

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 26, 2020 + 10:30 AM

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.

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

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 and Announcements

Prelude Prelude in F Major Scheidemann

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen. *Silence is kept for reflection*.

God who searches us and knows us,

you have shown us what is good,

but we have looked to other lights to find our way.

We have not been just in our dealings with others.

We have chosen revenge over mercy.

We have promoted ourselves

instead of walking humbly with you.

With what shall we come before you?

Forgive us our sin,

and show us your salvation

in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Beloved of God,

you have not received the spirit of the world,

but the Spirit that is from God,

poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.

Receive the promise of baptism:

Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

Amen.

Processional Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759

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

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Be seated.

WORD

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

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the LORD brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, | when I call;

have mercy on me and | answer me.

⁸My heart speaks your message— | "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, | I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

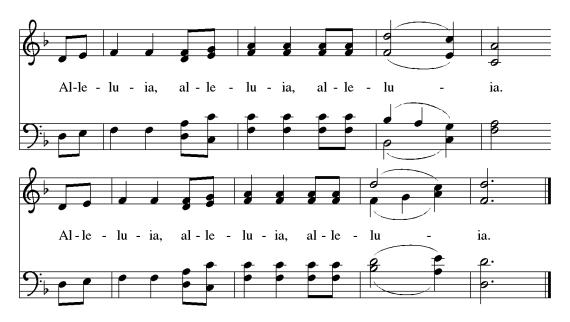
For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to greet the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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The Gospel for the Day

Matthew 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew Chapter 4, Verses 12-23. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be seated.

Children's Message

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore ELW 817

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

A brief silence.

[Each petition concludes "Lord, in your mercy." All respond: **Hear our prayer**.]

The prayers conclude:

We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our 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.

Be seated.

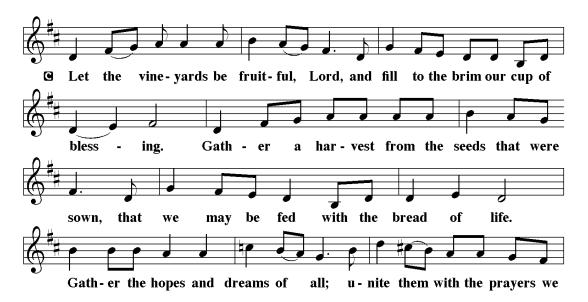
Offering

We receive our tithes and offerings. Thank you for your generosity.

Choral Anthem

Come, Follow Me (Kupferschmid) Elsa Felten, flute

As our offerings are brought to the altar, we sing:



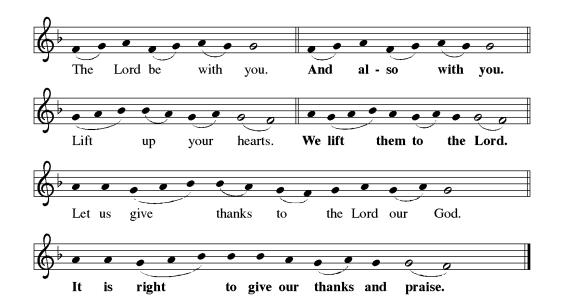


MEAL

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

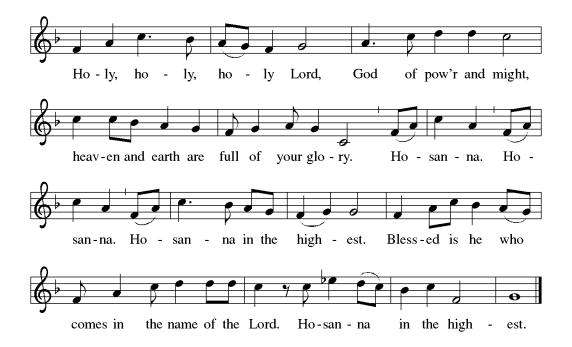
Offering Prayer
God of wonder,
you formed us in our mother's womb,
and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine.
We place them on your table,
together with our lives and all that you have made.
Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit.
We wait for your mercy;
we long for your peace;
we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ,
our banquet of life.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



Preface for Epiphany

It is indeed right, our duty ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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 (sung)

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

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

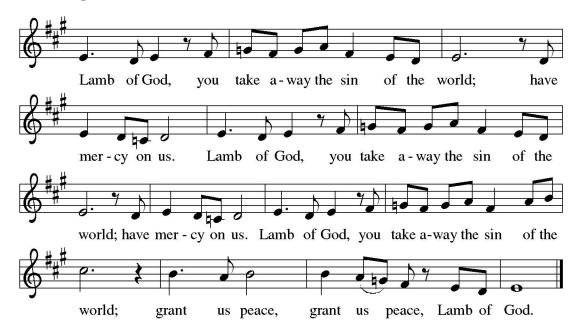
Thanks be to God!

