

**FROM HEAVEN ABOVE:  
A SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS DAY**

December 25, 2021

10:00am



**Christ Lutheran Church**

6500 E. Stearns Street  
Long Beach, California 90815

[www.christlutheranlb.com](http://www.christlutheranlb.com)

Phone 562-598-2433

**Christ Lutheran Preschool**

Phone 562-594-6117

[www.clplb.com](http://www.clplb.com)

# 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!

## WORD SEARCH

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

HUSBAND	SON	IMMANUEL	MARY	NAME
CHRIST	CHILD	VIRGIN	BIRTH	ANGEL
JOSEPH	MARRY	AFRAID	DREAM	JESUS

# GATHERING

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

---

## PRELUDE

### WELCOME

Pastor Pam Challis

### \*GATHERING CAROL

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

#288

### \*CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE

Who are these angels who come to earth, bearing the news of the Christ child's birth?

**Who are these shepherds who run to see,  
and worship the babe on bended knee?**

Who is this child, so small, so slight, of whom the angels sang that night?

**Who is this king, a manger his throne,  
who humbles himself to make us his own?**

Who is this God who sends a Son into our midst, the promised one?

### \*GREETING AND PRAYER

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Proud parent God, **Your son, Jesus, is certainly a reason to celebrate! We rejoice with you the birth of your son, and we recognize the birth is for us, too! Amen.**

## WORD

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

---

### WHO ARE THESE ANGELS WHO COME TO EARTH?

#### FIRST READING

*Luke 2:8-14*

Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 59

Glory to God in highest heaven, **who unto us the Son has given.**

#### CAROL

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

#289



You come from heaven above to walk the way of the cross.

**Guide us to follow your path of forgiveness, mercy, and peace.**

You come from heaven above to become flesh and live among us.

**May we see your glory, full of grace and truth. 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!**

### **\*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.**

## **\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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

## **SENDING**

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

---

## **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*SENDING CAROL**

*Go Tell It On The Mountain*

#290

## **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.

Our liturgy is taken from:

Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2021 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #20338.

Reprinted by permission under CCLI license # 230154. All rights reserved

Reprinted by permission under © 2021. One License #A-706154. All rights reserved



Thank you, God, for Jesus.

From Thru-the-Bible Coloring Pages for Ages 4-8. © 1986,1988 Standard Publishing.  
Used by permission. Reproducible Coloring Books may be purchased from  
Standard Publishing, [www.standardpub.com](http://www.standardpub.com), 1-800-543-1301.

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Dr. Pamela Challis, pjschallis@gmail.com
<b>Office Manager</b>	Kim Croes, officemanager@christlutheranlb.com
<b>Preschool Director</b>	Lisa Clinton, info@clplb.com
<b>Dir. of Worship &amp; Music</b>	Brian Madigan, brimad@aol.com
<b>Accompanist</b>	Roger Halvorson
<b>Missionary to Colombia</b>	Linda Gawthorne

**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.

**LIKE** us on **Facebook** at [www.facebook.com/christlutheranlb](http://www.facebook.com/christlutheranlb)

**Watch** us on **YouTube**@ Christ Lutheran Long Beach

**Find** us on **Instagram** @ christ\_lutheran\_lb

Write a review of Christ Lutheran Church on **YELP!**