

The Nativity of Our Lord

December 24, 2018

MISSION STATEMENT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are disciples of Jesus

Growing in faith, Serving our community

And Connecting others to Christ

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

If you are a visitor, please know of our delight in having you in our midst. Join with us in the praise of God and at the Lord's Table. We practice open communion inviting all baptized Christians to share in Holy Communion. Children not yet prepared to receive this sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. We hope you will return and worship with us regularly. Children are always welcome in our worship. A quiet corner is available at the back of the sanctuary if parents need a place to take their young children during the service. There are 'Quiet Bags' children can take to their seats.

Please take a moment to sign your attendance slip,
-- to be placed in the offering plate.

Visitors, please provide your mailing address so we can acknowledge your presence. Members, please provide any updates or changes to your contact information.

The Lord's Supper

We believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine in Holy Communion, and that through this gift we receive forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. We invite you to come to the Lord's Table to receive this gift. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are offered as well as gluten free wafers (please ask the Pastor for one at communion). Those unable to come forward should mention this to an usher; the pastor will serve you in your pew.

Bring a Friend

INVITE someone to worship with you. Being a disciple is important! Someone you know needs the Lord's power and a place to worship and serve. In your circle of influence, be an influence for Jesus Christ. Your invitation can change a life!

Prayer Requests

Prayer request cards are located in the pew racks. You may include someone in today's prayers, by <u>speaking the name as prompted</u> during that portion of the service. You may also fill out a blue prayer card and place it in the offering plate for a name to be included in the prayer team's weekly prayers or the Sunday Bulletin -- Or *email* your request to our office at info@clchhi.com by Tuesday noon of that week.

Serving in Worship Today: Altar Guild: Jennifer Brown, Laurie Fons

<u>5:00 p.m.</u> Ushers: Chris Wilcox, Steve Herron, John Johns Lector: Phyllis Rowe Acolyte: TBD Sound: Barbara Klatt

Communion Assistants: Phyllis Rowe (paten bearer); Bailey, Anderson & Janet Sullivan; Alan

Coyne (chalices)

10:30 p.m. Ushers: Gary & Laurie Fons; Don & Barbara Bethman Lector: Emily Breland Acolyte: TBD Sound: Barbara Klatt

Communion Assistants: Barbara Klatt (paten bearer); Jim & Emily Breland; Susie Fidler,

Jennifer Brown (chalice bearers)

WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE!

Please remember to turn off your cell phones.

The congregation is invited to respond where print is in ${f BOLD}$ and marked with a ${f C}$

On a long winter evening we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ's body and blood—so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

THE WELCOME

PRELUDE

Lo, How A Rose / Praetorius
Away in a Manger / Murray
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing / Mendelssohn

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (please stand as you are able)

- P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, \dotplus one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.
- C AMEN
- P Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

 Silence for reflection and self-examination
- P Gracious God,
- C In Christ Jesus, you come among us as light shining in our darkness. We confess that, because of sin, we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. In your mercy, mend us and reconnect us to one another and to you; forgive us, and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and embrace your truth. AMEN.
- P I bring you Good News of great joy for all the people: To you this day is born a Savior, Christ our Lord. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: In the name of + Jesus Christ, our Savior, I declare that you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for you your light has come.
- C AMEN



THE GREETING

- P Alleluia! Christ is Born!
- C Oh Come, let us adore him; he is Christ the Lord.
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.
- C And also with you.



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (said in unison)

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

(please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

- R The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

(please remain seated)

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs 1 & 2)

ELW 279

- O little town of Bethlehem,
 how still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 the silent stars go by;
 yet in thy dark streets shineth
 the everlasting light.
 The hopes and fears of all the years
 are met in thee tonight.
- 2) For Christ is born of Mary,
 and, gathered all above
 while mortals sleep, the angels keep
 their watch of wond'ring love.
 O morning stars, together
 proclaim the holy birth,
 and praises sing to God the king,
 and peace to all the earth!

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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- C Thanks be to God.

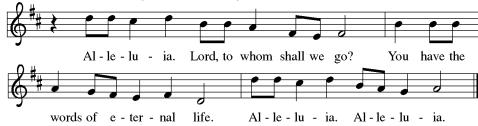
HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs 3 & 4)

ELW 279

- 3) How silently, how silently
 the wondrous gift is giv'n!
 So God imparts to human hearts
 the blessings of his heav'n.
 No ear may hear his coming;
 but, in this world of sin,
 where meek souls will receive him,
 still, the dear Christ enters in.
- 4) O holy child of Bethlehem,
 descend to us, we pray;
 cast out our sin, and enter in,
 be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels
 the great glad tidings tell;
 oh, come to us, abide with us,
 our Lord Immanuel!

