

CHRIST



**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

SUNDAY JANUARY 14TH, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



OUR MISSION: God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are **bolded text**. During your time at church today we recommend that you please wear a mask and practice social distancing, even if you have been vaccinated. Hand sanitizer and masks are available for all who wish to use them.

We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochenyo.

INTRODUCTION

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

God, our rock and refuge,
we pour out our hearts before you.
**We have known you but have not always
loved you.**
**We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.**
**We have not always recognized the Holy
Spirit**

dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us,
**that we might proclaim your good news to
all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
God has spoken:
The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of ✝ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
You are God's beloved.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN — *Come Let Us Follow Christ*

Come, let us follow Christ
Come, Let us follow Christ
Welcome, everyone to the love of God

Come, let us follow Christ
Come, Let us follow Christ
Come, let us follow Christ
Come, Let us follow Christ
Welcome, everyone
Welcome, everyone
to the love of God
to the love of God

Food for the hungry, etc.

Rest for the weary, etc.

Peace for the nations, etc.

GREETING

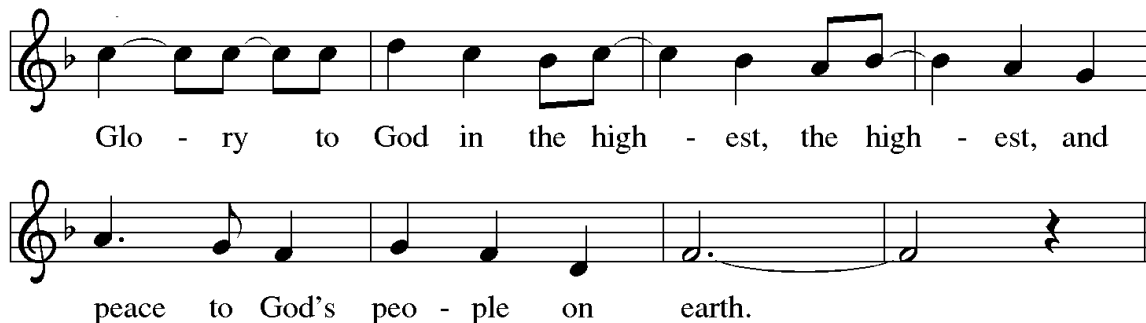
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Hear our cry and heal our land
Let kindness lead us to repentance
Bring us back again

For Your name is great and Your heart is grace
Kyrie Eleison
Over all You reign You alone can save
Kyrie Eleison
Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy on us now

GLORIA



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

I Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,
 we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you
 for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
 Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING—1 SAMUEL 3:1-10 [11-20]

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” [¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” ¹⁷Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

“Word of God, Word of Life.” **Thanks to be God.**

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18

- ¹LORD, you have searched me out;
O LORD, you have known me.
- ²**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- ³You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**
- ⁵You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**
- ¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**
- ¹⁵My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in
your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**
- ¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
- ¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

SECOND READING— 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Word of God, Word of Life.” **Thanks to be God.**

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—JOHN 1:43-51

The Gospel According to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord... **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON—PR. DEE EMMERT

HYMN OF THE DAY— ELW 798: *Will You Come and Follow Me*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of racism or cultural bias, and all who long for respite or restoration especially Karen, Julie, Sandy, Fred, Scott and Carol, Marty, George G., Maryann H., Michael H, Evie Dolven, Michael Lewis, the family and friends of Dan L.. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose faithful advocacy for peace and justice continues to embolden the church. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

*Those worshipping online who wish to join in communion are invited to prepare elements at this time.
For those in person—The white juice in the center rim is non-alcoholic, the red on the outside is wine.
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC— Randy Mayer: "I'm gonna let my spirit rise"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.**

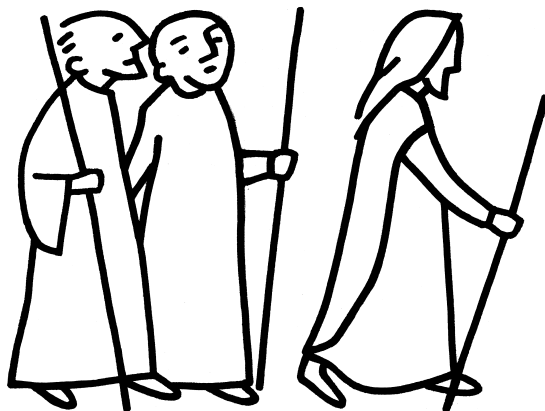
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

