



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 5, 2020

Worship with Holy Communion

8:30 a.m.

Christ Lutheran Church

Hilton Head Island, SC

✠ **This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here.** ✠

Welcome to Christ Lutheran! 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. If we can help you in any way while you are on HHI, please let us know.

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people..

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

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Go Light Your World

Chris Rice

There is a candle in every soul;
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold.
There is a Spirit who brings a fire,
Ignites a candle and makes His home.

Carry your candle, run to the darkness,
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it.
Take your candle, go light your world.
Take your candle, go light your world.

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way.
See now your sister; she's been robbed and lied to,
Still holds a candle without a flame.

Carry your candle, run to the darkness,
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it.
Take your candle, go light your world.

Take your candle, go light your world.

We are a family whose hearts are blazing,
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky.
Praying to our Father in the name of Jesus,
Make us a beacon in darkest times.

Carry your candle, run to the darkness,
Seek out the hopeless, deceived and poor.
Hold out your candle for all to see it.
Take your candle, go light your world.
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
Love from the beginning, Word made flesh,
Breath of heaven.

Amen.

Let us confess our sinfulness before God and
one another, trusting in God's endless mercy
and love. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

we confess that we are not perfect.

We have said and done things we regret.

**We have tried to earn your redeeming
grace, while denying it to others.**

**We have resisted your call to be your voice
in the world.**

Forgive us, loving God.

**Give us your righteousness, the strength to
put aside our failures, and the courage to
try again. Amen.**

Dear people of God, hear the good news:

Christ the Savior is born!

You are loved and forgiven in the name of ✝
Jesus, who has come among us.

You are freed from proving that you deserve to
be loved, because God's love is given to you
as the most precious gift of all.

Rejoice in this love and share it with the
world.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain;
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891, alt.
Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891

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 God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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 60:1-6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 72:1-7, 10-14

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;
that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;
that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.
May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
Let him come down like rain upon [the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.

May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.

He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems | their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

We stand to greet the gospel as we sing:

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: Matthew 2:1-12

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 2nd Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Refrain

A E/A D A/C# Bm B⁷

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the

E A E/A D A

Fa - ther's glo - ry; blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our

Bm Bm/A G E A E/A D A/C#

hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the

Bm B⁷ E A E/A

na - tions with grace and mer - cy; send forth your Word,

D A/C# Bm E⁷ A D

Lord, and let there be light!

To stanzas
E/A D/A

Last time
A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -
 dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,
 set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.
 Shine on on me, shine on on me:
 Shine on on me, shine on on me:

Refrain

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL

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

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. We stand as we sing:

THE RETURNING RESPONSE



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.

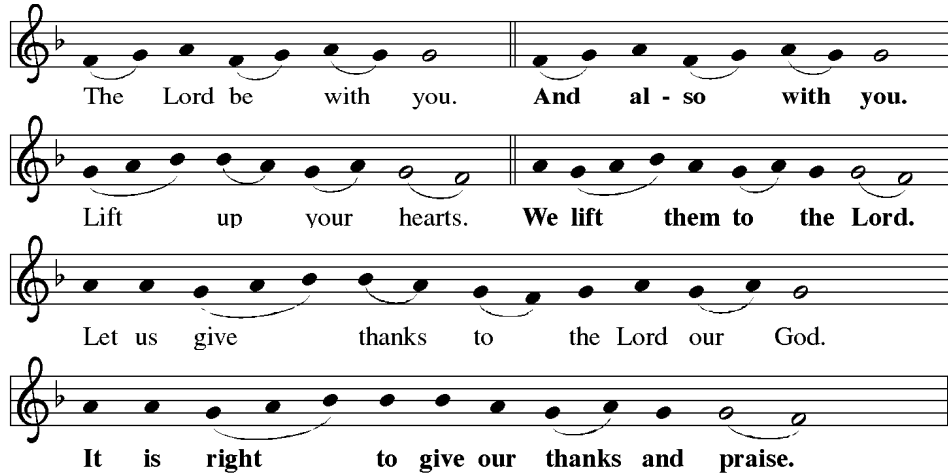
MEAL

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



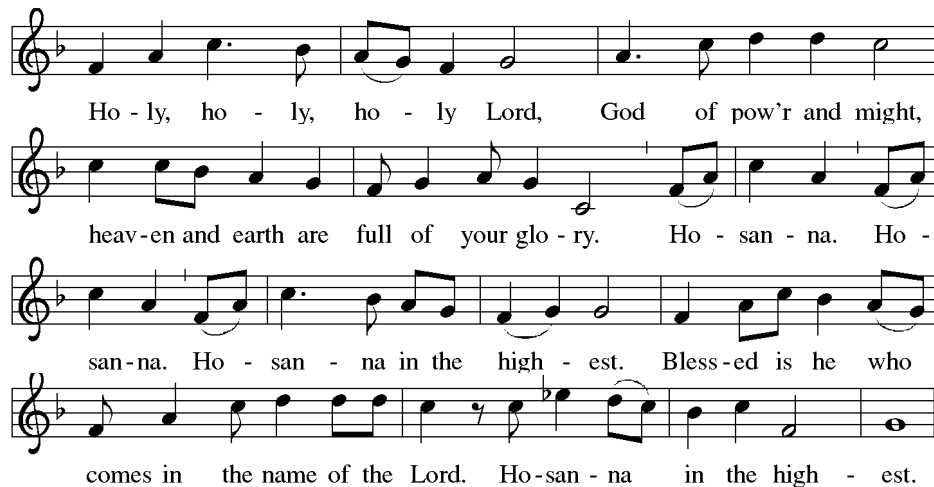
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer for Epiphany

Almighty Lord, we praise your shining light, your glowing grace.
From before the earth's foundation,
you loved us and promised us life forever.
Within the earth's deep sadness,
we laud your great and glorious might.
Despite our tears and sinning,
we sing of the gladness of your mercy.

