

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 19, 2020 + 8:30 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

Gathering Song

The Revelation Song

Jennie Lee Riddle

Vs. 1

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings,
You are my ev'rything, and I will adore You.

Vs. 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
Flashes of lightening, rolls of thunder.
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be
To You the only wise King.

Chorus

Vs. 3

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your name.
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,
Such a marv'lous mystery.

Chorus

Welcome and Announcements

Focus Hymn

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.
Take your candle, go light your world.

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.
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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:
You are God's child; ✝ your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
Amen.

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

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,

while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40:1-11

¹I waited patiently up on the LORD,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust in the LORD!
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us,
none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than
I can count.

⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-
offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸**'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.'**"

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your
faithfulness and your deliverance;**

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great
assembly.**

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many
conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched
and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus
Christ.*

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother
Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ
Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

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

The Gospel for the Day

John 1: 29-42

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

Children’s Message

The Sermon

Song of the Day

Here I Am, Lord

ELW 574

Affirmation of Baptism/Reception of New Members

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.

The Returning of Gifts

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



MEAL

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

Returning 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 also 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 you thanks and praise.

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 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


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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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 Song

We Are

Tealy, Butler, McBride, and Cash

Vs. 1

Ev'ry secret, ev'ry shame, ev'ry fear, ev'ry pain
Live inside the dark, but that's not who we are
We are children of the day.
So wake up sleeper, lift your head
We were meant for more than this
Fight the shadows, conquer death
Make the most of the time we have left.

Chorus 1

We are the light of the world
We are the city on the hill
We are the light of the world
And we gotta, we gotta, we gotta let the light shine!
We are the light of the world
We are the city on the hill
We are the light of the world
And we gotta, we gotta, we gotta let the light shine!

Tag

Let the light shine, let the light shine, Ooh...

Vs. 2

We are called to spread the news
To tell the world, the simple truth
Jesus came to save, there's freedom in His name
So let His love break through.

Chorus 1

Bridge

We are the light, we are the light, we are the light
So let your light shine brighter.

We are the light, we are the light, we are the light, Jesus
You are the light, you are the light, you are the light,
We will lift you high and shine, shine, shine.

Chorus 2

We are the light of the world
We are the city on the hill
We are the light of the world
And we gotta, we gotta, we gotta let the light shine!
We are the light of the world
We are the city on the hill
We are the light of the world
And we gotta, we gotta, we gotta let the light shine!

Let the light shine, let the light shine,
Let the light shine, let the light shine,

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.

THIS WEEK AT CLC

Monday Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday-Office Closed
..... Family Promise guests here-all week
..... 5:00 p.m. NAMI Meeting
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting
Wednesday
..... 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. CLC Choir Practice
..... 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. CLC Bell Choir Practice
Wednesday 6:00 p.m. CONNECTED
Thursday 3:00 p.m. Renovation Meeting, Conference Room
Friday Office OPEN
..... 6:00 p.m. AA (Sale Educ. Ctr.)
Saturday 9:30 a.m. Prayer Service
Sunday..... 8:30 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 (Don and Barbara Bethman’s nephew) Jesse Catapano
Ted Gerlach Emmett Kresge William Martens
Patti Soltys Gloria Szymanski Sandy West
James Woods (Lois Gregory’s son-in-law) James Hughes

Laurie Etchells

Steve Alfred, Steve Bassford, Sandy Shckelford, Gary Gregory, Sandy Heins,
and Donna Putrino

All nations in conflict, the land, animals and people in Australia, the people of
Puerto Rico

The family and friends of Manfred Pyrlík 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: Jennifer Brown

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

Communion Assts: Cherie & Kirk Taylor

Ushers: John Johns & Shirley Otto

Altar Guild: Jo Ann Sebulsky

The Altar Flowers are given by Pastor Mary 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOTING ENDS TODAY!!

Attention Voting Members of Christ Lutheran Church!

Today is the last day to cast your vote on Christ Lutheran's Affiliation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Polls will be open in Heinrich Hall from 11:45am to 12:45pm today. Any voting member who is in line as of 12:45 will be allowed to vote.

Once all voting has been completed, Beaufort County Voter Administration Volunteer Debbie Esposito from Hilton Head Island and Kathy Mork, Certified Poll Judge from N. Mankato, Minnesota will open the sealed ballot box and count the votes.

Poll volunteers will show the result to Kathy Reynolds and then one of the volunteers will announce the result to those gathered in Heinrich Hall.

Pastor Mary Anderson will lead us in prayer and will be available for personal prayers.

God Bless Christ Lutheran Church!

We Welcome Jackie Longo as a new member at Christ Lutheran today. Jackie is transferring her membership from her home congregation, St. Paul's Lutheran in Warren, OH. Jackie's vocation is the world is that of a teacher to young children. With a degree from Kent State in Elementary Education and later as an educator, reading specialist, and administrator in Seattle, Jackie has a heart for preschool learning and literacy among our smallest folk. Jackie began coming to Hilton Head in 2005. In 2014, she bought a house in Sea Pines where she spends half of the year. She enjoys the other six months at her home in Tuscany, Italy. She began coming to Christ Lutheran in 2005. She says, "My church friends have become very important to me and I feel very fortunate to have them in my life. So at this time of my life, I need to make the commitment and step up and officially join CLC." Welcome, Jackie!

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 on 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!

Our Family Promise guests are mid-way through their stay with us at Christ Lutheran. The week has gone very smoothly for our very appreciative guests. Two families are transitioning to their own apartments this week and two families have replaced them. With the cooperation from All Saints Episcopal, Hilton Head Is. Community Church, St. Francis Catholic Church and Beth Yam Synagogue we have been able to cover all the needs of people preparing the evening meal and people staying overnight with our guests. Our Christ Lutheran youth and parents enthusiastically prepared the beds and readied the rooms for our guests and made welcome signs. They also supplied books and small gifts to make the young ones feel comfortable. Many of our folks stocked the refrigerator with items needed during the week. Sunday we begin our second week and anticipate another family joining us. Thanks everyone. This truly is doing God's work and MANY hands make light work!

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