



**FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
December 29, 2019**

**Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.**

**Christ Lutheran Church
Hilton Head Island, SC**

This is Christ's church.

There is a place for you here

Welcome to all this Christmastide! Those of us who make Hilton Head Island our home are happy to meet the many travelers, vacationers, and visiting family and friends, who join us for worship each Sunday. Your presence today makes our worship more joyful. We invite you to share some about yourself through the Hospitality slip you will find in this bulletin. Thank you for celebrating the story of Christmas with us today!

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the “holy innocents” of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

Throughout the service, the text in bold is spoken by the presiding minister or lector, all other text is spoken or sung by everyone.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Emmanuel

Chris Tomlin and Ed Cash

What hope we hold this starlit night
A King is born in Bethlehem
Our journey long, we seek the light
That leads to the hallowed manger ground

What fear we felt in the silent age
Four-hundred years can He be found
But broken by a baby's cry
Rejoice in the hallowed manger ground

Emmanuel, Emmanuel
God incarnate, here to dwell
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Praise His name Emmanuel

The son of God, here born to bleed
A crown of thorns would pierce His brow
And we beheld this offering
Exalted now the King of kings
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground

Emmanuel, Emmanuel
God incarnate, here to dwell
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Praise His name Emmanuel
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Songwriters: Chris Tomlin / Ed Cash
Emmanuel lyrics © Capitol Christian Music
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Please stand at the Pastor's invitation and face the cross at the entrance to the church.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

ELW 288

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be seated

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:7-9

God does not delegate divine intervention to a messenger or angel. God's own presence brings salvation. The prophet and all who read these words join in celebrating God's gracious deeds. God trusts that God's people will not act falsely.

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A HYMN OF CHRISTMAS

What Child is This

ELW 296

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 2nd chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

The First Noel Arranged by the Dave Crowder Band

Vs.1

The first No-el, the angels did say was to
certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

Chorus

No-el, No-el, No-el, No-el.
Born is the King of Isra-el.

Vs. 2

They look-ed up and saw a star shining in
the east, beyond them far.

And to the earth it gave a great light, and so
it continued both day and night.

Chorus

Vs. 3

Then let us all with one accord sing praises
to our heavenly Lord.
That hath made heav’n and earth of naught
and with His blood creation hath brought.

Chorus x2

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need... .

[After each petition, we respond: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**].

The prayers conclude:

Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

All are invited to share a sign of peace with each other.

THE RETURNING OF GIFTS

We receive our tithes and offerings.

THE RETURNING RESPONSE



☐ 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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

MEAL

We give in grateful response for all God's gifts; God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.
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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Love has come: God's love for all people.
Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

Amen

Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Christians of all traditions are welcome to join in this meal of grace and forgiveness. All present are welcome to come forward to receive a Christmas blessing. If you do not desire to receive the bread, simply cross your arms over your chest and you will be offered a blessing. The bread and wine will be offered at two stations at the front of the church. Come forward at the ushers' direction.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. When you have received the bread, you may dip it in the cup of wine (red) or the cup of grape juice (white).

CHRISTMAS HALLELUJAH

Lyrics by Cloverton

I've heard about this baby boy, who's come to
earth to bring us joy
And I just want to sing this song to Ya',
It goes like this, the fourth the fifth, the minor
fall, the major lift
With ev'ry breath I'm singing Hallelujah...

Chorus

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelu---jah.

A couple came to Bethlehem, expecting child,
they searched the inn
To find a place for You were coming soon.
There was no room for them to stay, so in a
manger filled with hay
God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah...

Chorus

The shepherds left their flocks by night, to see
this baby wrapped in light
A host of angels led them all to Ya'.

It was just as the angels said, "You'll find Him
in a manger bed."
Immanuel and Savior, Hallelujah...

Chorus

A star shown bright up in the east, to
Bethlehem, the wisemen three
Came many miles and journeyed long for Ya'.
And to the place at which You were, their
frankincense and gold and myrrh
They gave to You and cried out Hallelujah...

Chorus

I know You came to rescue me, this baby boy
would grow to be
A man and one day die for me and you.
My sins would drive the nails in You, that
rugged cross was my cross, too
Still ev'ry breath You drew was Hallelujah...

Chorus x2

Please stand at the Pastor's invitation.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath
and give us bread for the journey.
Send us out in service to this world that you love,
telling the amazing news of your coming
to be Savior and Lord of all. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Grace from God's own heart,
Peace from the +Child in the manger,
And strength from the Spirit of life
be blessings for you today and forever.
Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Seabird

Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

Vs. 1

When I was a seeker, I sought both night and
day.
I asked the Lord to help me,
And he showed me, he showed me the way.
Oh..... tell it on the mountain!
Oh..... tell it on the mountain!
Oh..... tell it on the mountain!

Chorus x 2

Vs.2

He made a watchman, upon a city wall,
And if I am a Christian,
I am the least, the least of all.

Chorus x 2

(8 bars instrumental interlude)

Oh..... tell it on the mountain!
Oh..... Go tell it on the mountain!
Oh..... tell it on the mountain!

THE DISMISSAL

Christ is Born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on "Adeste Fidelies"

Smith

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DEADLINE for articles to be submitted for the January BRIDGE is Wednesday, Jan. 2 by 5 p.m. This would include any information on events happening in January. Please submit via email to info@clchhi.com

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



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.

ST. JAMES SOUP KITCHEN: 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.*

FAMILY PROMISE FAMILIES COMING JANUARY 12-FEBRUARY 26, 2020

Christ Lutheran is again opening its doors to the families of Family Promise. We are hosting in conjunction with Hilton Head Island Community Church, St. Francis Catholic Church, All Saints Episcopal and congregation Beth Yam. We are sharing meal preparation and overnight hosting with them. Christ Lutheran will be responsible for 2 nights of meals and overnight hosting. Christ Lutheran's two nights are: January 12 and 25. Please sign up in the narthex or email elsafelten@yahoo.com if you can help.

To date, we have four families in the program – 4 women and 8 children. The children range in age from 4 months to 15 years. Meals should be simple; like comfort food. Many Meal Preparers make their dinners in crock pots and bring them warm. The meal is served around 6:30 each evening. Preparers stay and eat with our guests and can leave when the overnight hosts arrive, around 8:00 pm.

Overnight hosts need to bring sheets, pillows and blankets themselves. The guests leave around 7:00 in the morning and the overnight hosts can leave shortly after tidying up. We are looking for 1 space heater. Some of the rooms are not warm if the weather turns cold.

Family Promise requires a Volunteer Application approved prior to working with our guests. These will be available next Sunday, (12/8) in the narthex. If you plan to serve a meal or stay over night and have not previously filled out a Volunteer Application please pick one up in the narthex and send it to the Family Promise address printed on the form.

In addition there are a few items that need to be purchased for the two week stay.

Paper bowls 48

Plastic spoons 100

Plastic forks 100

Kleenex boxes 2

Individual Yogurts 6

String Cheese 12

If you feel moved to volunteer for meal preparation, overnight stay, supplies or a space heater to loan, please sign up in the narthex or call Elsa Felten at 847-830-6348 or email elsafelten@yahoo.com. Thank you!!

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Mission Statement

**We are disciples of Jesus,
Growing in faith, Serving our community,
and Connecting others to Christ.**