



2nd Sunday after Epiphany Setting 8 January 19, 2025

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Looking for a Church Home?

Mr. Rogers once asked, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Jesus asked, "Who is your neighbor?" At Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) - Zionsville, our answer to Jesus' question is EVERYONE, and to Mr. Rogers - YES.

God calls us to meet people wherever they are in their journey of faith – and that includes YOU!

At Christ Lutheran Church you are welcomed, just as you are:

- Single, committed, married, divorced, lost your partner, still looking or not.
- Every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- Ready to join a group or prefer to sit back
- Regardless of knowing a little or a lot about Jesus
- Whether you have left the Church and are returning
- Whether you find yourself on this list or not

We are calling YOU neighbor! Join us!

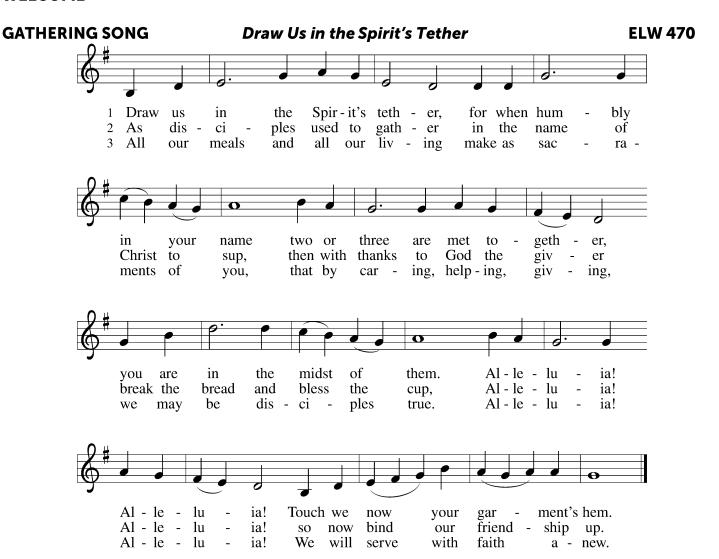
Children in Worship

Children hold a special place in our congregation! We warmly invite children of all ages to join us in worship. We embrace their natural tendencies to giggle, poke, squirm, and swing their legs - it's all part of being a child and a precious gift to our community.

Our nursery is available from **10:30 to 11:30**, staffed by dedicated caregivers who will lovingly care for infants and toddlers. This allows parents to fully engage in worship, knowing their little ones are in safe hands. The nursery provides age-appropriate toys and a comforting environment, ensuring your child's needs are met while you worship with the congregation.

We respect and support each family's unique circumstances and preferences. Whether your child joins the main worship service or utilizes our nursery, we are here to accommodate and make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.

WELCOME



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **C Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever. **C Amen.**

Where is the Confession and Forgiveness?

Today's service may not include a formal order of confession and forgiveness, yet as we affirm our baptisms, we embrace a profound truth. In affirming our faith, we acknowledge not only God's unending love and grace but also the inherent forgiveness embedded within these sacred promises. Our trust in our baptism echoes our trust in God's unwavering forgiveness, a reminder that in every moment, we stand embraced by divine love and grace.

^{*}Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use. ** meaning - all of God's Church.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

C And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING Isaiah 62:1-5

L A reading from Isaiah.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,

and your land Married;

for the Lord delights in you,

and your land shall be married.

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 36:5-10

L ⁵ Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

- C ⁶ Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O Lord.
- L ⁷How priceless is your love, O God!
 All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- C 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- L ⁹ For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.
- C ¹⁰ Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

L A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

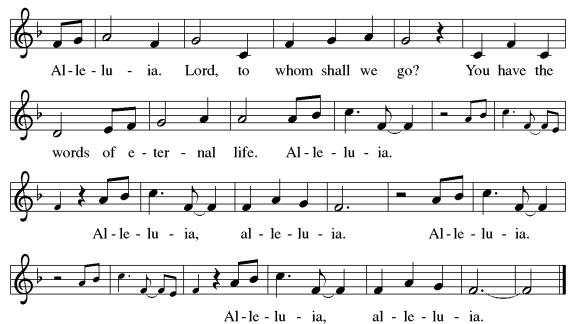
⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 2:1-11

P The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water."

