

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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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

Today we celebrate the Gospel story according to Matthew when the Wise Men came to visit Jesus.



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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Pam Challis

*GATHERING CAROL

Love Has Come

#292

*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

Away in a Manger

#277

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray: God of love, **you revealed your Son in the brilliant shining star. Shine the light of your justice in our hearts and accept the treasures we bring – all that we have, and all that we are.**
Amen

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Job 28:12-28

Pew Bible Old Testament pg. 522

CAROL

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

#490

SECOND READING Psalm 104:24-28 Pew Bible Old Testament Pg.614

CAROL *Once in Royal David's City* #269

THIRD READING Proverbs 1:2-10 Pew Bible Old Testament Pg.647

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.
For poor ord'n'ry people like you and like I...
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.
2. When Mary birthed Jesus all in a cow's stall,
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
And high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,
And the promise of ages it then did recall.
3. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

FOURTH READING *Matthew 1:18-25* Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 1

CAROL *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* #270

FIFTH READING *Matthew 2:1-6* Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 2

CAROL *We Three Kings of Orient Are verses 1 & 2*

1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain

Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

2. Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again;
king forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. *Refrain*

CAROL

We Three Kings of Orient Are verses 3-5

3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. *Refrain*

Refrain

*Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*

5. Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
heav'n sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies. *Refrain*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Pam Challis

MEDITATION

Pastor Pam Challis

***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.

tune: Adeste Fideles

And with you, his servant.

Oh, come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

**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! *tune: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!*
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!

***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.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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

SENDING

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

***BENEDICTION**

Bless, O Lord this community, that in it there may be health, purity, wisdom, humility, goodness and mercy this day and always. And May God who is Creator, Christ + and Comforter bless this community now and all who are welcomed here. **Amen**

***SENDING CAROL**

Holy Child Within the Manger

M. Haugen

- 1. Holy Child within the manger, long ago yet ever near;
come as friend to ev'ry stranger, come as hope for ev'ry fear.
As you lived to heal the broken, greet the outcast, free the bound,
as you taught us love unspoken, teach us now where you are found.**

2. Once again we tell the story--how your love for us was shown,
when the image of your glory wore an image like our own.
Come, enlighten with your wisdom, come and fill us with your grace.
May the fire of your compassion kindle ev'ry land and race.
3. Holy Child within the manger, lead us ever in your way,
so we see in ev'ry stranger how you come to us today.
In our lives and in our living give us strength to live as you,
that our hearts might be forgiving and our spirits strong and true.

POSTLUDE

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (OFF CAMERA)

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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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