

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 15, 2019
Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

Christ Lutheran Church Hilton Head Island, SC 8:30 a.m.

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 have a practice of 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. If you are without a church home, please return and worship with us regularly.

Children are always welcome in our worship. A quiet room is available at the back of the sanctuary if parents need a place to take their young children during the service.

Please take a moment to complete your hospitality 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 so the pastor may 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! *Join Us:* Our CLC family of faith cordially invites to become a member (full, associate or seasonal). Become an integral part of our growing membership. Mark your attendance slip or call the office for more information. 843-785-5560.

Prayer Requests

Prayer request cards are located in the pew racks. You may include someone in today's prayers, by speaking the name as prompted 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: Shirley Otto **Coffee Fellowship**: Barbara Bethman

Music: Alice Graeb, Helen Babbitts, Kirk Taylor, Elsa & Doug Felten, David & Tami Kuhlmann

Communion Assts: Cherie & Kirk Taylor
Ushers: John Babbitts, Audrey Spergl

Floral Guild: Jackie Longo
Altar Guild: Jo Ann Sebulsky

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.

This Week at CLC

NAMI Meeting	
Staff Meeting	
Church Council Meeting	Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
Worship & Music Meeting	
Women's AA Meeting (Parlor)	
Choir Rehearsal	
Handbell Rehearsal	
Offices Closed	
Preschool Christmas Program	Friday, 9:00 a.m.
AA Meeting (Sale Educ. Ctr.)	Friday, 5:00 p.m.

This is Christ's church.

There is a place for you here

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

GATHERING (please join us in song) God of Wonders / Byrd & Hindalong

Vs. 1

Lord of all creation Of water earth and sky The heavens are Your tabernacle Glory to the Lord on high.

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy. The Universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth Lord of heaven and earth. (4 msr.)

Vs. 2

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
And when I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night.

Chorus

Bridge

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

Interlude

Chorus 2

God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy. Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me Father hold me, hold me. The Universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy.

Bridge x 2

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOCUS HYMN

O Come. O Come. Emmanuel

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1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. Refrain

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Please stand at the Pastor's invitation)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign 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.

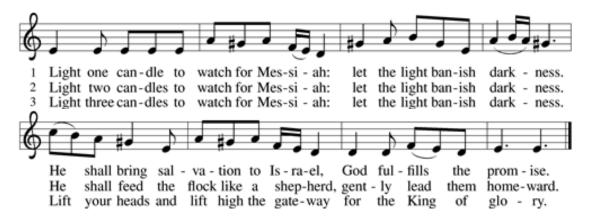
Silence is kept for reflection.

- 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.

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 / Wold



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (said in unison)

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen. (please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save

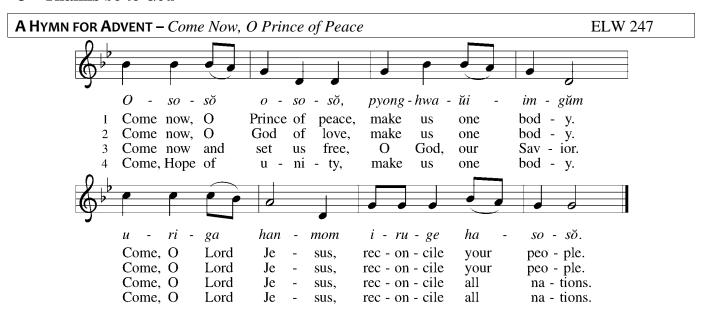
The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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



SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

In anticipation of the Lord's coming, Christians are called upon to cultivate patience rather than discontent

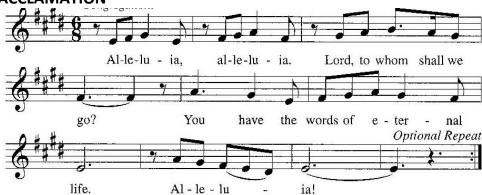
Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

R The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(We stand to greet the gospel.)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: St. Matthew 11:2-11

John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration

P The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

(please be seated)

CHILDREN'S TIME

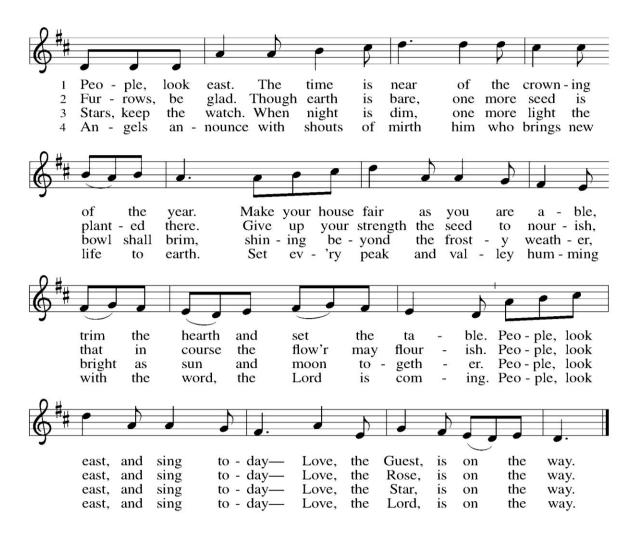
THE SERMON

(Silence for Reflection. We stand as the hymn begins.

HYMN OF THE DAY

People, Look East

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



After each portion of the prayers:

- P Hear Us O God.
- C your mercy is great.

