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THE SERVICE

BOLD lettering indicates a spoken response

Prelude

Announcements

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God of love and forgiveness,

C: We confess to you and to one another that we fall far short of your expectations. We have not responded well to your gracious act of dying on the cross for our forgiveness. We have neglected you, and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are a sinful people. Please free us from the guilt and power of our sinfulness. Please help us see more clearly your love for us, and respond appropriately. Amen

P: Purely by God's grace, through Jesus on the cross, all your sins are forgiven. Now may you be strengthened daily to believe in Jesus and to live the joy and freedom his forgiveness brings.

C: Amen

Majesty

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Majesty, worship his majesty:

unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority flows from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty:

Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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Greeting

P: The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

P: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor ord'n'ry people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, all in a cow's stall,
Came wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all,
And high from the heavens a star's light did fall;
The promise of the ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,
He surely could have had it,
'cause he was the king.

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor ord'n'ry people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

Prayer of the Day

P: Lord God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings

*Without God, where would you be now?
Without God, where would you be now?
Without God.*

First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem.

A: The First Lesson is from the 60th chapter of Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I

wrote above in a few words, ⁴reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

A: The word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Without God, where would you be now?
Without God, where would you be now?
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Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, ²“Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.”³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will govern my people Israel.’”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; ⁸and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”⁹ When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; ¹¹and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Amy

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song – We Three Kings

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1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - er,
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

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.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The Pastor will offer prayers for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns.

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



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Offertory – Create in me

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve



you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that



I might be re - newed. So fill me and



heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -



ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

Offertory 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 you would receive these gifts which we offer to continue your good work; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Prayer

P: Responding to the command of our Lord and desiring the life-giving presence of Christ, we come to the table.

C: The love of God is a gift and we do not deserve this gift.

P: Responding to the command of our Lord and desiring the life-giving presence of Christ, we share the body and blood.

C: We come with our wounds and faults, ready and willing to be refreshed with the true presence of Christ among us.

Words of Institution

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

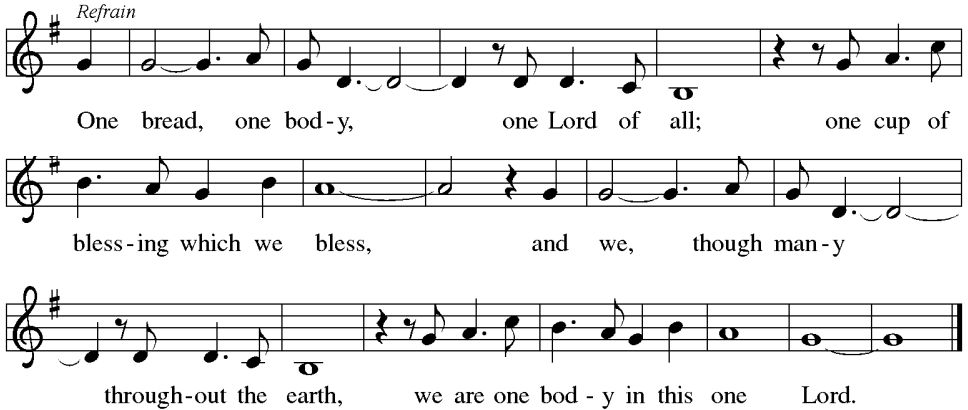
The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is 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**

One bread, one body

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Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second and third staves continue the melody for the second and third lines of the refrain. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

The Meal

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

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

MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

We bow down

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You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,
Lord of the land and the sea.

You were Lord of the heavens before there was time,
And Lord of all lords you will be.

We bow down and we worship you, Lord;

We bow down and we worship you, Lord;

We bow down and we worship you Lord;

Lord of all lords you will be.

We are marching in the light of God CCLI 1763436



We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



we are march-ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march-ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional verses:

We are Dancing... We are Praying... We are Singing...

Post Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen

Post Communion Canticle – Give Thanks

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Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Prayer

P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

SENDING

Blessing

P: In Jesus our Savior, God is with us. Almighty God, Father, Son +and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

Closing Song – Do You Hear What I Hear?

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Said the night wind to the little lamb,
Do you see what I see?
'Way up in the sky, little lamb,
Do you see what I see?
A star, a star, dancing in the night,
with a tail as big as a kite, with a tail as big as a kite.

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing thru the sky, shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song, high above the tree,
with a voice as big as the sea, with a voice as big as the sea.

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king,
Do you know what I know?
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold;
Let us bring Him silver and gold, let us bring Him silver and gold.

Said the king to the people ev'rywhere,
Listen to what I say!
Pray for peace, people ev'rywhere,
Listen to what I say!
The Child; The Child, sleeping in the night;
He will bring us goodness and light,
He will bring us goodness and light.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Be light for the world.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

Noon-“Undecorate” the tree

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

Thursday-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

Saturday-4:30 & 7 pm-Volleyball games @ First Baptist

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Sun-Jan 12-9:45-Sunday School Resumes

10:45-Senior High Brunch

6:30-Information Session re Budget, Organ & Constitution

Mon-Jan 13-9:00-Quilters/Sewers / 6:00-Property

Tues-Jan 14-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

Thurs-Jan 16-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

Sat-Jan 18-5 & 7:30 pm-Volleyball games @ First Baptist

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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Attendance last week: Sunday Worship: 8:30-77; 9:45-77; 11:00-40

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented
to the Glory of the Lord.

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

2024 Year End Statements are available in the narthex. Please pick up yours today. Thank you!

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

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

Budget and Summary for 2025 are located on the tables in the narthex.

Volleyball News . . . Games will be played each Saturday night in January; watch your email for details. Fans are always welcome!

Senior High Youth Brunch . . . *next 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.

Christmas Devotions, The Main Characters of the Christmas Story, are available in the narthex and/or 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, to 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.

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