

CHRIST



**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

SUNDAY JANUARY 28TH, 2024

FOURTH 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

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

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 — *Christ In Me Arise*

§ REFRAIN



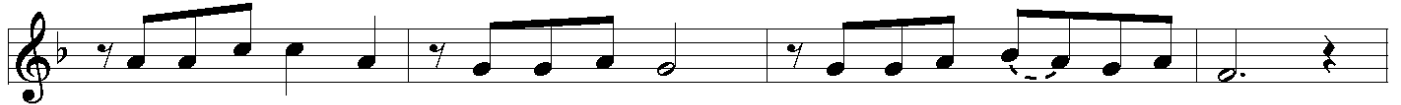
Christ in me a - rise and dis - pel all the dark-ness. Christ in me a - rise with your



pow - er and your strength. Christ in me pour out your__ bless - ing and heal - ing.



Christ in me a - rise and I shall rise with you. you.



1. Be now my vi - sion; o - pen these eyes, show-ing me all that I must see.
2. Be now my foot - steps, lead-ing the way, tak - ing me where__ I must go.

§ REFRAIN



1, 2. On - ward to the king - dom, you are the way. A - rise in me and I shall rise with you.

BRIDGE



You know my heart__ and you know my ways, you who formed me in my moth - er's



womb. I live and move in you, my whole be - ing thrives in you.____

⊕ CODA



Christ in me a - rise, Christ in me a - rise, Christ in me a - rise and

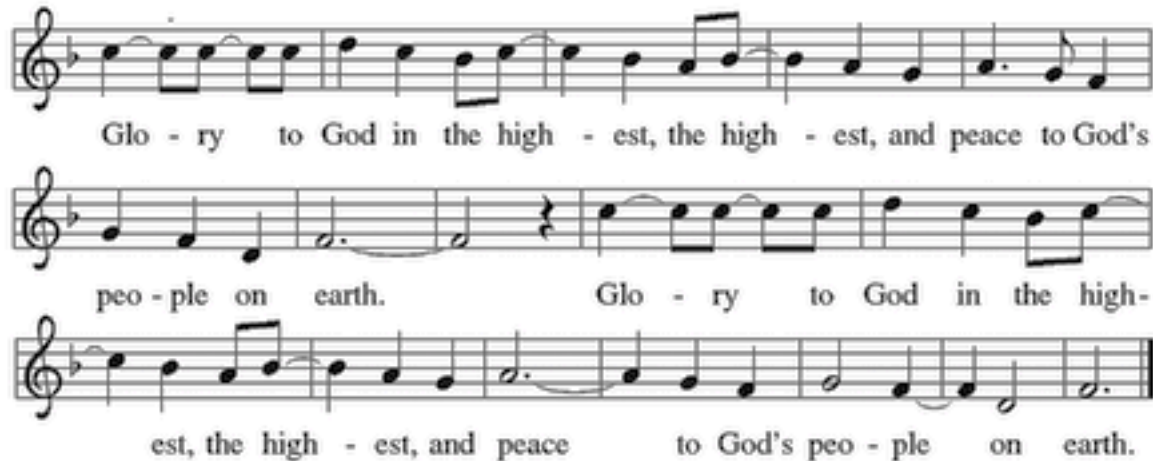


I shall rise with you.____

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.**

GLORIA



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

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING—DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” ¹⁷Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

“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—MARK 1:21-28

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


²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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


SERMON—PR. DEE EMMERT

HYMN OF THE DAY—ELW 614: *There is a Balm in Gilead*


Refrain



There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed whole;




there is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."

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.

Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. May all church leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us commit to thoughtful care of the earth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness. May they remember their covenants and be upright in their ways. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer especially Karen, Julie, Sandy, Fred, Scott and Carol, Marty, George G., Maryann H., Michael H, Evie D., Michael L., the family and friends of Dan L. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

Eternal God, we remember all who have been teachers, mentors, and companions in the church and in our lives (*especially Thomas Aquinas whom we commemorate today*). We trust that all who have died rest in your loving care. 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 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— Lutheran Service Book 267: *Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior* -
Martin Luther (1524)

1. Je - - sus Christ, our Bless-ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's wrath for - ev - - er;
 2. To re - - mind us that, to save us He hath died, His flesh He gave us
 3. Who - so to this board re - pair - eth, Take good heed how He pre - par - eth;
 4. Praise the Fa - ther, God in hea - ven, Who such dain - ty food hath gi - ven,
 5. Thou shalt hold with faith un - shak - en, That this food is to be tak - - en

Suf - fring pains no tongue can tell, He saved us from the pains of hell.
 With this bread, a quick - 'ning food, And with this wine, His pre - cious blood.
 Death in - stead of life shall He Re - ceive who comes un - worth - il - - y.
 And for mis - deeds thou hast done Gave to die His be - lov - ed Son.
 By the sick who are dis - tressed, By those whose heart is sin - o - - ppressed.

6. To such grace and mercy turneth
 Every soul that truly mourneth;
 Art thou well? Avoid this board,
 Else thou reapest an ill reward.

8. Couldst thou earn thine own salvation,
 Useless were my death and passion;
 This feast is not spread for thee,
 If thine own helper thou wilt be.

7. Christ says: "Come ye heavy-laden,
 I your weary hearts will gladden;
 They that are yet strong and well,
 Despise the best physician's skill.

9. If thou this believest truly,
 And confession makest duly,
 Thou a welcome guest art here,
 This heavenly food thy soul shall cheer.

10. But the fruits must not be missing,
 Love thy neighbor without ceasing,
 That true love let him receive,
 Which here to thee thy God doth give.

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— ELW 835 *All Creatures, Worship God Most High!*

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| <p>1 All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>4 All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your
gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
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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

Today— CLC Annual Meeting

Feb 14th— Ash Wednesday at Hope Lutheran 7pm

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

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:

Coffee Hour: Cordell B.

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
Sandy Z.	George G.	Pastor Doris Ng
Carolina S.	Philip Y.	Evie D.
Orlando G.	Maryann H.	Michael L.
	Michael H.	
Karen H.	The friends and family of Dan L.	
Laurie P.		

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