

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2019 Worship with Holy Communion --- 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Mary W. Anderson, Interim Pastor Silke Pyrlik, Director of Christian Life Jim Fritz, Director of Music Nancy Conder, Director of Preschool 829 William Hilton Parkway Hilton Head Island, SC 29928 843-785-5560 · www.clchhhi.org Christ Lutheran Church Preschool 843-785-6570 Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 3 pm

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.

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, and mark ministries/fellowship that interest you -- 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 and/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

Lector:Rita HungateCrucifer:Susan FidlerAltar Guild:Jo Anne SebulskyiCommunion Assts:Alan and Deanna CoyneUshers:Gary & Leslie Heavener;Larry & Janet HicksFloral Guild:Coffee Fellowship:Barbara BethmanFloral Guild:Wendy Dickes

In the event of a medical emergency, a defibrillator is located on the right side of the hallway wall leading from the sitting area into Heinrich Hall.

Please remember to turn off your cell phones.

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

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Wake, Awake / Kickstat

(Please stand at the Pastor's invitation)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS All should make the sign of the cross, the sign that is

marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.
- C Amen.
- P Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,
- C we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.
- P Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, + Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C AMEN.

GATHERING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Verses 1-4 ELW 257

THE 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.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (verse 1) ELW 240

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (said in unison)

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

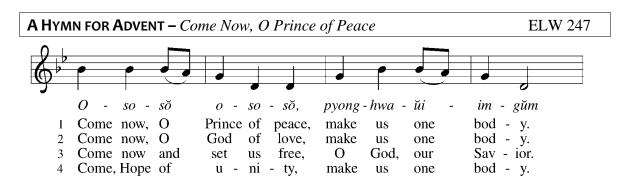
The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!".

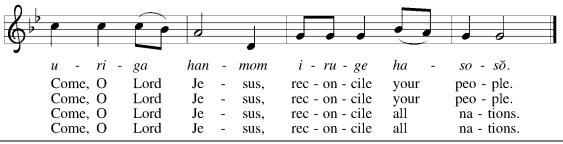
The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

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. 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.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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





SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

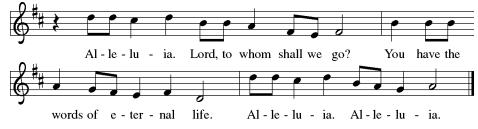
Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

(We stand to greet the gospel.)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they

knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 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. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE SERMON

(Silence for Reflection. We stand as the hymn begins.) HYMN OF THE DAY Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

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 Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need ...

After each portion of the prayers:

- P Hear us, O God, C your mercy is great.
- P You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.
- 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.

THE RETURNING OF GIFTS: Be seated as we collect our tithes and offerings. Gifts may also be made at our website: www.clchhhi.org. Please stand as the gifts are brought forward.

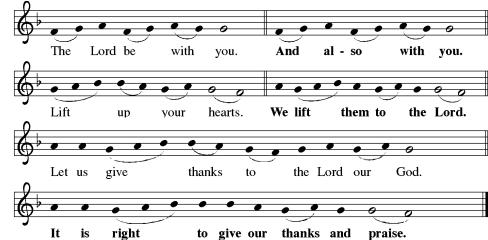
THE RETURNING RESPONSE

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)

- P For all the gifts of this day, let us pray together saying:
- C Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (the congregation sings the responses printed in **bold**)





- P We praise you, living and loving God, that you have sent your Son to this world. Christ is your Wisdom, sweetly ordering all creation, our Lawgiver, burning with justice, the Branch from Jesse's tree, sprouting flowers from old roots, the Key of David, opening our prison doors. And let the people cry, O come and save us:
- C O come and save us.
- P We praise you, serving and saving God, that you send your Son also to this table, who on the night before he died 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. And let the people cry, O come and save us:

C O come and save us.

- P We beg you, mighty and merciful God: send us the Spirit of your Son. Dwell in this food and in all who share it, that the earth may rejoice in your presence. In Christ, the Dawning Day, enlighten a darkened world, reign as Sovereign to unite all peoples, and live among us, Emmanuel, our deepest desire now and forever. And let the people cry, O come and save us:
- C O come and save us.
- P Even so, come, Lord Jesus, with your Father and your Spirit, to the church, and receive our praises, now and forever.
- C Amen.