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand as you are able)



GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom

he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

[When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.].

- P The Gospel of the Lord
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

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5:00 P.M. CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

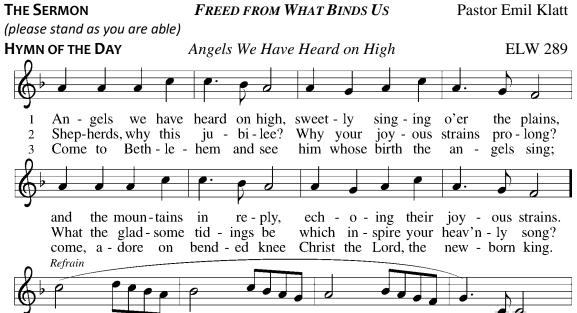
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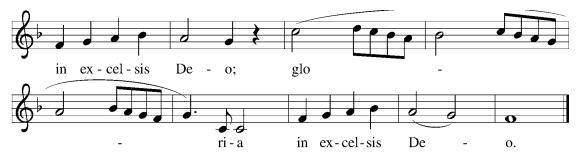
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10:30 P.M. ANTHEM

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Holy Child, Emmanuel / Fritz, McGee





THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Rejoicing in the good news of Christ's birth and dwelling in hope, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation ...

After each portion of the prayers:

- P Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Good and Gracious God, we ask all these things and whatever else you see that we need, with a sure and certain hope in your goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C AMEN.

THE PEACE (We may greet one another in the name of the Lord)

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

In preparation for Holy Communion, the congregation shares the Lord's peace with one another "Peace be with you."

(please be seated)

THE RETURNING OF GIFTS

*THE RETURNING RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below Praise him above ye heav'n-ly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

*THE RETURNING PRAYER (said in unison)

God of abundance, we return to you from the gifts which you have first entrusted to us, and with them our very lives. Through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name. AMEN.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C and also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts
- C We lift them to the Lord
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
- C It is right to give our thanks & praise.
- P It is indeed right, our duty ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn

 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.

- 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; ...With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share in this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy Church now and forever.
- C AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG by congregation)

Our Father, which 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

Invitation To Communion

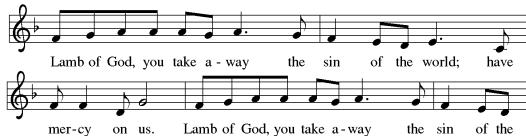
- P Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the feast.
- C AMEN.

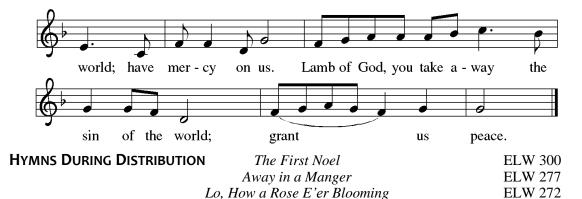
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THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized persons who believe in the real presence of Christ in our Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins are welcomed to commune. Our Eucharistic celebration will be offered by Intinction at the head of the aisle. You will receive the Host from the Pastor or Paten Bearer; move to the Chalice Bearer to dip a portion of the Host in the wine. Grape juice is available as an alternative to the wine in the second chalice. Children not yet prepared to receive this sacrament are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you prefer to receive the bread from the Pastor, please move to that side of the aisle.

THE DISTRIBUTION





THE POST COMMUNION BLESSING (please stand as you are able)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C AMEN

CANDLELIGHTING: (Light from the altar is brought to the people. The ushers light the candle of those in the center aisle, who then pass it to their neighbor. Please be careful to not tip a lighted candle.)

HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night / Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

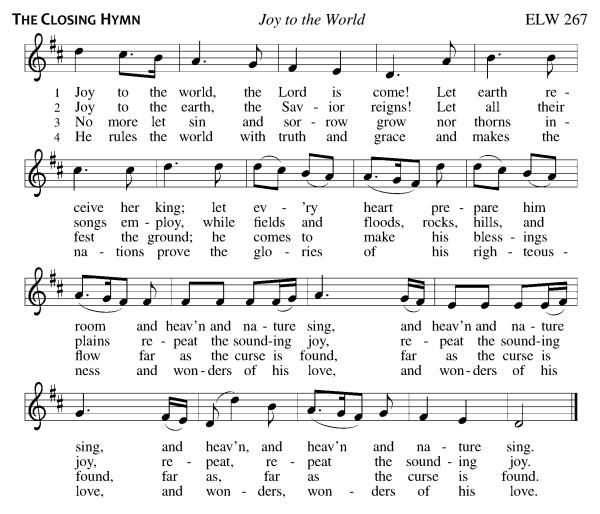
- 1) Silent night, holy night!
 All is calm, all is bright
 round yon virgin mother and child.
 Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
 sleep in heavenly peace,
 sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2) Silent night, holy night!
 Shepherds quake at the sight;
 glories stream from heaven afar,
 heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
 Christ, the Savior, is born!
 Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3) Silent night, holy night!
 Son of God, love's pure light
 radiant beams from your holy face,
 with the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
 Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

THE BLESSING

P May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C AMEN.

