

**CHRIST**



**LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4TH, 2024**

**FIFTH 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 Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (*diakonia*). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

## **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 — ELW 860: *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me***

- 1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
  
- 2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
  
- 3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

### **GREETING**

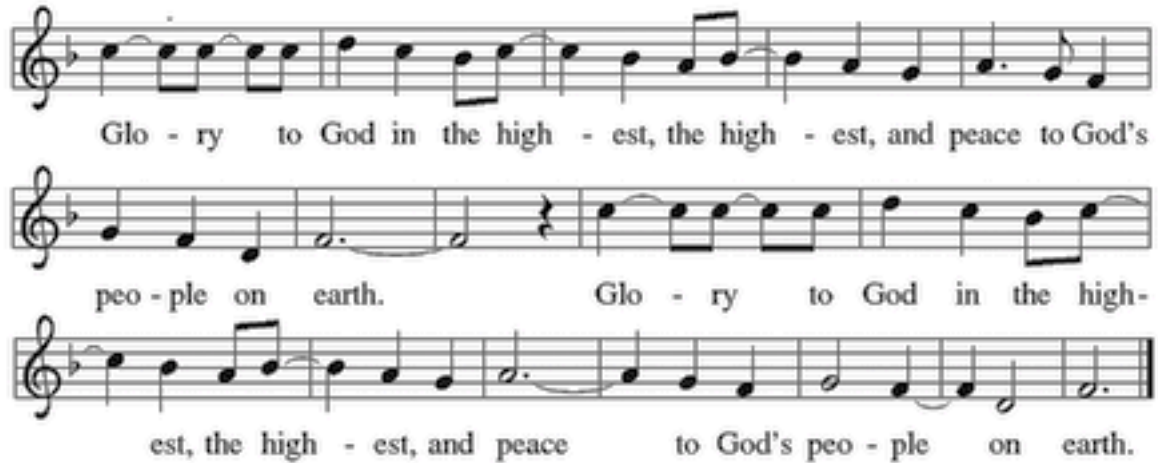
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### **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  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING—ISAIAH 40:21-31

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?  
He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,

mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

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

## PSALM 147

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the exiles of Israel.

The LORD heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.

The LORD counts the number of the stars  
and calls them all by their names.

Lord, as You speak, a hun dred bil - lion ga - lax-ies are born,  
in the va - - por of Your breath the plan ets form.  
If the stars were made to wor ship, so will I.  
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Great is our LORD and mighty in power;  
 there is no limit to God's wisdom.  
 The LORD lifts up the lowly,  
 but casts the wicked to the ground.  
 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
 make music upon the harp to our God,  
 who covers the heavens with clouds  
 and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up on the mountains.

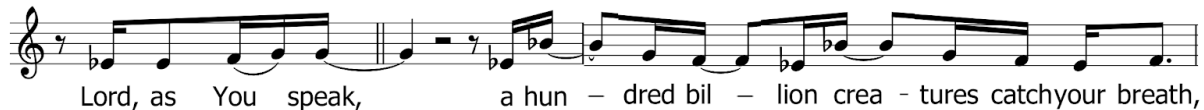


If the oceans roar Your greatness, so will I.  
 If the mountains bow in reverence, so will I.  
 If the rocks cry out in silence, so will I.  
 If the wind goes where you send it, so will I.  
 If the sun of all our praises still falls shy,



then we'll sing again a hundred billion times.

God provides food for the cattle  
 and for the young ravens when they cry.  
 God is not impressed by the might of a horse,  
 and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,  
 but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,  
 in those who await God's steadfast love. Hallelujah!



Lord, as You speak, a hundred billion creatures catch your breath,



e-vol-ving in pur-suit of what you said.



If cre-a-tion still o-beys you, so will I.



If the stars were made to wor-ship, so will I.



If the stars were made to wor-ship, so will I.

