

Sunday - February 1st, 2026
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.

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 Chochochenyo.

INTRODUCTION

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.***

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

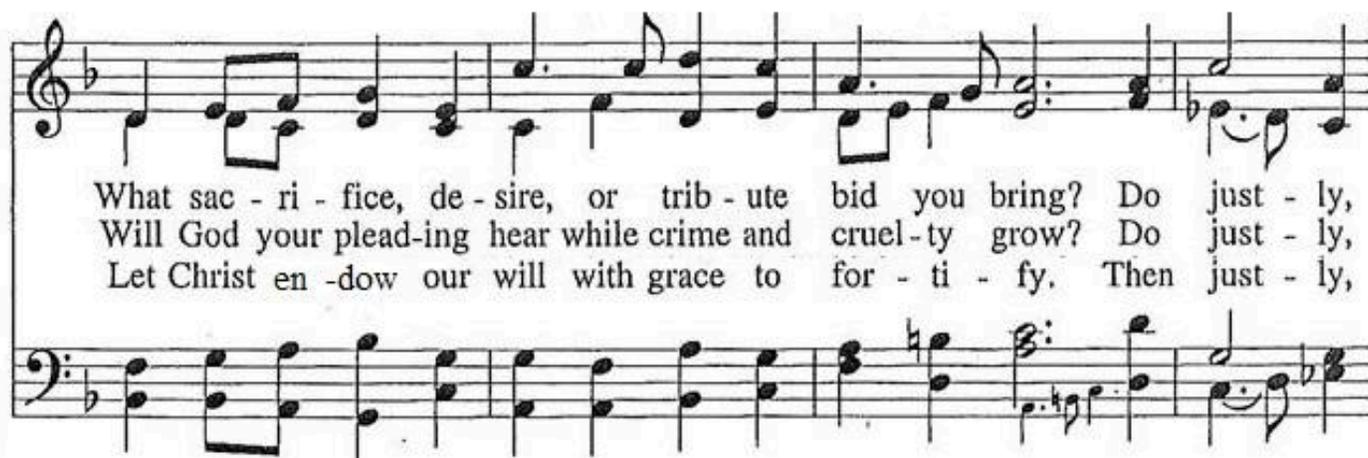
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN- What Does The Lord Require



1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
2 Rul - ers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice know?
4 How shall ' our life ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice, de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring? Do just - ly,
Will God your plead - ing hear while crime and cruel - ty grow? Do just - ly,
Let Christ en - dow our will with grace to for - ti - fy. Then just - ly,



love mer - cy, walk hum - bly with your God.
love mer - cy, walk hum - bly with your God.
in mer - cy, we'll hum - bly walk with God.



APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison **Kyrie Eleison**
Christe Eleison **Christe Eleison**
Kyrie Eleison **Kyrie Eleison**

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill.
We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You.
We give You thanks for Your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord.
You alone are most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

1 Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

2 Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

3 “O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

6 “With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 15

Refrain

He who does just - ice will live in the pre - sence
of the Lord, of the

1. Repeat 1st time Lord. He who does Lord.
2. To verses

Verse 1

One who walks blame - less - ly and does
jus - tice; who thinks the truth in his heart and
slan - ders not with his tongue. *D.S.*

Verse 2

Who harms not his fel - low
man, nor takes up a re -
proach a - gainst his neigh - bor; by
whom the re - pro - bate is des - pised,
while he hon - ors those who
fear the LORD. *D.S.*

Verse 3

Who lends not his mon-ey at u - sur - y
 and ac - cepts no bribe a - gainst the
 in-no-cent. One who does these things shall
 nev - er be dis - turbed.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

18 The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
 and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. 22 For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

26 Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, 29 so that no one might boast in the presence of God. 30 In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All:



Cantor: Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

All:



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O God.**

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

SERMON- Pr Dee

HYMN OF THE DAY- O Sacred Neck, Now Wounded



1. O Sa - cred Neck, now woun - ded, pressed down by blows and knees,
3. O Sa - cred Bo - dy, woun - ded, now breath - less in the street,
this Son of God, sur - roun - ded by si - lent e - ne - mies.
Your peo - ple here press on - ward to be Your hands and feet,
Will no one stop and lis - ten? Will no one rise and speak
Your mouth to speak Your jus - tice, Your heart - beat for the poor;
of vi - o - lence and op - pres - sion which hanged You from that tree?
Your life, it flows with in us to break down pri - son - doors!
O Man of Sor - rows, beat - en down, our Bro - ther's blood cries from the ground. You
You
bore our sin, we turned our eyes from You, the Lamb of God.
bore our sin, we turn our eyes to You, the Lamb of God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for social justice and humanitarian aid ministries. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our source, we honor you by caring wisely for your creation. We pray for the health of old growth forests, ice caps, and ocean currents. Preserve the diversity of life on earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation. Protect educators, journalists, artists, and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Comfort any who grieve or suffer in any way especially for Karen, Julie, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., the family and friends of Jacque Emmert, Mike and the family and friends of Liz Smith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our blessing, we pray for children and youth of our churches, and for parents, grandparents, mentors, teachers, and youth ministers who model love for their neighbor and care for others .Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

God our joy, we give thanks for the lives of those before us who journeyed humbly with you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**



OFFERTORY- *We Will Make No Peace With Oppression*



We will make no peace, no peace, no peace with op-pres-sion, we will make no peace, no peace.



We will make no peace, no peace, no peace with op-pres-sion, we will make no peace, no peace. Those who



live by the sword will die by the sword. We will stand a-against vio-lence of ev' - ry form. We will



march in the streets, "No jus - tice, no peace!", arm in arm with our neigh-bor till we all stand free. Al-



migh - ty God, help us not to be a - fraid. Al -



migh - ty God, give us Your strength. We will make no



peace, no peace, no peace with op-pres-sion, we will make no peace, no peace. We will make no



peace, no peace, no peace with op-pres-sion, we will make no peace, no peace. We won't turn a -



way from the pain of our bro-thers, cries of our sis - ters, grieving of our mo - thers. We won't turn a -



way from de-struct-ive po-li - ti - cians, o-ver-flowing pri-sons, cor-rup-tion in our sys - tems. Al -



might - y God, help us not to be a - fraid. Al -



might - y God, give us Your strength.

OFFERING PRAYER

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; For in the waters of the Jordan you revealed with signs and wonders a new Baptism, so that through the voice that came down from heaven we might come to believe in your Word dwelling among us, and by the Spirit's descending in the likeness of a dove we might know that Christ your Servant has been anointed with the oil of gladness and sent to bring the good news to the poor.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy! **Holy, Holy, Holy!**

Lord God of Hosts, **Lord God of Hosts,**

Heaven and Earth, **Heaven and Earth,**

are full of your glory, **are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest! **Hosanna in the highest!**

Hosanna in the highest! **Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is he who comes **Blessed is he who comes**

in the name of the Lord **in the name of the Lord**

Hosanna in the highest! **Hosanna in the highest!**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI

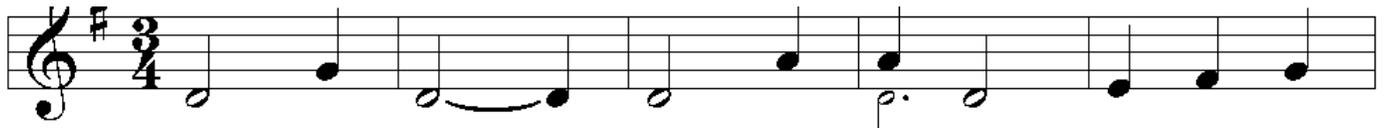
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,

1, 2
have mer - cy on us.

Final
grant us peace.



COMMUNION HYMN- *Blest Are They*



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,
her - it the earth. Blest are they who
shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;



full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
pure of heart; they shall see God.
suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.



Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;



ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN-I May Not Live to See the Day



1. I may not live to see the day when
2. The time will come when all are fed, when
3. For I have found I'm not a - lone, so
4. Each gen - er - a - tion does its part, we



li - ons, lambs, and chil - dren play, when
ev - 'ry neigh - bor has a bed, when
man - y oth - ers I have known share
pass the vi - sion heart to heart; un -



bul - lets, bombs, and weap - ons rust, when
ev - 'ry wound - ed heart is healed, when
in this dream of what will be— of
til that day when all shall see the



tools of hate are ground to dust. And
ev - 'ry truth has been re - vealed. And
jus - tice, peace, and har - mo - ny: a
world as it was meant to be. So,



yet, I know that day will come, though
though the shad - ows dim my sight, and
cloud of saints, a band of fools, who
tell the sto - ries, sing the songs; use



it may seem so far a - way; so,
 though I of - ten lose the way, still,
 work, and strive, and sing, and play, who
 words, and hands, and feet to pray; and



I will trust this an - cient hope, and
 I will trust this an - cient hope, and
 dare to trust this an - cient hope, and
 let us trust this an - cient hope, and

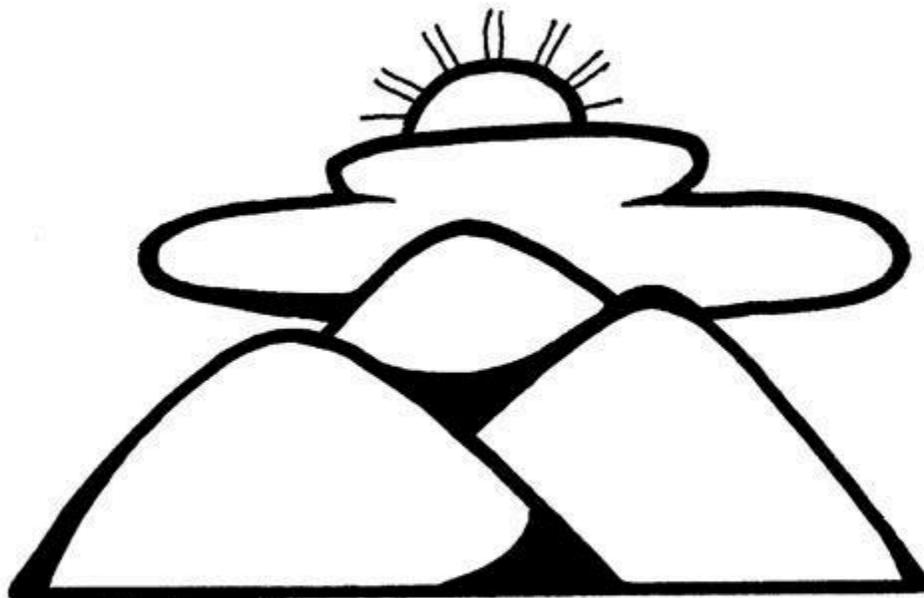


live as if it were to - day.
 live as if it were to - day.
 live as if it were to - day.
 live as if it were to - day.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aimee out of office Feb 1st-5th

Gather Bible Study- 2nd Sunday of the month. 11:30am

<p><u>Participating in Worship Today</u> Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Dee Minister of Music: Daniel Alley Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer Lector: Scott F. Communion Set-up/Clean-up: Worship Assistant: Christine H.L. Flowers: Coffee Hour:</p>	<p><u>Happening This Week at CLC</u> Today 9 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship Monday 9 AM- 3 PM Senior Center 7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts Tuesday 7 PM Lady AA Meeting Thursday 7 PM Handbell Rehearsal Saturday 6 PM Millennium AA Meeting Next Sunday 9 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship</p>
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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Julie D. Diane L. Lysle P. Mike & Liz S. The Vale Community Robin & Wendy George F. Carolina S.	Karen H. Laurie P. Fred W. Chad B. TJ B. Carla L. Girija and Mami	Vince Thelma & Mike G. Mark Chris Phil C. Family and friends of Jacque E. Mike and the family and friends of Liz S.
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