We praise your Son, our Morning Star.
Christ is our diamond bright, our treasure dear.
He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love.
He keeps us yours and fails us never—
today, tomorrow, and every day.

On the night before his great salvation,
he 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.

With joy we tell our story:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

We call for your Spirit on us and this meal.
Refresh our souls with this heavenly food,
the body and blood of your Son.
Nourish us as branches of your tree,
and enlighten us with your undying flame.

We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son, we exult in the Spirit.
Transport us in our yearning,
and be for us the end and the beginning,
our purest pleasure, our victorious crown, our never-ending love.
And so we pray and praise:
Amen and amen.
Amen and amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed by 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

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 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 the front of the church. Come forward at the ushers' directions.

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).

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.

How Many Kings

Martel/Germain

Verse 1

Follow the star to a place unexpected
Would you believe after all we've projected
A child in a manger
Lowly and small, the weakest of all
Unlikeliest hero, wrapped in his mother's shawl
Just a child
Is this who we've waited for?

CHORUS:

How many kings, stepped down from their thrones?
How many lords have abandoned their homes?
How many greats have become the least for me? and
How many Gods have poured out their hearts
To romance a world that has torn all apart?
How many fathers gave up their sons for me?

Verse 2

Bringing our gifts for the newborn savior
All that we have whether costly or meek
Because we believe
Gold for his honor and frankincense for his...
...pleasure, and myrrh for the cross he'll suffer
Do you believe, is this who we've waited for?

(CHORUS)

Bridge:

...only one did that for me
...only one did that for me

All for me
All for you...
All for me
All for you...

(CHORUS)

All for me
All for you...
All for me
All for you...

Christmas Song

David Kuhlmann

Please stand at the Pastor's invitation.

Post Communion Prayer

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.**

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

We Are Marching in the Light

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We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

Additional verses:

We are praying . . .

We are dancing . .

Dismissal

Christ is Born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

Thanks be to God!

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THIS WEEK AT CLC

Quilting.....	Monday, 10:00 am.
NAMI Meeting	Monday, 5:00 p.m.
Security Training/Informational Meeting.....	Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Women's AA Meeting (<i>Parlor</i>)	Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.
Backpacks.....	Thursday, 4:15 p.m.
Soup Kitchen	Thursday, 12:00 noon
Office Closed.....	Friday
AA (Sale Educ. Ctr.)	Friday, 6:00 p.m.
Joint Worship Service.....	Sunday, 10:00 am
Conversation and Lunch.....	Sunday, 11:30 am

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Lector: Shirley Otto

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

Communion Assts: Paten: Rita Hungate Chalice: John & Joyce Prange, Alan & Deanna Coyne

Ushers: John Babbitts and Michael Connolly

Altar Guild: Jo Ann Sebulsky

Coffee Fellowship: Joyce Prange

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.

Security Training and Information – Tuesday, January 7 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We will have a special speaker to advise us on security. Pizza and salad will be served in Heinrichs Hall. Call Rita Hungate with your reservation at 309-453-2735, or email her at rjhungate@aol.com.

A Sunday with Bishop Yoos – Our South Carolina Synod Bishop, Herman Yoos, will make a pastoral visit to our congregation next Sunday, January 12th. ***We will have one worship service at 10am.*** Bishop Yoos will preach and assist with worship. Immediately following our worship together, all are invited to come for lunch in Heinrichs Hall. During the meal, we will have conversation with the Bishop regarding our concerns and hopes in advance of our congregational vote on January 19th.

Annual Reports for 2019 are due to the church office on January 10th.

The New Confirmation Group begins on Wednesday, January 15th at 4:00 in the Sale Educational Building. See you there!

The Martin Luther King Community Service will be held at Christ Lutheran on January 16 at 7pm. A community walk and program at the high school will be held on January 20th. Pastor Anderson will be participating. More details to follow.

Sermons in printed form are available upon request by contacting the church office. Audio recordings are available on the church website.

Back Pack Buddies is our program to feed underserved children on the weekends. These children get their lunches and sometimes breakfasts at school during the week but may go hungry on the weekends. We furnish them with two breakfasts and two lunches every Friday, including two pieces of fresh fruit. Our next set up is Wed., Jan. 8 at 4:15 and packing is Thursday, Jan., 9 at 10:15 am. Any questions call Doris Stickel, 843-842-4710 or DLStickel@aol.com.

**MORE HELP MAKES EASIER WORK!
HELP IS NEEDED TO TAKE DOWN DECORATIONS IN THE
SANCTUARY TODAY AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE.**

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 will welcome 14 Family Promise guests on January 12 for two weeks. These are some of Beaufort County's most vulnerable folks, because they are currently homeless, and traveling from church to church as they work to get their lives back on track. They need our help!! There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex with some of the things we still need, both in goods and time. If you would like to help, please check the list. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have already signed up. "One person can not change the world, but you might change the world for one person."

For more information please call Elsa Felten at 847-830-6348 or email elsafelten@yahoo.com. Thank you!!

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