- P And let the people pray:
- C Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Blest be God, who is our Bread; may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

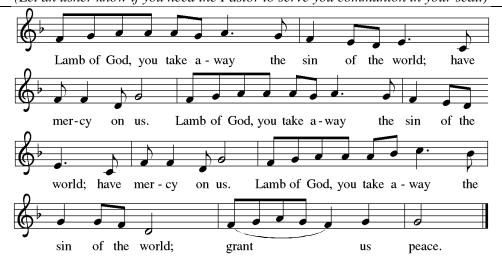
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and loveC AMEN.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to come to this Table of Grace to receive the bread and wine or to ask for a blessing. During this penitential season, we will come to the altar rail and kneel or stand as we are able to receive the elements. Come forward at the ushers' direction. All who desire will receive the wafer of bread and then will be invited to dip the wafer in either the chalice of wine or grape juice. The pastor will offer a blessing at the end of each table. All may return to their pews for continued prayer and reflection. (Let an usher know if you need the Pastor to serve you communion in your seat.)



I	Savior of the Nations, Come	ELW 263
	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	ELW 490

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

- P God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.
- C AMEN

THE BLESSING

P May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice. May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom. May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance. The blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever

C AMEN

THE CLOSING HYMNWake, Awake, for Night is Flying

ELW 436

THE DISMISSAL

- P Let us go in peace to serve the Lord and remember our mission...
- C We are disciples of Jesus, *Growing* in faith, *Serving* our community and *Connecting* others to Christ. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

O Zion, / Walsh

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God



SERMONS: You may request a copy of today's sermon to be sent to you via email through the office (info@clchhi.com) or phone 843-785-5560.

PRAYER CARES: Elise Anderson³, (daughter of Pastor Mary) as she prepares to be voted on by a congregation for her first call in ministry and prepares for her ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament; Grace Stump², recovering from knee surgery; Emmett Kresge² (father of Chris Ponsini), recovering from surgery; Ted Gerlach², meningitis; Gloria Szymanski², (mother of Robin Baselice) stress of moving & physical ailments; Jesse Catapano², suffering with anxieties; William Martens², suffering with anxieties; Anya Martens², fighting immune disease; Patti Soltys², cancer checkup; Sandy West², recovering from knee surgery; Steve Alfred* (husband of Rita Hungate) undergoing treatment for Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia; Manfred Pyrlik*, pancreatic cancer; Steve Bassford*, recovering at home; Sandy Shackelford*, Parkinson's Disease; Gary Gregory*, (son of Lois Gregory) healing; Donna Putrino*; Sandy Heins*. ALL service personnel; ALL those suffering from natural disasters. // *Ongoing prayer needed. Please use the Blue Cards in the Pew Racks to forward a prayer concern or update to the office

This Week at CLC			
Staff Meeting	Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.		
Staff Luncheon (Offsite)			
Women's AA Meeting (Parlor)	Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.		
Choir Rehearsal			
Backpack Buddies (setup)			
Handbell Rehearsal			
Backpack Buddies (packing)			
Sandbar Restaurant Preschool Fundraiser			
Offices Closed			
Wedding Rehearsal			
AA Meeting (Sale Educ. Ctr.)			
Wedding/Reception			
Worship with Preschool Christmas Pageant			
Fellowship Brunch Immediately following Worship			
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Poinsettias will decorate our chancel for Christmas Eve services. To purchase Poinsettia plants, (*\$12 each*) to enhance our chancel, please complete a form (in narthex or tear off back cover of bulletin) and place it, with your payment, in the offering plate or return it to the church office no later than *Sunday December 8.*

Today We Welcomed New Members through the Affirmation of Baptism at the 8:30am service. We rejoiced to receive:

Carol K. Benton: Carol was born in 1959 in Columbus, Ohio but was raised in the suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. She has two adult children. Her son and his wife live in Phoenix, AZ, and her daughter lives in Washington, D.C. She moved to Hilton Head from the suburbs of Atlanta, GA, where she was affiliated with the Catholic Church of St. Ann.

Before children, she was a legal secretary and a paralegal. While raising her children (one medically fragile, the other dyslexic), she worked part-time as a church secretary. She flourished as a "professional" volunteer, where she served as President or Chair of school and church functions, raised money for worthy causes, served the homeless and underprivileged, and taught religious education. Now retired from being in charge, she currently enjoys being a helper in the pantry at Deep Well and in the St. James Soup Kitchen.

She lives full time in Hilton Head Plantation with her loyal and very protective Miniature Schnauzer, Harry. She loves walking the beach, riding her bike, kayaking, being on a boat and all the wonderful things Hilton Head has to offer. She has been attending the early service at Christ Lutheran and volunteering for quite some time now. After much discernment, Carol says, "I am finally ready to 'throw my whole shelf in!' I have a very active prayer life and am thrilled God called me to be a part of the ELCA here at Christ Lutheran."

