



FESTIVAL OF THE BAPTISM
OF OUR LORD
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
JANUARY 12, 2020
10:00 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.

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

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

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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Thanksgiving for the Waters of Baptism

We stand at the Pastor's invitation and face the font in remembrance of our baptism.

We bless you, almighty God, for the gift of water--
for the oceans that surround the earth,
for the rivers that nurture the land,
for the Atlantic Ocean, Broad Creek and Port Royal Sound that you provide for our
community--
we bless you, O God, for the waters of earth:
We bless you, O God, for the waters of earth.

We honor you, merciful God, for showering us with water--
for the rain that nourishes the plants and trees,
for the floods that restore the fields,
for the dew that freshens dry places--
we honor you, O God, for the waters you send:
We honor you, O God, for the waters you send.

We glorify you, gracious God, for the waters of baptism--
for the water of the Jordan that washed our Lord Jesus,
for the water that baptized the believers on Pentecost,
for the water that illumines us with your Word,
for the water that pours out the gifts of the Spirit,
for the water that bathes the church universal--
the Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Protestants,
Pentecostals, Evangelicals, independents--
we glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism:
We glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism.

We worship you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
almighty, merciful, and gracious.
Well of forgiveness, you revive us,
Cup of cold water, you refresh us,
Pool of rebirth, you renew us.
To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever:
To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever. Amen.

Processional Hymn *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* ELW 310

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 our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be seated.

WORD

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

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Response to the Word

“Wade in the Water”

Spiritual

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God’s inclusive forgiveness in Jesus’ name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter’s preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to greet the gospel.

(Sing twice)

Gospel Acclamation

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Music: "Alleluia 7," Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994, and the Taizé Community
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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 3rd chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

The Sermon

Bishop Yoos

Hymn of the Day

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

As the hymn is sung, those beginning their confirmation program (Gunnar Ternstrom, Johnathan DeMaria, and Elise Sullivan), walk to the font with their candles given at their baptism.

Recognition of Those Beginning Confirmation Farewell and Godspeed for Phyllis Novosad

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.

The Returning of Gifts

We receive our tithes and offerings.

Music at the Offering

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



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.