(The candles are extinguished. Please do not tip the candle until the wax has hardened.)



THE DISMISSAL

- P Glory to God in the highest! Peace to God's people on earth! Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.
- C Thanks be to God!

Joy to the World / Handel Fling Out the Banner / Calkin

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SERMONS: Printed copies are available on the counter in the narthex. You may also request a copy to be sent to you via email through the office (info@clchhi.com) or phone Barbara at 843-785-5560.

<u>PRAYER CARES: Janet Kline and family</u> as they mourn the death of George Kline; <u>Mike Guerrieri</u>²; <u>Dr. Robert Blok</u>¹, recovering from surgery; <u>Phyllis Novosad</u>¹; <u>Steve Bassford; Linda Fountain</u>, possible lung cancer; <u>Laurel Quinn</u>, mental health; <u>Suzy Makalous</u>*, Stage 4 lung cancer (getting treatment in Kansas City); <u>Gary Gregory</u>*, (son of Lois Gregory) healing; <u>Donna Putrino</u>*; <u>Sandy Heins</u>*. ALL service personnel; ALL those suffering from natural disasters. // *Ongoing prayer need. Please use the Blue Cards in the Pew Racks to forward a prayer concern or update to the office

This Week at CLC

OFFICES CLOSED Christmas Day	Tuesday
Women's AA Meeting (Parlor)	Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.
St James Soup Kitchen	Thursday, Noon
AA Meeting (Heinrich Hall)	Friday, 5:00 p.m.
Worship w/Holy Communion ONE SERVICE .	Sunday, Dec. 30, 10:00 a.m.
OFFICES CLOSED	Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 31 & Jan. 1
January BRIDGE deadline	Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE OPENED DURING THE MORNING OF Wednesday December 26

Please Call ahead to ensure someone is present to let you in: 843-785-5560



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POINSETTIA to grace our altar

Given to the Glory of God

Marika & Alan Gray Preston & Connie Henne Elsie Meccariello Sam & Nancy McCleskey Ann & Doug Hamnes
JJ, Deirdre, and Henry Johns
John, Laura & Susan Marth
Susie Arnold & Ron Schrotberger
The Spergl Family

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Given By	In Loving Memory Of
Susie Arnold & Ron Schrotberger	
	Mr. & Mrs. F. Bayer; Mr. K. Carlson
Carla Bech-Hansen	Loved Ones
	our son, Scott Bethman
	Colonel & Mrs. James Breland, Jr.;
	Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Holmes Hooker
	re & Margaret Brondos, Clyde & Elaine Hardy
	Don Dickes
	Mr. & Mrs. Harold Johnson
	brothers: Allen, Scotty & George
	Kenneth & Rose Fetter; George & Roberta Off
	Pat Smollen & Jim Fankhauser
	our parents: Harry & Olga Fudjack
	and Donald & Dorothy Poole
	Cashmere & Jennie Fons; Dennis Lowes
	husband, Fred Graeb
	Michael A. Guerrieri, Jr.
	farmine & Diane Guerrieri; Odie, Angus, Titus
_	Barbara & Jack
	Our Parents
	the Hennes and the Smiths
	John Gyakum
	loved ones
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Kay Kern	John Kern, Art, Pat & Kathy Flickinger
	William & Margaret Newill; Emil H. Klatt, Jr.
	Max Stein
•	our daughter, Judy Loeb
	Loved Ones
•	John Meccariello
	leshDewey & Shirley Conces;
	Anthony Olesh, Sr.
Shirley Otto	Gerald B. Otto, Sr.
John & Joyce Prange	our parents: Rev. Alwin & Florence Prange;
	Durward & Alice Sandal
Jimmy & Phyllis Rowe	our parents: Herbert & May Jessen
	and Claude & Katherine Rowe
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	Bob Zodtner
Gíven By	In Honor Of
	Barbara Fausner, bravely fighting cancer
	Pastor & Barbara Klatt
	Jean Lowes
	Alison & Valerie Garnjost
<u> </u>	My Family
	our children and grandchildren
	Edith Gyakum
$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$	dren: Nicholas, Luke Douglas, and Mary Shirley
•	our great-granddaughter, Nora Loeb
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	our loving parents: Dick & Edie Marth
Sam & Nancy McCleckey	0 1
	CLC members for all the prayers and support
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