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).

Music During Distribution



Gather Us In Blessed Assurance ELW 532 ELW 638

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God.

you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn *Come, Follow Me* ELW 799

Dismissal

Go in peace. Let your light shine and remember our mission here at Christ's Church:

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

Postlude Postlude in A Major Zachow

THIS WEEK AT CLC

Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
	5:00 to 6:00 p.m. CLC Bell Choir Practice	
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Movie Night and CONNECTED	
Thursday		
Friday		
	6:00 p.m. AA (Sale Educ. Ctr.)	
Sunday8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion		
•••••	10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion	

January 22-28: Pastor Mary will be off island in Columbia and Chicago.

IN OUR PRAYERS

For Those in Difficult Situations

Tom Bethman (Do	Jesse Catapano			
William Martens	Patti Soltys Gloria	Sandy West		
James Woods (Lois Gregory's son-in-law)			James Hughes	
Laurie Etchells	Steve Alfred	Steve Bassford	Sandy Shackelford	
Gary Gregory	Sandy Heins	Donna Putrino	Bob Harding	
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All nations in conflict, the land, animals and people in Australia, the people of Puerto Rico

The family and friends of Manfred Pyrlik as they mourn his passing

The family and friends of Robert Warden as they mourn his passing

Pray for all active duty and retired service personnel and their families.

For All Our Joys

For our congregation, for the beauty of our island home, for our new confirmation group, and for Phyllis Novosad in her new home.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Lector: Barbara Fudjack

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

Communion Assts: Joe & Barbara Fudjack and Gary & Leslie Hevener

Ushers: Gary & Laurie Fons & Ed Barrett

Altar Guild: Jo Ann Sebulsky

The Altar Flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in celebration of Christ Lutheran Church.

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

There is a need for additional ushers at CLC for both services. If you would be interested in joining the team, please send an email to Ed Barrett at eaboke10@hargray.com or a text at 724-747-1194. Please don't worry about "what to do" as you will paired with regular ushers and become comfortable in "no time" at all. Thank you and looking forward to hearing from you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Pastor Rick Klotz as our guest pastor today while Pastor Anderson is away for a friend's Bat Mitzvah in Chicago. She will be back in the office on Wednesday morning (Jan. 29).

Thank You, Pastor Klotz for being with us.

Next Sunday, February 2, will be celebrated as the Presentation of our Lord, which is also known as Candlemas. All worshipers are invited to bring a new candle (a taper or pillar candle) to be blessed during worship and then taken home and used as a reminder that the light shines in the darkness.

It is also Super Bowl Sunday, so as our tradition, the Youth will be collecting your pocket change in the Souper Bowl of Caring campaign. Your gifts this year will be given to local service ministries.

The members and associate members will also gather for our Annual Congregation Meeting to approve our 2019 reports. We will gather between services in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. These have been mailed to each member. Some extra copies are available in the Narthex for those who would also like to read about us.

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. 29 at 4:15 and packing is Thursday, Jan. 30 at 10:15 am. Any questions call Doris Stickel, 843-842-4710 or DLStickel@aol.com.

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. 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 is supported by Christ Lutheran every Thursday. If you are interested in volunteering or simply want more information contact *Alice Graeb at 740-298-1086 or the church office*.

The Service Ministry team, in conjunction with Connected, will sponsor a movie night this Wednesday, January 29, at 6:00 p.m. with an emphasis on homelessness. Marsha Murphy, president of the board of Family Promise, will give us an update on homelessness in Beaufort County, followed by the movie "Hiding in Plain Sight". Pizza and salad will be served. Please RSVP on your Hospitality Slip Today!

Family Promise UPDATE!

It's been a week of "graduations" for two of the Family Promise families. These two families were in the program for 2½ months. During that time they maintained their jobs and saved money by not having to pay for housing or food during that time. At the end, with the guidance of the Family Promise in budgeting, child care and overall belief in their ability to succeed, they had enough money for a deposit on an apartment and a clear path to putting their lives together. There will be struggles ahead, but this brief stay in Family Promise has made all the difference in their future. Moving from church to church each week is not easy either, but these single moms and their children made it work. Let's all give thanks for the small part Christ Lutheran has played in allowing them to better their lives. Thank God for his goodness and for the goodness of those at Christ Lutheran who have stepped up to be a part of the solution. Two new families replaced those who left the program. This total people sheltered at Christ Lutheran this final week of their stay is 10: 5 adults and 5 Children. Please keep them in your prayers.

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