REPEAT SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE BEFORE FINAL PRAYER

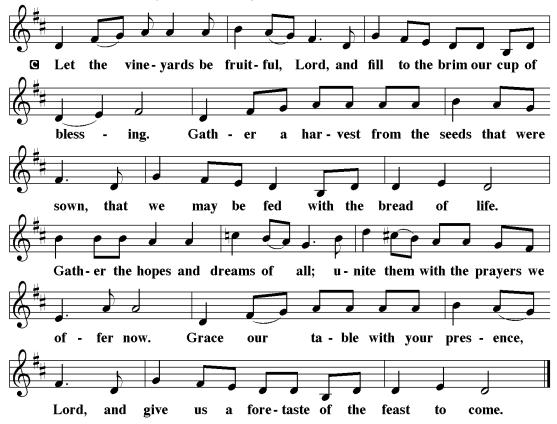
- P You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.

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 (please stand as you are able)



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

- P The Lord be with you.
- C and also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts
- C We lift them to you. Lord
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
- C It is right to praise you, Lord.
- 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 in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love.
- C Amen

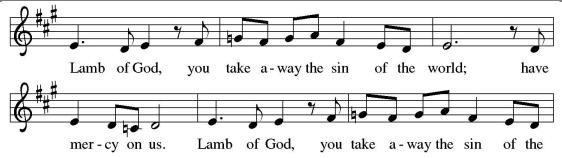
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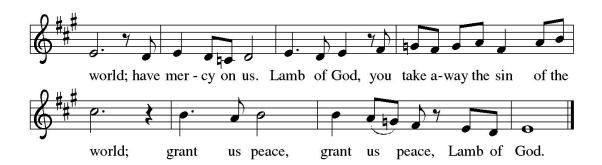
THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized persons who believe in the real presence of Christ in our Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins are welcomed to commune. The elements will be received by Intinction. You will receive the Host from the Pastor; 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.

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

If you choose, you may kneel at the rail for a moment of prayer and meditation after receiving the elements.





All The Poor & Powerless - The Digital Age

Intro

V_{S} . 1

All the poor and powerless And all the lost and lonely All the thieves will come confess And know that You are holy And know that You are holy

Chorus*

And all will sing out, Hallelujah. And we will cry out, Hallelujah And all will sing out, Hallelujah. And we will cry out, Hallelujah

Intro

Vs.2

All the hearts who are content And all who feel unworthy And all who hurt with nothing left Will know that You are holy Will know that You are holy

*Chorus

Bridge

Shout it, Go on and scream it from the mountains Go on and tell it to the masses, He is

God.. *4x**Chorus

All Who Are Thirsty / Kutlass

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Just come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As the deep cries out to deep, we sing...

Come, Lord Jesus come Come, Lord Jesus come Come, Lord Jesus come Come, Lord Jesus come

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(When the Table has been cleared, please stand at the Pastor's invitation.)

THE POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- 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 HYMN

Someone's shouting from the desert Someone's shouting from the sea Someone's shouting from the mountain Someone's shouting from the valley

Chorus:

Messiah, come and be our King Messiah, come and be our King

Messiah/Olson

Someone's shouting from the city I am young, I am cold Someone's shouting from the country I am lonely, I am old (Chorus)

Someone's shouting I am broken Someone's shouting make me whole Someone's shouting come and change me Someone's shouting save my soul (Chorus)

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!

The altar flowers are given by: Wayne & JoAnn Sebulsky in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and Ann Hamnes in honor of Doug's birthday

<u>TODAY WE WELCOME</u> as our presiding minister, Pastor Rick Klotz, while Pastor Anderson is away celebrating the ordination of her daughter, Elise, to the ministry of Word and Sacrament. Thank you, Pastor Klotz for being with us this Advent season.

<u>SERMONS</u>: 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.

<u>Prayer Cares: Laurie Etchells</u>³ (friend of Robin & Fran Baselice) fighting cancer that has returned; <u>Grace Stump</u>², recovering from knee surgery; <u>Emmett Kresge</u>² (father of Chris Ponsini), recovering from surgery; <u>Ted Gerlach</u>², meningitis; <u>Gloria Szymanski</u>², (mother of Robin Baselice) stress of moving & physical ailments; <u>Jesse Catapano</u>², suffering with anxieties; <u>William Martens</u>², suffering with anxieties; <u>Anya Martens</u>², fighting immune disease; <u>Patti Soltys</u>², cancer checkup; <u>Sandy West</u>², recovering from knee surgery; <u>Steve Alfred</u>* (husband of Rita Hungate) undergoing treatment for Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia; <u>Manfred Pyrlik</u>*, pancreatic cancer; <u>Steve Bassford</u>*, recovering at home; <u>Sandy Shackelford</u>*, Parkinson's Disease; <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 needed.

Please use the Blue Cards in the Pew Racks to forward a prayer concern or update to the office



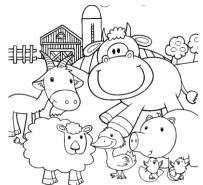
Poinsettias will decorate our chancel for Christmas Eve services. To purchase Poinsettia plants, (\$12 each) to enhance our chancel, please complete a form (in narthex or tear off back cover of bulletin) and place it, with your payment, in the offering plate or return it to the church office ASAP!

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



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.

DECEMBER WORSHIP CALENDAR

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

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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 ASAP.

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