

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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New Year's Transferred ~ December 29, 2024 ~ 8:30

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

HYMN: *The Bells of Christmas*



1 The bells of Christ - mas chime once more; the heav'n - ly
2 This world, though wide and far out - spread, could scarce - ly
3 Now let us go with qui - et mind, the swad - dled
4 Oh, join with me, in glad - ness sing, to keep our
5 Come, Je - sus, glo - ri - ous heav'n - ly guest, and keep your



guest is at the door. He comes to earth - ly
find for you a bed. Your cra - dle was a
babe with shep - herds find, to gaze on him who
Christ - mas with our king, un - til our song, from
Christ - mas in our breast; then Da - vid's harp - strings,



dwel - lings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.
man - ger stall, no pearl nor silk nor king - ly hall.
glad - dens them, the loveli - est flow'r of Jesse's stem.
lov - ing souls, like rush - ing might - y wa - ter rolls!
hushed so long, shall swell our ju - bi - lee of song.



GREETING:

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

C: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and

ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin. Grant that we who are reborn to new life in him may live in righteousness and holiness all our days, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

ANTHEM: GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE

~ Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

A: The First Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Ecclesiastes.

The words of the Teacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ³ What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun? ⁴ A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. ⁵ The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hurries to the place where it rises. ⁶ The wind blows to the south, and goes around to the north; round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. ⁷ All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they continue to flow. ⁸ All things are wearisome; more than one can express; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, or the ear filled with hearing. ⁹ What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun. ¹⁰ Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has already been, in the ages before us. ¹¹ The people of long ago are not remembered, nor will there be any remembrance of people yet to come by those who come after them.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A: The Second Lesson is from the 5th chapter of 2 Corinthians.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us;

we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/THE RESPONSE:



GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:7-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. ⁹ I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON:

Pastor John

HYMN: *Another Year is Dawning*

Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee;
Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training for holier work above.
Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be,
On earth or else in heaven, another year for Thee. Amen

APOSTLES' CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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:

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

OFFERTORY: *In the Bleak Midwinter*

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wiseman I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Merciful God,

C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you show your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled "GREAT THANKSGIVING:". It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff contains "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff contains "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff contains "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with quarter and eighth notes.

PREFACE:

P: 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.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,
that, beholding the God made visible,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.
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:

RESPONSE:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

LAMB OF GOD:



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION:

Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

P: The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: "Amen."

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

PRAYER:

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin
and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always
with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the
same Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

BLESSING:

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

HYMN: *On This Day of Celebration*

tune of Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

On this day of celebration, at this time when hopes are new,
God, we gather as your people, called to put our trust in you.
You have made the world we live in;
you have worked through history.
In your plan we find our purpose, in your love, our unity.

Long ago, you sent our Savior to this world in deep despair
In your Word made flesh you came,
our life to know, our sins to bear.
Christ has died and Christ is risen! At this new year we proclaim:
Yesterday, today, forever—Jesus Christ is still the same!

On this day, we pause and wonder what the future years will bring,
Yet we know you clothe each flower
and you make each sparrow sing.
How much more will you protect us
with your guiding, caring hand!
By your Spirit, lead us boldly in the future you have planned.

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Wednesday-New Year's Day – Office Closed

Thursday-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

Saturday-Volleyball games @ First Baptist

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Sun-Jan 5-Noon-“Undecorate” the tree

Mon-Jan 6-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-Jan 7-6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

Thurs-Jan 9-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

Sat-Jan 11-Volleyball games @ First Baptist

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Attendance last week:

Sunday Worship: 8:30-54; 9:45-97; 11:00-62

Christmas Eve: 6:00-108; 8:00-130; 10:00-102

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A big THANK YOU to all who helped make our Christmas celebration joyful . . . those who decorated, our choir, our bell choir, contemporary team and musicians, our organist, our pianist, worship volunteers, our staff and you! Blessings on you this joyous season and a very Happy New Year.

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in memory of loved ones by Chuck Allen.

Friendly Reminder . . . there is NO Sunday School for children & youth today or January 5. Families are encouraged to attend worship together. Sunday School resumes **Sunday, January 12.**

Mark your calendars . . . Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 26, 2025 after the 8:30 and 9:45 worship services.

Discussion Session on the proposed 2025 budget and the organ capital campaign on **Sunday, January 12** at 6:30. Please come to learn more details about these important issues.

Volleyball News . . . The first games will be **this Saturday, January 4**; watch your email for your team and time of first game.

Senior High Youth Brunch . . . Sunday, January 12 after the 9:45 worship service the senior high youth will gather in the back of the Fellowship Hall for brunch and fellowship. Sign up today!

Confirmation Event . . . Sunday, January 19, 6-7:30 p.m. Parents, please return at 7:20 for a brief meeting.

At the Annual Meeting on January 26, your Church Council will ask you to approve a new constitution for Christ Church to reflect our membership in the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). This constitution is similar in form to our previous constitution but ensures the greater congregational freedom and flexibility membership in the NALC allows. You may pick up a copy of this new constitution on the tables in the narthex. Please see Pastor John or Debbie Brubaker with any questions.

Communion Bread Bakers . . . Two of our longtime faithful communion bread bakers are retiring! Do you like to bake? Would you consider serving your church family by baking communion bread? If so, please speak with Pastor Amy.

The January Worship Assistant Schedule is available in the narthex.

Christmas Devotions, The Main Characters of the Christmas Story, are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

Mission of the Month for January & February: On Sunday February 9, our youth will collect donations in soup pots at our church doors for the Souper Bowl of Caring. All of the money collected here will benefit the DuBois Area Food Pantry. If you would like make a financial gift to the Souper Bowl of Caring, please use the pew envelopes, and write "*Souper Bowl*" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church.

Today is the deadline to sign up for YouthQuake for youth in grades 6th-12th **Friday-Saturday, January 24-26, 2025**, at the Marriott Pittsburgh Airport, Coraopolis. Registration forms are on the table in the narthex.

Food Pantry Items for January are CANOLA OIL and/or STEVIA.