

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

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5:00 pm



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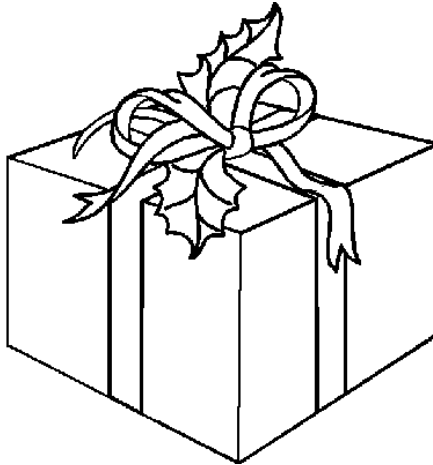
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Welcome to worship! We're glad you're here!

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME

Jesus was born into the family of David at a time when David's family was gathered for a census. His birth brought people together and continues to do so.



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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE *Emmanuel, Our God is Here* Brian Madigan

WELCOME Pastor Pam Challis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and gather, for the Christ child has been born!

We celebrate Jesus' birth along with choirs of angels,

Shepherds and bystanders,

Friends and family. Welcome to everyone as we gather at the manger!

***GATHERING CAROL** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #283

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, God the parent of the Christ child, **today we celebrate the birth of the king of kings! Fill us with joy and hope, as Jesus' birth offers new life for all!**
Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Christmas Time is Here* Roger Halvorson

WORD

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

SCENE ONE *"What's up with that?"*

HYMN *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #279

SCENE TWO *"You try it!"*

HYMN *The First Noel* #300

SCENE THREE *"What's that noise?"*

HYMN *Go, Tell it on the Mountain* #290

SCENE FOUR *"Talking with angels"*

HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* #289

SCENE FIVE

“Hearts full of love”

HYMN

Joy to the World

#267

CHILDREN COME FORWARD FOR “HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS”

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, Wonderful Counselor. You enlighten the heart with steadfast love.
Enliven your church that it might bear good tidings of great joy to all people.

Blessed are you, Emmanuel. You promise to be with us even to the end of the age.
Open our eyes to see your presence in all who are hungry, lonely, or homeless.

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.

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

tune: Adeste Fideles

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**

SENDING

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

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING CAROL**

Jesus, What a Wonderful Child

#297

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (OFF CAMERA)

We believe that this is Jesus' table. Jesus is the host of this meal and turns no one away. We serve communion by "intinction." Come forward by the side aisles, receive the bread and dip it in either the red wine or white grape juice. Return by the center aisle. Gluten free bread is available; let your server know. Should you choose that your child not commune, please have them come forward with you to receive a blessing.

Join us for birthday cookies in the entry!

Christmas Wordsearch

M E H E L H T E B U G H D S
Y C E O U R W J O S E P H A
S B D E A W M A R Y K Q I X
D F A T L B C K S U S E J Y
O C S B W T O P A T W T T E
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Angel
Baby
Bethlehem
Cattle
Donkey
Jesus
Joseph

Manger
Mary
Nativity
Presents
Shepherd
Stable
Star



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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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