Douglas and Elsa Felten: Elsa and Doug are life-long Lutherans and are transferring their membership from Trinity Lutheran Church in Skokie, IL. In their early years they worked with youth groups in their churches. Later they sang in various choirs and played flute and guitar in more modern services. They started an all-church retreat in our Evanston IL church which continues 37 years later. Doug has been president, call committee chair and building committee chair in our Evanston church. Elsa has worked on many groups effecting children and families and currently co-chairs the Family Promise group at Christ Lutheran Church. They look forward to working on various Christ Lutheran issues in future years. They have been blessed with two married sons and five grandchildren.

Jon, Maria, and Gunnar Ternstrom: The Ternstroms are transferring their membership from Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church in Richmond Hill, GA. They are an Active Duty military family and relocated to Hilton Head Island in 2018. Gunnar is currently in 9th grade and will be joining the new Confirmation Group this January.

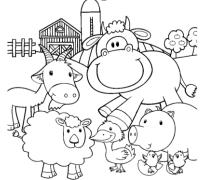
Welcome all! By your presence we are a new congregation as we partner together in the mission we share.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

MY NAME IS

_AND MY MINISTRY IS

Our 2019 Christmas Global Mission Project God's Global Barnyard



Our youth are leading an initiative to give hope and gifts that are sustainable – and may change the lives of whole families!

Our gifts to ELCA Good Gifts: God's Global Barnyard

will support the sustainable development ministries of ELCA World Hunger, which include training, education, resources (and much more) to help the community care for animals and create new market opportunities like starting a small business selling eggs, meat or dairy

products. Your gifts will support this comprehensive approach to animal husbandry.

Christmas Shopping couldn't be easier!!! You may purchase any of the following: a cow (*or a part of it*), a chicken, goat, bee, or pig or even a farm! You'll be able to choose your animal(s) and pay at a table set up in the narthex. Pick up a corresponding greeting card and let someone you know you have purchased this in their honor as their Christmas gift.

Please complete your order form, total the amount and make your check out to CLC and be sure to write "God's Barnyard" in the memo line.

Dinners for Six Plus Two

2020 SIX PLUS TWO DINNER GROUP SIGN UP IS

UNDER WAY. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Sign-ups will continue until the first week January. Next year's groups will be formed in mid-January. The groups consist of 3 couples and 2 singles. The group meets 3 times a year at the couples' homes. Singles do not need to entertain. The host couple prepares the entre and asks others to bring an appetizer, vegetable, salad or dessert.

If you are unable to entertain in your home, you can arrange a Dutch-treat lunch at a restaurant. It's a great way to get to know others at Christ Lutheran. Don't miss out on the fun! Call Elsa Felten for more information: 847-830-6348.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!! DINE OUT FOR Christ Lutheran Preschool

Thursday, December 5 will be the second annual fundraiser at **The SandBar Beach Eats, 101 Pope Ave**. Our former preschool parent, and restaurant owner, Erika Waronsky is generously donating her restaurant for this fundraiser. Fifty (50%) percent of the proceeds from all food and beverage sales will go to the preschool. This includes <u>lunch, dinner and take-out</u>. So grab your family and friends and come support the preschool while having a fabulous time at this great restaurant.

<u>ST. JAMES SOUP KITCHEN</u>: CLC is called to mission at the soup kitchen EVERY THURSDAY of the month! If you are interested in volunteering or simply want more information contact *Alice Graeb -- 740-298-1086 or the church office*.

DECEMBER WORSHIP CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec. 8-

9:30 a.m.-Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary to elect 2020 Council.

10:00 a.m. Annual Combined Service W/ Preschool Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Dec. 15 – Third Sunday in Advent

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion & Children's Time 9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion & Children's Time

Sunday, Dec. 22 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion & Children's Time 9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion & Children's Time

Tuesday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion & Candle Lighting

Sunday, Dec. 29 -

10:00 a.m. <u>COMBINED</u> service w/Holy Communion & Coffee Fellowship



Poinsettia and greenery will once again decorate the church for our Christmas Eve services. To purchase Poinsettia plants, (\$12 each) to enhance our chancel, please complete this form and place it, with your payment, in the offering plate or return it to the church office no later than Sunday, December 8.

I would like to purchase (#) Poinsettia

Given By: _________(please print! As you want it presented in the bulletin)

_____ To the Glory of God

___In Memory of _____

___In Honor of _____

Please indicate whether or not you expect to pick up your plant(s) after the 12/24 late service Yes _____ No _____

> If possible, please leave your plant(s) to decorate the chancel for the combined service at 10:00 a.m. on December 29.

Please include your check payable to: Christ Lutheran Church (Poinsettia) TOTAL: \$ _____