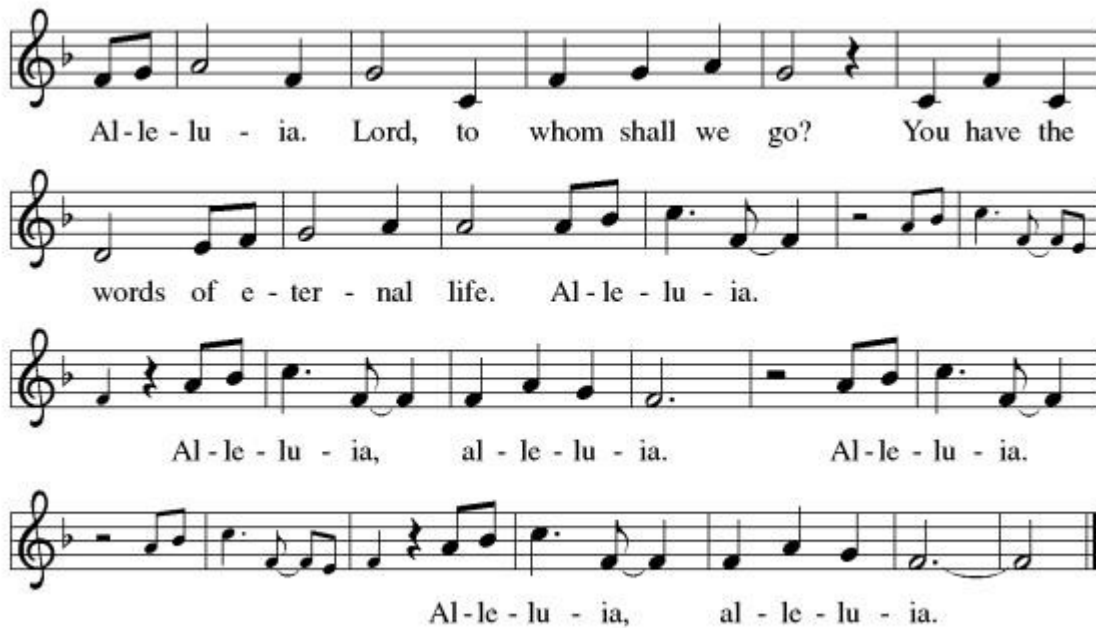
## SECOND READING— 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-23

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

“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 1:29-39

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

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

## **SERMON—PR. DEE EMMERT**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY—ELW 787: *On Eagle's Wings***

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

#### *Refrain*

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture  
you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge,  
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

3 You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

4 For to the angels God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

#### *Final refrain*

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand;  
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his  
hand.

## **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.

Everlasting God, you bring your healing power to the church. Give your church a spirit of unity and prayer, that we discern your way for us in the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Creator of the ends of the earth, you make the grass grow and send rain for the soil. Bring your creation into harmony and balance. Give animals their food and provide healthy shelter for your people. Inspire us to honor the miraculous beauty of all you have made. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God without equal, your steadfast love endures forever. Bring the leaders, elected officials, and peacekeepers of our towns and countries into understanding and unity. Guide them to serve with compassion and understanding. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who strengthens, you lift up with your hand any who are suffering. Heal those who are brokenhearted and strengthen the weak and all in need especially Karen, Julie, Sandy, Fred, Scott and Carol, Marty, George G., Maryann H., Michael H, Evie D., the family and friends of Dan L. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who gives power to the faint, challenge us to share the faith stories of what God has done in our lives. Open us to receive the unique ways God is at work in your people, especially those whose perspectives challenge our own. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

*What else do the people of God pray for?*

God who calls each star by name, we remember all who have died. Shelter all who mourn with your mercy and care, and give us hope in your promised salvation. 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

Santo, santo, santos el Señor,

Dios del universo; santos el Señor,

Santo, santo, santo, santos el Señor,

Dios del universo; santos el Señor.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.

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

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna 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— ELW 773: *Precious Lord, take my hand*

1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
 2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near,  
 3. When the dark-ness ap-pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
 when my life is al-most gone,  
 and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
 at the riv-er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

*Refrain*

Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me 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— *Cast Out, O Christ*

*“Away from us!” the demon cried when Christ, the Lord, drew near.  
“Our dark, disordered world is lost when You, the Light, appear!”  
But Jesus spoke with God’s own pow’r; “Come forth!” was His command;  
For evil cannot bear the Light nor sin the Truth withstand.*

*O risen Christ, God’s living Word, to us, we pray, draw near.  
Come, speak the truth that cleanses sin with love that conquers fear.  
Drive out the doubt that cripples faith; Expel our pride and greed  
That we, from pow’rs that threaten us, may, by Your grace, be freed.*

*Then help us, Lord, to greet each day with hearts and wills made new  
And, when You call us forth to serve, to rise and follow You  
Cast out, O Christ, cast far away the demons that destroy:  
the haunting dreads that choke our souls, the hates that stifle joy.*

*Our raging griefs, our jealous fears are Legion in their name.  
Our shackled hearts implore your grace to loose our binding shame.  
Once long ago, from Galilee, you sailed to storm-tossed shores.  
And still, in pow’r, you brave new paths to breach our bolted doors.*

*So come, O Christ, and cast away the demons that destroy.  
Transform our lives to sense your love and spread abroad your joy.  
Your word breathes life, and health, and hope that break through evil's thrall.  
You send us, strengthened, home in peace to live your gospel call.*

### 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

**Feb 14th**— Ash Wednesday at Hope Lutheran 7pm

**Feb 29th**— GRIP Meet & Greet 5:30pm  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CLC

#### **Sunday**

10:00AM CLC Worship

12:00PM Good Table Worship

7:00 PM Al-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:** 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.	George G.	Pastor Doris Ng
Sandy Z.	Philip Y.	Evie D.
Carolina S.	Maryann H.	
Orlando G.	Michael H.	
Karen H.	The friends and family of Dan L.	
Laurie P.		

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