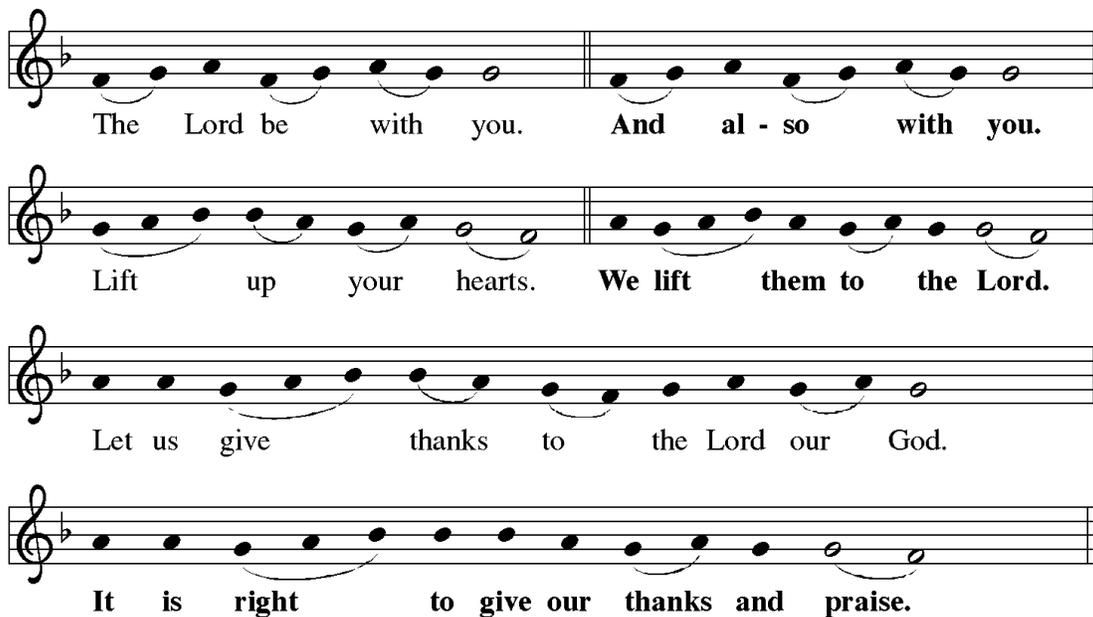
MEAL

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

Offering Prayer

**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



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

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

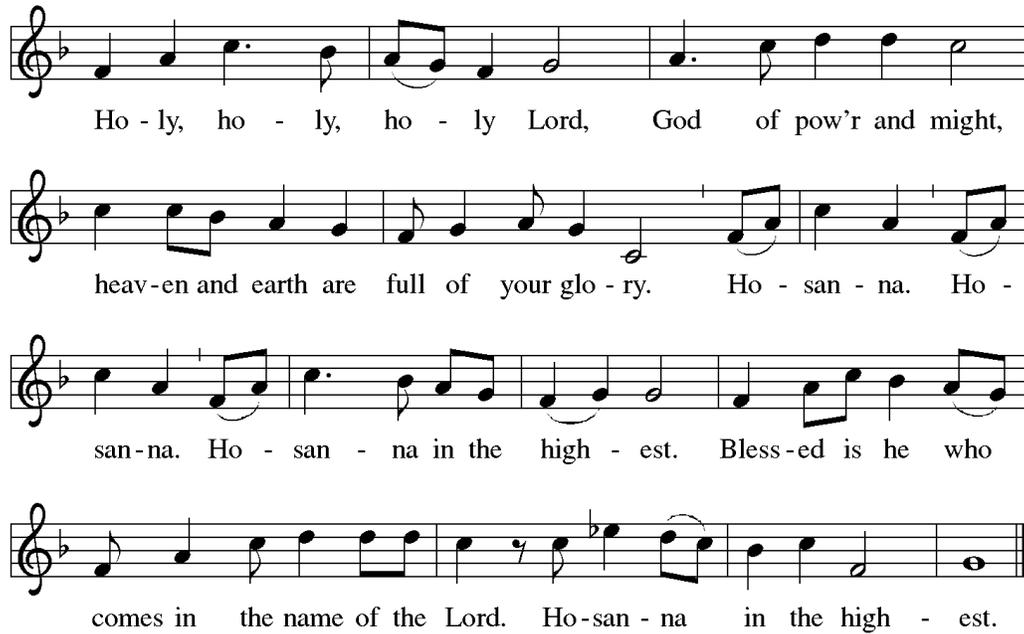
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are: Staff 1: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4. Staff 2: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4. Staff 3: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4. Staff 4: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined or hyphenated to match the musical phrasing.

Preface for Epiphany

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

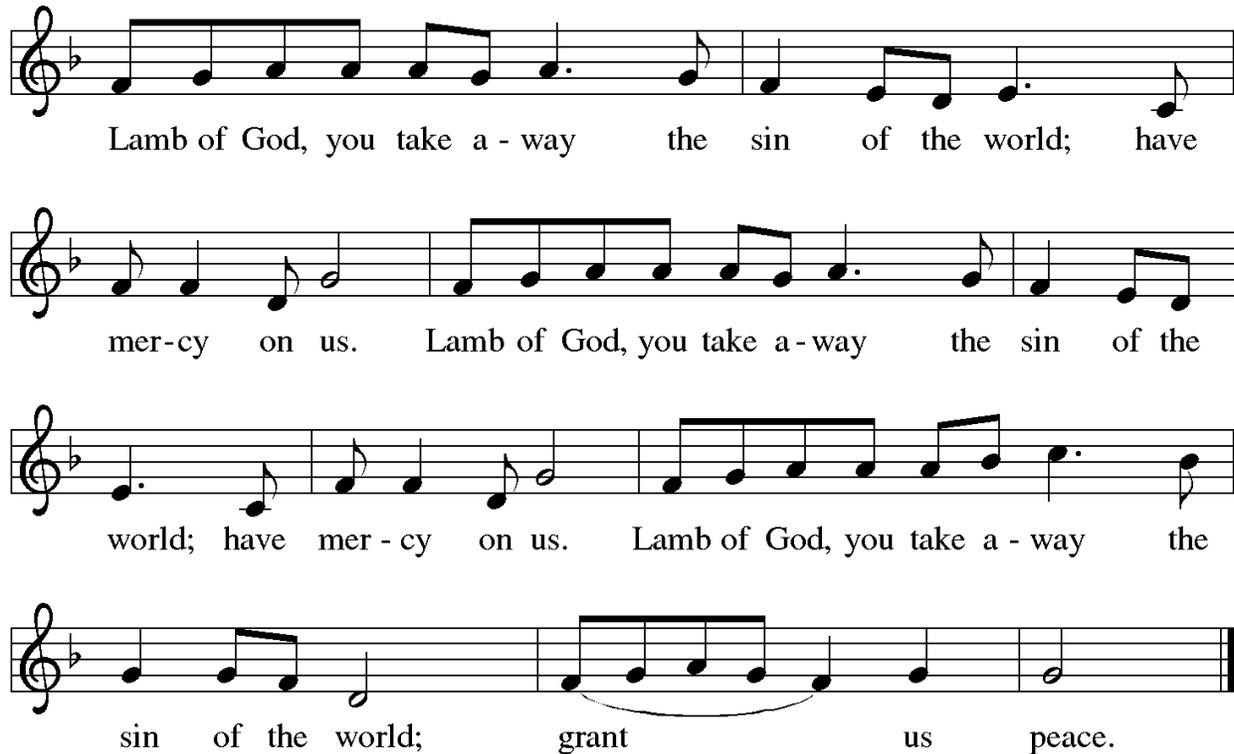
Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table of mercy and joy.
Thanks be to God!