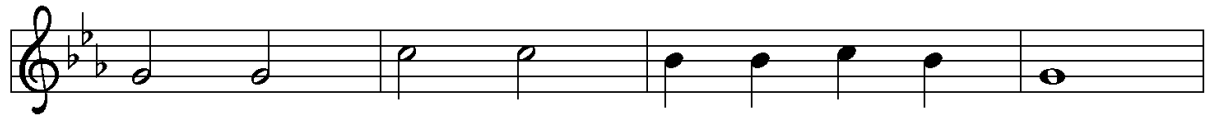
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... We praise your name and join in their unending hymn:



SANCTUS



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



earth. Blest is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.



Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

...Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

COMMUNION HYMN— *Our God Will Go Before Us*

Our God will go be - fore us And guide us by His pre - sence What
con - fi - dence this pro - mise is We will ne - ver walk a - lone Through
Verse 2-3
un-known paths, through sha - dows Our hearts fear not to - mor - row For e - very step His
e - vil forms a - gainst us All hea - ven will de - fend us The gates of hell shall
faith - ful - ness Is the truth that lights our way Our God will go be - fore us The
not pre - vail For the bat - tle is the Lord's
Lord of hosts is with us O praise the one who leads us on For his grace will bring us
1. home Though home 2. Verse 4
home Now send us with your pre - sence And lead us on to

hea - ven Where songs of sor-row strain no more And our e-very breath is praise O let our
 e-very breath be praise Our God will go be - fore us The lord of hosts is
 with us O praise the one who leads us on For His grace will bring us home Our
 home For His grace will bring us home

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of every gift, Christ’s body is our food, and we are Christ’s body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Announcements

BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✚ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN— *We Are Soldiers*

We are soldiers in the army.
 We have to fight although we have to cry.
 We've got to hold up the blood-stained banner.
 We've got to hold it up until we die!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God’s beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

WORSHIP FROM HOME!

Join us and invite friends and neighbors to our Sunday worship service!

Facebook Livestream: Every Sunday morning there will be a video livestream of worship available on our church [Facebook page](#).

Online Bulletins: Bulletins for each worship service are available online every week. To download a copy, go to the church website and visit our [Bulletins page](#).

And Don't Forget Your Offering: Thank you for your continued financial support of Christ Lutheran. It is very much appreciated. Options for giving include bringing offerings in person, mailing checks, or giving electronically with Tithely. For the latter, simply click the "Giving" tab on the church website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Tiekou at 510-290-2125

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan 15th—Senior Center is closed. MLK Day

Jan 20th— Annual Reports Due
— SOTH Rev. Miller Installation 1pm

Jan 21st— Steering Team Meeting

Jan 28th— CLC Annual Meeting

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CLC

Sunday

10:00AM CLC Worship
12:00PM Good Table Worship
7:00 PM AI-Anon

Monday

9:00-3:00 Senior Center Closed
4:30-5:45 PM Tai Chi
6:00-9:00 PM Irma's De Chico

Tuesday

4:00-5:00 PM Tai Chi
5:30-6:30 PM Tai Chi
7:00 PM Lady AA Meeting

Wednesday

5:30-6:30 PM Tai Chi

Thursday

5:00-6:00 PM Tai Chi
7:00 PM Hand bell Ensemble Practice

Saturday

6:00 PM Millenium AA Meeting

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Ministers: The Congregation

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Dee Emmert

Minister of Music: Daniel Alley

Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

Lector: Dee A.

Coffee Hour:

Usher:

Communion Set-up/Clean-up:

Worship Assistant:

Flowers:

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Julie D.	Fred	Heidi
Mike and Liz S.	Marty S.	Jan
Chad B.	Molly B.	Roz
TJ Baar	Scott & Carol F.	Pat
The Vale Community	Mark M.	Duwayne
Robin & Wendy	Ted & Jacque E.	Joan
George G.		Pastor Doris Ng
Sandy Z.	Philip Y.	Evie D.
Carolina S.	Maryann H.	Michael L.
Orlando G.	Michael H.	
Karen H.	The friends and family of Dan L.	
Laurie P.		

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