



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 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: Anne Hamnes

Coffee Fellowship: Rita Hungate

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

Communion Assts: Cherie & Kirk Taylor

Floral Guild: Poinsettias

Ushers: Shirley Otto

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 Monday, 5:00 p.m.
Staff Meeting Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
Women’s AA Meeting (*Parlor*) Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.
Offices Closed..... *Christmas Day, the Day after Christmas and Friday*
AA Meeting (*Sale Educ. Ctr.*)..... Friday, 5:00 p.m.

The Rev. Dr. Mary W. Anderson, Interim Pastor
Silke Pyrlik, Director of Christian Life *** Jim Fritz, Director of Music
Linda Sheetz, Parish Administrator *** Nancy Conder, Director of Preschool
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Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m

This is Christ's church.

There is a place for you here

Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

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

ELW 257

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.

7 O come, O of Nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one;
refresh the hearts that long for you;

Restore the broken, make us new.

Refrain

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

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*



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY *(said in unison)*

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen. *(please be seated)*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign that is the only source of true safety: Immanuel, God is with us!

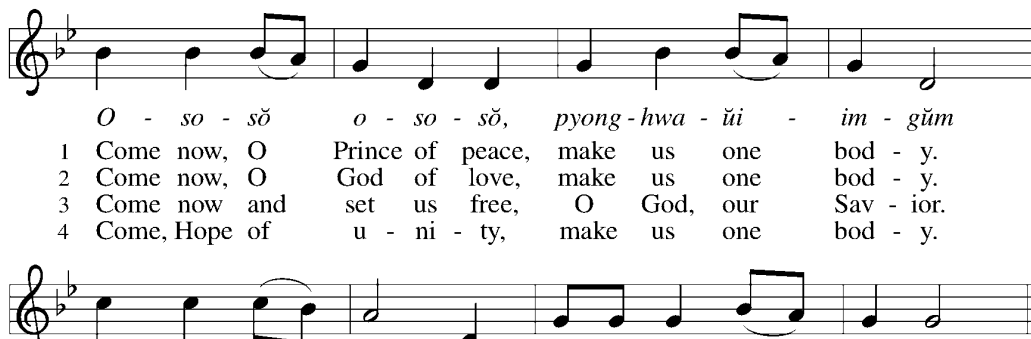
The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

L The Word of the Lord
C Thanks be to God

A HYMN FOR ADVENT – Come Now, O Prince of Peace


ELW 247

Come Now, O Prince of Peace
Ososǒ, Ososǒ



O - so - sǒ o - so - sǒ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm

1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sǒ.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

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SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

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

Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul. In this letter's opening he introduces himself as an apostle divinely appointed to spread God's gospel. The gospel's content is the promised coming of Christ, and Paul's mission is to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations, including his Roman audience.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(We stand to greet the gospel.)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."

P The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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 (sing twice)

Emmanuel

Coelho

Em-man - u - el. Em-man - u - el. his name shall be

7 Em-man - u - el. God with us, re-vealed in us;

13 his name shall be Em - man - u - el.

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.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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.clchhi.org. Please stand as the gifts are brought forward*

THE RETURNING RESPONSE *(please stand as you are able)*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. 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.

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

(please be seated)

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.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

All The Poor & Powerless - /The Digital Age

Intro

Vs. 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

All who are thirsty

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Dip your heart in the stream of life
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Come, Lord Jesus come
Come, Lord Jesus come
Come, Lord Jesus come

(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

Messiah/Olson

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

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)

Chorus:

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

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!**

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:

Jesse Catapano
Laurie Etchells
Ted Gerlach
Emmett Kresge
William Martens

Anya Martens
Patti Soltys
Grace Stump
Gloria Szymanski
Sandy West

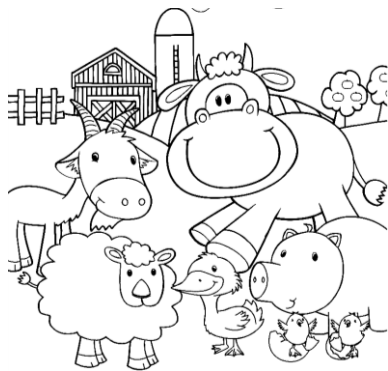
Ongoing Prayers Needed: Steve Alfred, Steve Bassford, Sandy Shackelford, Gary Gregory, Donna Putrino; Sandy Heins

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

Our Congregational Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Manfred H. Pyrlik, husband of Silke and Dad to Ben, who passed away on Tuesday, December 17th. A Celebration of his life will be held on January 14th at 4pm here at Christ Lutheran. A reception will follow. Peace to his memory and peace to all of us who mourn his passing!

Our Congregational Sympathy is also extended to the family and friends of Robert Warden, husband to Loretta. Bob passed away on Tuesday, December 17th. A Memorial Service will be held after the first of the year. Peace to his memory and to all of us who mourn his passing!

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.**

DECEMBER WORSHIP CALENDAR

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. **COMBINED** service w/Holy Communion & Coffee Fellowship

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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!!"