

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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3rd Sunday after Epiphany ~ January 26, 2025 ~ 8:30

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

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

C: Amen

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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: *And Can It Be?*

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?
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That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me.
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For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray:
I woke—the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, thru Christ my own.
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, thru Christ my own.

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.

The musical score is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system ends with a double bar line. The third system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

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FIRST LESSON: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that “the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

A: The First Lesson is from the 8th chapter of Nehemiah.

All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

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

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 12th chapter of 1 Corinthians.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/THE RESPONSE:

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.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:14-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

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

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

Pastor John

HYMN: *Now Thank We All Our God*

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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: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



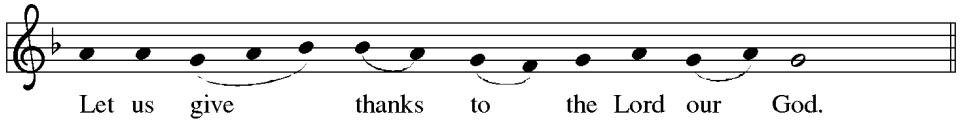
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING:



PREFACE:

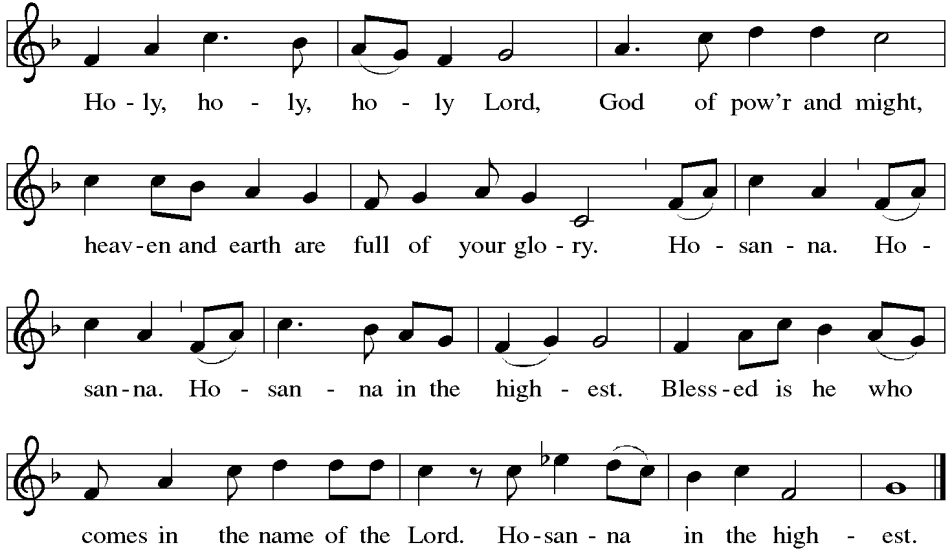
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;

and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

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, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

COMMUNION:

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

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:

Lord, now 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 ev - 'ry 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:

P: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **C: Amen**

BLESSING:

♩P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. *Sung Response:* **Amen, Amen, Amen**

HYMN: *In Thee Is Gladness*

In thee is gladness amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given the gifts of heaven,
Thou the true redeemer art.
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest.
Who trusts thee surely has built securely and stands forever:
Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining to see thy shining,
Dying or living, to thee are cleaving;
Naught us can sever: Alleluia!

If he is ours . . . we fear no powers,
Not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses in worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story tell of his glory
With heart and voices;
All heav'n rejoices and stands forever:
Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness
Love him and praise him and still shall raise him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today-Congregational Meeting after 8:30 & 9:45

worship services

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

9:45-Sunday School

11:00-Traditional Worship

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

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

Thursday-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

Saturday-5:30 & 7:30 pm-Volleyball games @ First Baptist

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Sun-Feb 2-2:00-3:30-Sled Event for 2nd-8th grade youth

Mon-Feb 3-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-Feb 4-2:00-Bible Study

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

Thurs-Feb 5-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

Sat-Feb 1-4:30 & 6:30 pm-Volleyball games @ First Baptist

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

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Attendance last week: Sunday Worship: 8:30-50; 9:45-81; 11:00-35

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in honor of the Birthdays of Nate (January 16) and Lindsey (January 25) Bernardo by Linda & Darwin London.

TODAY we welcome our newest member Tara Blakley!

Pastor Amy and 11 of our adults and youth are at the YouthQuake in Pittsburgh. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travel home today.

Congregational Meeting TODAY after the 8:30 and 9:45 worship services.

Today at our Congregational Meetings we will say a special thank you to *Nikki Dombroski*, our outgoing Family Ministry Coordinator, for her nearly 10 years of service.

Sunday School for preschool through 5th graders **TODAY** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme is "God Loves Me!"

Sled Event for 2nd through 8th grade youth, weather permitting **Sunday, February 2**, from 2-3:30. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board; please

include your email address. Watch your email for any last-minute changes.

Senior High Youth Brunch . . . Sunday February 9 the senior high youth will gather in the back of the Fellowship Hall for a Super Bowl pre-game celebration from 10:40 to noon. Sign up today!

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

The February Worship Assistant List is available in the narthex.

Volleyball News . . . Games will be played each Saturday night in February at the First Baptist Church; fans are always welcome!

Epiphany Season Devotions, The Gospel of Luke, are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

Mission of the Month-Tackle Hunger: Souper Bowl of Caring. 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.

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