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



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.

I Belong

Mildred Rainey and Kathryn Scott

Vs. 1

Not angels, nor demons, no pow'r on earth or heaven;
Not distance, nor danger, no trouble now or ever;

Nothing can take me from Your great love, forever this truth remains.
I belong, I belong to You. I belong, I belong to You.

Vs. 2

Not hardship, nor hunger, no pain or depth of sorrow;
Not weakness, nor failure, no broken dream or promise;

Nothing can take me from Your great love, forever this truth remains.
I belong, I belong to You. I belong, I belong to You.
I belong, I belong to You. I belong, I belong to You.

Nothing can take me from Your great love, forever this truth remains.
Nothing can take me from Your great love, forever this truth remains.
I belong, I belong to You. I belong, I belong to You.
I belong, I belong to You. I belong, I belong to You.

Down to the River to Pray

Allison Krauss

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way,
And who should wear the robe and crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.
O (sisters/brothers/fathers, mothers, sinners) let's go down
Let's go down, come on down,
Down in the river to pray.

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

We Are Marching in the Light of God

ELW 866

We sing the additional verses:

We are dancing. . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

Dismissal

Go in peace. Let your light shine.
Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK AT CLC

Monday.....Family Promise guests here
..... 5:00 p.m. NAMI Meeting
Tuesday4:00 p.m. Celebration of Life for Manfred Pyrlik
Wednesday4:00 p.m. Confirmation Group
.....3:45 to 4:45 p.m. CLC Choir Practice
.....5:00 to 6:00 p.m. CLC Bell Choir Practice
Wednesday6:00 p.m. CONNECTED
Thursday.....7:00 p.m. Martin Luther King Community Service
Friday.....Office closed
.....6:00 p.m. AA (Sale Educ. Ctr.)
Saturday.....9:30 a.m. Prayer Service
Sunday8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
.....10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS

For Those in Difficult Situations

Tom Bethman (Don and Barbara Bethman's nephew) Jesse Catapano

Ted Gerlach Emmett Kresge William Martens

Patti Soltys Gloria Szymanski Sandy West

Steve Alfred, Steve Bassford, Sandy Shckelford, Gary Gregory, Sandy Heins,
Donna Putrino, 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 the presence of Bishop Yoos with us today, for our congregation, for the beauty of
our island home.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Lector: Phyllis Rowe

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

Communion Assts: Paten: Bishop Yoos & Pastor Mary; Chalice Bearers: Wayne & Jo Ann Sebulsky, Jim & Emily Breland

Ushers: Vera Conway, Tom & Sandy Martin, Jo Fudjacck

Altar Guild: Jo Ann Sebulsky

The Altar Flowers are given by the Johns Family to the Glory of God and in celebration of Henry's 9th birthday and John's 80th birthday. Blessings to you all!

A Sunday with Bishop Yoos – Our South Carolina Synod Bishop, Herman Yoos, is making a pastoral visit to our congregation today. 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.

The New Confirmation Group begins on Wednesday, January 15th at 4:00 in the Sale Educational Building. Today we will recognize our three confirmands, Johnathan DeMaria, Elise Sullivan, and Gunnar Ternstorm, as they begin this program to deepen their relationships with Jesus, the Church and each other.

We Bid Farewell and Godspeed to Phyllis Novosad today as she prepares to move to Florida to be closer to family. We celebrate her ministry here at Christ Lutheran, especially with the Altar Guild. We wish her every blessing in her new home and new congregation.

A Celebration of the Life of Manfred H. Pyrlik will be held here at Christ Lutheran on Tuesday, January 14th, at 4pm. All are welcome to attend the worship service and the reception to follow. Peace to his memory!

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.

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 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 on Wednesday January 29, 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. Look for a sign-up soon.

Family Promise Begins Today!

Several families will be moving into the Sale Education Building and this will be their home for the next two weeks. Many thanks for all who have volunteered to help.

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

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