# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025 ~ 8:30 & 11:00

## PRELUDE:

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Stand

## **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.

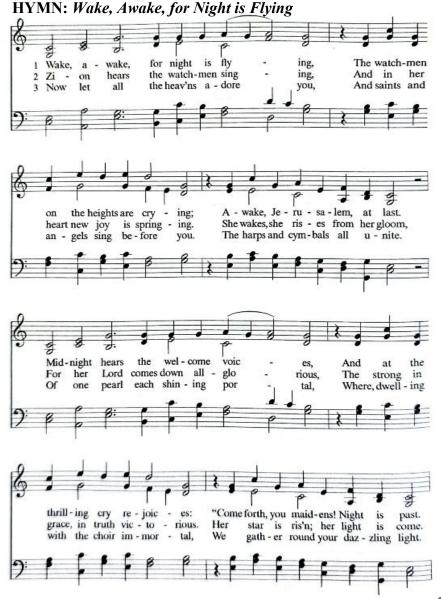
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

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





## **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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: Amen

Sit

**ANTHEM:** *The Longing* (8:30) ~ Choir

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON & ADVENT DIALOGUE:

Pastor: Let us pray: As we begin our journey this Advent season,

we live in the sure and certain hope of your coming.

Children: AMEN, COME LORD JESUS.

Congregation: Grant us hopeful hearts and lives as we ponder the meaning of your coming into our world at Christmas and anticipate celebrating again.

Children: AMEN, COME LORD JESUS.

Congregation: Grant us hopeful hearts and lives as we anticipate your coming in our world at the end of time.

Children: AMEN, COME LORD JESUS.

Congregation: Help us to put off the worries of this life making room to welcome you into our hearts and into our lives each day.

Children: AMEN, COME LORD JESUS.

Pastor: In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen

#### LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH:

HYMN: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, verses 1 & 2 # 257

## FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace.

A: The First Lesson is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:11-14**

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 13th chapter of Romans.

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup> let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/THE RESPONSE:





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Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 24:36-44**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup> "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

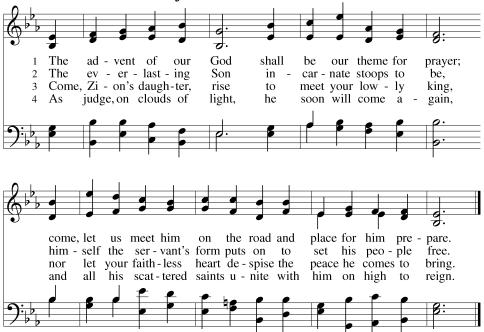
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**SERMON:** 

Pastor Amy

Stand





- 5 Before the dawning day let sin be put to flight; no longer let the law hold sway, but walk in freedom's light.
- 6 All glory to the Son, who comes to set us free, with Father, Spirit, ever one through all eternity.

#### 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

## **SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE:**

We follow Jesus' direction in Matthew chapter 5 and make peace with each other before coming to the altar: Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.** 

Sit

**OFFERING:** *Collected as the pastor prepares the Lord's Table.* 

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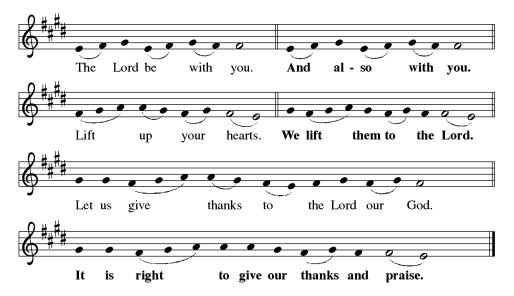


## **OFFERING PRAYER:**

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:**



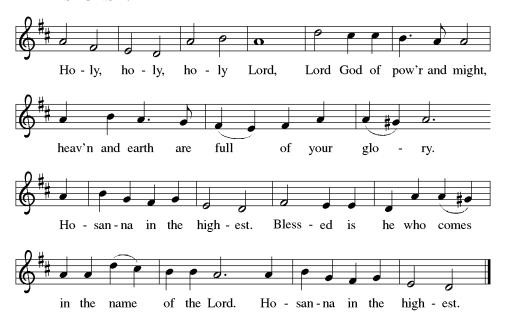
#### **PREFACE:**

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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,

through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:**



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

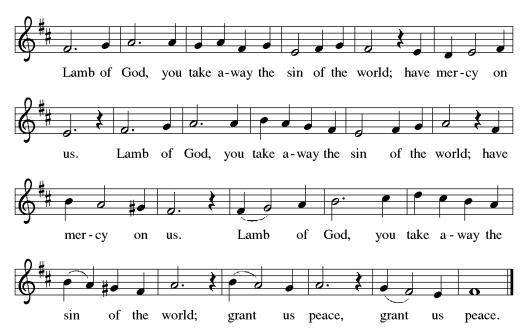
P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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:**



## **COMMUNION:** (Please be seated)

For those at home or communing at their seat, 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."* 

If you desire to receive communion up front, please come forward via the center aisle. As the pastor and communion assistant give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

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

Stand

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

C: Amen

#### 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



#### **DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God

#### + Calendar for this Week +

Mon-Dec 1: 9:00a-Quilters

10:00a-Quilting Bee

Tue-Dec 2: 2:00p-Afternoon Bible Study

5:30p-Council Meeting

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

**Thr-Dec 4:** 7:00p-Evening Bible Study

5:45p-Bell Choir / 6:30p Choir

Sat-Dec 6: Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Next Week's Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12
Worship Attendance last week: 8:30a-65; 9:45a-75; 11:00a-58

**Grean Fund Fully Funded!**: With heartfelt gratitude, we joyfully announce that our New Organ Fund has been fully funded. This wonderful achievement was made possible through the generous gifts and faithful support of our congregation. Thank you to all who contributed—your kindness and commitment will bless our worship for years to come!

