

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1ST, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C



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**.

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

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark street brightly shines our Everlasting Light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in. Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels proclaim, the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

Come to us, come and save Your people.
Jesus, Shepherd, come and lead your children home.
He will come, the Holy One, Heaven's Son, Promised One.
He will come to set us free. Savior, Prince of Peace.
Come now to us, deliver us, Jesus, Emmanuel.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Blessed are you, God of Leah, Rachel, and Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace;

you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light,
empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel

O Come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,
And bar the way to death's abode.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O house of Leah, Rachel, and Jacob, come, **let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN— ELW 841: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

- 1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.
- 2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
 thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
 keep us forever in the path, we pray.
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
 shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
 true to our God, true to our native land.

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

The musical score for the Kyrie consists of three staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is divided into two parts: 'Leader' and 'All'. The lyrics for the first staff are 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' followed by 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' The second staff also has 'Leader' and 'All' parts, with lyrics 'Chri - ste e - le - i - son.' followed by 'Chri - ste e - le - i - son.' The third staff has 'Leader' and 'All' parts, with lyrics 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' followed by 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD


FIRST READING— JEREMIAH 33: 14-16

The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill my gracious promise with the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time, I will raise up a righteous branch from Bathsheba and David’s line, who will do what is just and right in the land. In those days, Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name that people will call upon: The Lord Is Our Justice.

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

PSALM 25

REFRAIN:



To you, O Lord, I lift up, I lift up my soul, my God. _____

VERSES



1. Your ways, O Lord, make
2. ‡ Good and up - right



1. known to me; teach me your paths. _____ Guide me in your truth, for
2. is the Lord; he shows us the way. He guides the meek to jus - tice, he

REFRAIN:



1. you are my God, _____ and for you I will wait. _____
2. teach - es the hum - ble _____ to fol - low his ways. _____

VERSE 3



3. Your way, O Lord, is kind - ness to those who are



3. true. Your friend - ship is with those who love you; _____



3. _____ you re - veal to them your Word. _____

SECOND READING— 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

Siblings, how can we thank God enough for you, given all the joy we have because of you before our God? Night and day, we pray more than ever to see all of you in person and to complete whatever you still need for your faith. Now may our Loving God and our Lord Jesus guide us on our way back to you. May the Lord cause you to increase and enrich your love for each other and for everyone in the same way as we also love you. May the love cause your hearts to be strengthened, to be blameless in holiness before our Loving God when our Lord Jesus comes with all his people. Amen. “Word of God, Word of Life.” Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*You, O Lord, are our Potter.
We, your flock, are your clay.
Shepherd us, stir up your power
Shine forth and we shall be saved!*



GOSPEL— LUKE 21:25-36

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

To those at the temple, Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. On the earth, there will be dismay among nations in their confusion over the roaring of the sea and surging waves. The planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken, causing people to faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world. Then they will see the Human One coming on a cloud with power and great splendor. Now when these things begin to happen, stand up straight and raise your heads, because your redemption is near.”

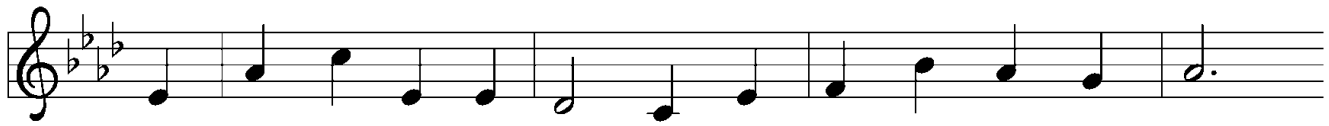
Jesus told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that God’s realm is near. I assure you that this generation won’t pass away until everything has happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

“Take care that your hearts aren’t dulled by overindulgence, drunkenness, and the worries of day-to-day life. Don’t let that day fall upon you unexpectedly, like a trap. It will come upon everyone who lives on the face of the whole earth. Stay alert at all times, praying that you are strong enough to escape everything that is about to happen and to stand before the Human One.

This is the Good news. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON— PR. RON

HYMN OF THE DAY— ELW 244: *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission, and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of the cosmos, all creation shows that your presence is near. Help us sense your goodness and love in the sun and moon, in sprouting leaves and bare branches, in the roaring sea and quiet breeze. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of change, you accompany us through life's transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering especially Karen, Julie, Sandy, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, the family and friends of Ken Reid, and the family and friends of Derek H. In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of community, your Spirit holds us together. Sustain our care for one another especially Hope Lutheran, Shepherd of the Hills, and University Lutheran. Inspire us to seek new ways to live together and to embrace the diversity of thought and identity in our communities. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

God of memory, we give you thanks for faithful ones who have died. Tend to our grief and sorrow with renewed trust in your promise of abundant and eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

MEAL

*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

For nearly two thousand years, churches across the globe have collected a weekly offering for God's work in the world. In addition to paying our staff and utilities, these monies also go toward feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, caring for the ill, and natural disaster work, in partnership with Lutherans around the world.

OFFERTORY MUSIC— ELW 247: Come now, O Prince of Peace



O - so - sǎ o - so - sǎ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
- 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sǎ.

- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

COMMUNION



Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav' - n - ly food.

In the night in which he was arrested, Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying: Take, eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new promise, my very life, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.



Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard on the way;
At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, is the Lord, God Mo - st High!"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

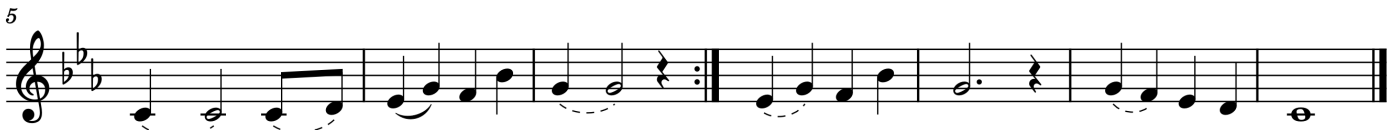
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

AGNUS DEI

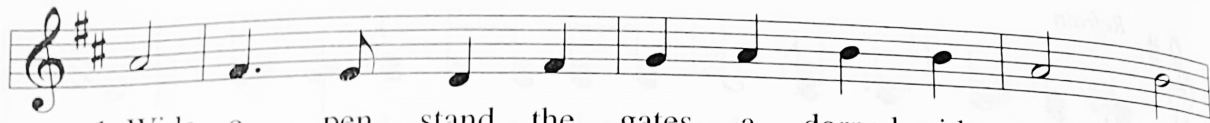


1., 3. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
 2. Cor - de - ro de Dios, que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del



world, have mer-cy on us. Grant us peace, grant us peace.
 mun-do, ten pie-dad deno-so-tros. Da-nosla paz, da-nosla paz.

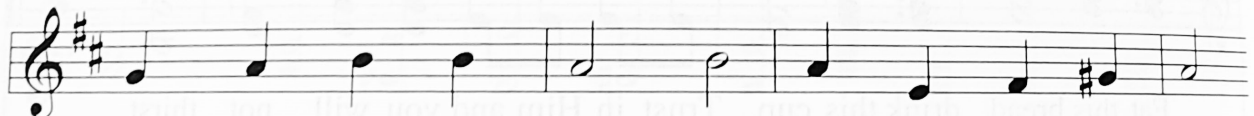
COMMUNION HYMN— LSB 639: *Wide Open Stand the Gates*



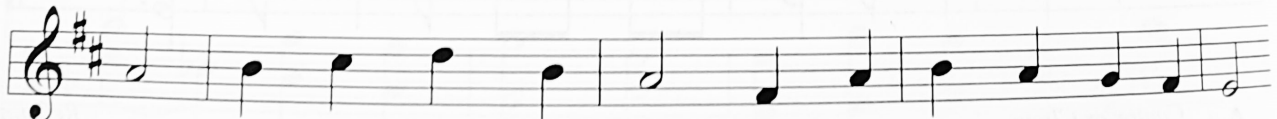
1 Wide o - pen stand the gates a - dorned with pearl,
 2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless: While
 3 The cher - u - bim, their fac - es veiled from light, "This While



round God's gold - en throne The choirs of saints in
 is My flesh and blood!" He bids us eat and
 saints in won - der kneel, Sing praise to Him whose



end - less cir - cles curl, And joy - ous praise the Son!
 drink with thank - ful - ness This gift of ho - ly food.
 face with glo - ry bright No earth - ly masks con - ceal.



They watch Him now de - scend - ing To vis - it wait-ing earth.
 All hu - man thought must fal - ter— Our God stoops low to heal,
 This sac - ra - ment God gives us Binds us in u - ni - ty,



The Lord of Life un - end - ing Brings dy - ing hope new birth!
 Now pres - ent on the al - tar, For us both host and meal!
 Joins earth with heav'n be - yond us, Time with e - ter - ni - ty!

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: ELW 200: Now, Lord

The Nunc Dimittis (Latin=Now You Dismiss), first sung by Simeon at Jesus' dedication at the temple when he was 8 days old (Luke 2) and today from Advent through Epiphany, reminds us how we too have just encountered Christ at the table.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in



peace: your word has been ful - filled. My



own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of all peo-ple: a light to re -



veal you to the na-tions and the glo - ry of your



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther,



and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and



will be for - ev - er. A - men.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN— ACS 1078: *There Is A Longing In Our Hearts*



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.



1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole-ness,	for new life:
4 Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our



hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
deep-est night.	We call you;	we wait:



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec 15th– Christmas Coffee Hour
 Dec 19th— Handbell Concert 7:15-7:45pm
 Dec 20th— Christmas Carols in the parking lot
 Dec 24th– Christmas Eve Service 5:30pm

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CLC

Sunday
 9:00 AM-9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 AM CLC Worship
 12:00 PM Good Table Worship
Monday
 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Senior Center
Tuesday
 7:00 PM Lady AA Meeting
Thursday
 7:00 PM– Handbell Rehearsal
Saturday
 6:00 PM Millenium AA Meeting

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Ministers: The Congregation
Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Ron Valadez
Minister of Music: Daniel Alley
Guitarists: George Fosselius
Lector: Kim
Coffee Hour:
Usher:
Communion Set-up/Clean-up:
Worship Assistant:
Flowers: Greens

PASTOR RON'S OFF WEEKS:

December 25th-31st

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Julie D.	Mark M.	Brook
Mike and Liz S.	George G.	Jerome S.
Chad B.	Philip Y.	Barbara LM
TJ Baar	Maryann H.	Robin
The Vale Community	Heidi Jan	Will K. George & Cindy F.
Robin & Wendy	Roz	
Sandy Z.	Pat	Thelma & Mike G.
Carolina S.	Duwayne	Diane L.
Orlando G.	Joan	Carla L.
Karen H.	Pastor Doris Ng	The family and friends of Ken R.
Laurie P.	Evie D.	
Fred	Dee	The family and friends of Derek H.
Molly B.	Anna	

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

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](#).

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](#).