ Lutheran Church is a community of believers committed to praising our Savior Jesus Christ. With his love, we reach out to those in need and welcome all with open hearts. Our worship dynamically combines, word, song and prayer to share God's incredible message. Having faith in this, we go forth knowing that with God and the power of the Holy Spirit, anything is possible.

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