## + Upcoming Events & Monthly Ministries +

- \* Poinsettia Order Forms: Available in the Narthex. Orders due TODAY! Cost \$10 each. Flowers can be picked up after the 10p Christmas Eve service. Honor your loved one(s) with your choice of red or white.
- \* Christmas Concerts: "Sounds of the Season" All are invited to enjoy the DuBois Area Community Band's holiday concerts. Join us Monday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. here at Christ Lutheran (donations accepted for the DuBois Area Food Pantry), and Monday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at DuBois Village. All concerts are free and open to the public.
- \* TODAY, 9:45a—Sunday School : Children ages 3 thru 5th grade and youth helpers will meet in the fellowship hall to begin Through Dec. 14. On Dec. 21, we'll celebrate with a Birthday Party for Jesus!

- \* Dec 1, 10a-1p-Quilting Bee: All are welcome to join our Monday Morning Quilters to make quilts for those in need while enjoying good fellowship and brunch. Sign up on the bulletin board. See Abbey for details.
- \* \_ DEC 6-Ring Bell for Salvation Army: Sign up on the bulletin board for 30 or 60 minute shifts to ring the bell outside Big Lots.
- \* O DEC 7, 6p to 7:30p—Coming up: Next Confirmation Night Event
- \* Topic 14 2p-4:30p-Christmas Caroling. Join us as we share the joy of the season with our church family and community. All ages are welcome—come lend your voice and spread Christmas cheer!
  - \* 👵 **DEC 17**-Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal with Dinner.
- \* DEC 19 7:00p- All are invited to our Christmas Play, "The Friendly Beasts of the Nativity," Join us for this joyful celebration of the season!
- \* DEC 21 All Services-Lessons & Carols- Join us for our Christmas Lessons and Carols, celebrating prophecy and the story of Christ's birth, at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m. All services include Holy Communion. \* Youth are invited to sign up as readers—see Pastor Amy or email her.

# Christmas Eve Worship

Join us for Christmas Eve services: **Traditional Worship at 6:00 p.m.** and **Contemporary Worship at 8:00 p.m.**—both very child-friendly—plus **Traditional Worship at 10:00 p.m.** All services include Holy Communion and candle lighting with *Silent Night*.

\* \* Newly Available in Narthex for the Advent & Christmas Season!

There is a new Faith 5 Devotion. Let's study the Bible together!

- \* in Financial Peace University: Sign Up Now on the bulletin board: Take control of your money with this nine-week class that uses biblical wisdom and common sense, to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt and invest in your future. Classes begin January 7, 2026, and meet Wednesdays, 6:30–8p in the fellowship hall The class is FREE for church members and open to the first 10 individuals/couples who sign up. For more information, speak with Brad or Colleen Russell or Nate Weber.
- \* **2026 Altar Flowers**: Sign-up sheets for **2026 altar flowers** are now available in the book in the narthex. The cost for 2026 is **\$30**.
- \* YouthQuake: Pittsburgh Road Trip! Join us January 23–25, 2026, for YouthQuake at the Marriott Pittsburgh Airport! Cost: \$90 per student. Forms are available from Abbey Weber or on the bulletin board.
- \*November Mission of the Month: DuBois Area Food Pantry: This month's Mission of the Month supports the DuBois Area Food Pantry, which provides essential food and care to local individuals and families in need. You can help by bringing non-perishable, in-date food items to the church. Monetary gifts may be given using a pew envelope marked "Food Pantry" or by check made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Together, we can share Christ's love by feeding our neighbors in need.

\*November Food Pantry Items: Whole Kernel Corn & Cream Style Corn

 The flowers in the chancel vases today are presented to the Glory of the Lord and in memory of Sandra Dunlap's Heavenly Birthday by Jim Dunlap

# 🍀 Worship Team-Thank you for serving today 🍀

8:30a

Usher: Bob Mortland
Usher: Jeff Kriner
Lector: Bob Mortland
Comm. Asst.: Jeff Kriner

Comm. Asst.: Art Keller Acolyte: Aubree Keller

Altar Guild: Lisa Blasky/Cindy Chelednik

11:00a

Usher: Bill Fye Usher: Debbie Fye Lector: Tammy Ott

Comm. Asst.: Joanne Fitzpatrick Comm. Asst.: Joyce Cramer Acolyte: Avery Ott Altar Guild: Joyce Cramer

<sup>\*</sup>Special thanks to Carol Lieber & Linda London for decorating the church.

# PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ~ November 30, 2025

## Shut-in & Nursing Home Members & Friends:

Linda Berry ~ Paul Bojalad ~ Edie Brown ~ Karen Deasey ~ Gary Froelich ~ Jeannine Fye ~ Nora Gelnett ~ Mary Jo Gomes ~ George Kramer Sr. ~ Hazel Kriner ~ Jim Norwood ~ Geneva Roberts ~ Hazel Salada ~ Gary Salada ~ Emily Schindley ~ Betty Swanson ~ Shirley Williams

#### **Those Serving in the Military:**

Davey Aughenbaugh ~ Luke Cardellino ~ Cory Good ~ Lyndsey Good ~ Abby Fritz ~ Josh Lanzoni ~ Tyler Lenkerd ~ Paul McCurdy ~ Justin Neeper ~ Mike O'Harrow ~ Wesley Russell ~ Caleb Shields ~ Colton Shields ~ Jacey Wells ~ Chuckie White

#### **Long Term Prayer Requests:**

Abby ~ Ron Abrams ~ Carla Adamson ~ Drew Albert ~ Chuck Allen ~ Patti Allen ~ Debbie Anderson ~ Tia Angeletti ~ Jim August ~ Austin Family ~ Stephanie Barnett ~ Julie Baun ~ Dona Bean ~ Sandy Bender ~ Pat Biss ~ Larry Bosco ~ Bryson ~ Little Eleanor Bundy ~ Ray Bush ~ CinDee Byer ~ Gary Campbell ~ Deb Clark ~ Louise Cramer ~ Bill Deitman ~ Carol DeLarme ~ Rick Delp ~ Jack Dennison ~ Cheryl DeSantis ~ Brad Dodd ~ Candy Douthit ~ Patrick Droddy ~ Jamie Dungey ~ Mia Edwards ~ Emily ~ Ruben Ellis ~ Krista Evans ~ Denise Faulkrod ~ Tim Fuller ~ Lee Gelnett ~ Leah Gelnett ~ Beth Giese ~ Bryson Grav ~ Greg & Family ~Arnold Gregory ~ Jim Haag ~ Pat Hamlin ~ Dennis Harris ~ Jackie & Bill Hartman ~ Eric Hazuda ~ Brenda Hickman ~ Larry Hickman ~ Bruce Hiles ~ TJ Holt ~ Nancy Hoover ~ Little Carter Horn ~ Gabby Horner ~ Dick & Bev Hudson ~ Vicki Jacklin ~ Lincoln Johnston ~ Cheryl Jones ~ Baby Ben K. ~ Lorraine Kakula ~ Jim Kearney ~ Tish Keen ~ Eli Keim ~ Dave Kness ~ Richard Kolcun ~ Jim Kriner ~ Carol Lawson ~ Cindy & Tom Leete ~ Doug Leidl ~ David Leonard ~ Anne Lettrich ~ Rick Lieber ~ Nancy Lilja ~ Brandon Lokesak ~ Mark M. ~ Karen Markievich ~ Mark Markievich ~ Emily Marshall ~ Marti ~ Mason Martin ~ Barbara Martini ~ Terie McBride ~ Rebecca McCartney ~ Keymo McKay ~ Shea McKinney ~ Walt Michalak ~ Bob Mickey ~ Bob Moline ~ Steve Moore ~ Brenda & Brett Mortimer ~ Gail Nissley ~ Jim Nelles ~ Debbie Newell ~ Joy Norwood ~ Mary & Christian Olrich ~ Joyce Opper ~ Karen Ordog ~ Francie Page ~ Stacy Park ~ Linda Peterson ~ Barb Phleger ~ Mary Ann Piccirillo ~ Kristin Plotner ~ Morgan Pope ~ Mike Poulliot ~ Deb & Bill Presnar ~ Liz Preston ~ Nancy R. ~ Cal Ratcliff ~ Scott Reinard ~ Heidi Riley & Family ~ Elaine Russel ~ Marie Russell ~ Brianne Sage ~ Sara ~ Joe Shaffer ~ Molly Shaffer ~ Ann Simbeck ~ Greg Smeal ~ Terri Smouse ~ Ellen Sneddon ~ Tim Spencer ~ Little Faith Spicher ~ Little Levi Spickler ~ Karen Sprague ~ Ruth Sutphin ~ Dathan Swanson ~ Steven Sykes ~ Pat Teats ~ Diane Thomson ~ Karen Tobasco ~ Vickie Trisoline ~ Evelyn Vandervort ~ Eric Waldeck ~ Mary Lou Waldeck ~ Dr. Rod Wall ~ Jean Waltenbaugh ~ Gail Walter ~ Wanda Ward ~Laura Wascovich ~ Melissa Wayne ~ Chloe Welder ~ Donald Wells ~ Shirley Wells ~ Joyce Whaling ~ Tammy Winters ~ Art Whitmore ~ Will ~ Becky Yasick ~ Nora Yasick ~ Charles Yonushonis ~ Jerry Zimmerman

#### **Short Term (Four Week) Prayer Requests:**

David Radaker, Max Little, Ed Reed Family