And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Cheryl Kussow Pastor Wes SERMON HYMN OF THE DAY Now the Silence ELW 460** Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up-lift - ed Now the kneel-ing Now the plea Now the Fa-ther's arms in wel - come Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel e - bra - tion Now the wed-ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv -Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Bathed in the light of Christ's Spirit, let us come forward with boldness to pray for the church, the world, and all that dwells within it.

A moment of silence.

O God, who equips your church with diverse gifts, ignite our hearts to employ these gifts with courage and zeal. May the spirit of hospitality, healing, teaching, leadership, and proclamation flourish in us, advancing your kingdom on earth. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Protector of all creation, you shelter every creature beneath your care. Guide our actions to nurture and sustain the wild and the tame, those on the brink of extinction, and the ecosystems they inhabit. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Eternal Advocate for the silenced, you have called forth prophets across the ages. Today, we recall the enduring words of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., champion of justice, peace, and equality. Inspire our nation to faithfully answer the ongoing call of your prophets. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**

O Lord of boundless compassion, as you blessed the wedding at Cana, so bless relationships and unions in our midst. In seasons of joy and hardship, in the complexities of separation or divorce, offer your consolation and healing. Be a comfort to those suffering from illness, loss, or adversity. On this day we pray specifically for **Diane**, **Tina**, **Marja**, **Dave**, **Kathy**, **Bill**, **Marilyn**, **Brenda**, **John**, **Pat**, **Mimi**, **Charlotte**, **Paige**, **Michael**, **Kat**, **Dorothy**, **Theresa**, **Janice**, **Patrick**, **LCFS** and for all those we now name in our hearts or in your presence. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Divine Peacemaker, during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we lift up our neighboring churches and ministry partners especially LCFS. Foster in us a collective spirit to manifest Christ's love, justice, and healing power in the world. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Source of all life, in whom we find our beginning and our end, we celebrate the lives of the saints. Lead us in our daily walk with you, and bring us at last to your eternal rest. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

We commit these prayers to you, O God, trusting firmly in your unbreakable promise, manifested in the lives of your faithful.

C Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ is with you always.

C And also with you.

RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

God calls us to be generous stewards for the sake of our ministry near and far. You can support our ministry by placing an offering in the offering plate, mailing it to the church, giving online through our website, or the QR code. If you would like more details on direct deposit, please contact our office administrator for more information at office@clczionsville.org.



~ Sanctuary Choir ~

We gather here in Jesus' name,
His love is burning on our hears like living flame.
For through His loving Son the Father makes us one.
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

We gather soon where angels sing,
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King.
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait.
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

For He wlll feed us with his presence here,
This bread and wine all do us good.
Our deepest hungers He will satisfy,
For He is life and peace and rest and drink and food.

He joins us here, He breaks the bread.
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead.
The one we love the most is now our gracious host.
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

No one os a stranger here, everyone belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.
We are now the family of which the Lord is head.
Though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We gather here in Jesus' name,
His love is burning in our hears like living flame.
For through His loving Son the Father makes us one.
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

We'll gather soon where angels sing,
We'll see the glory of. The Lord and coming King
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait.
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

Please rise as you are able.



OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
C Holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

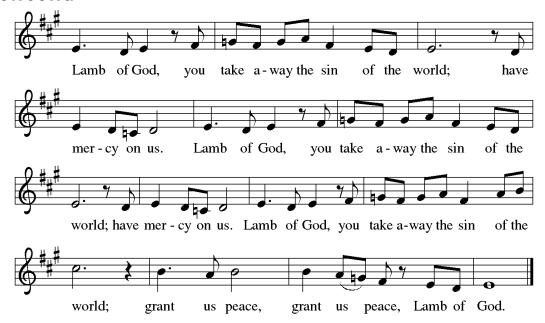
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to participate in the Lord's Meal. If it's been years, or just a week, the bread and wine/juice and Jesus' presence in, with, and around them are for all. If you have questions about taking your first communion don't hesitate to speak with Pastor Wes. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. When you come forward you will receive a wafer from Pastor Wes and you will hear the words the body of Christ, given for you. Once you eat the wafer you are invited to take either wine or juice from the communion assistant and you will hear the words, the blood of Christ, shed for you. Once you've communed there is a small receptacle where the used communion cup can be placed.

COMMUNION SONG



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.
Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray, **C Amen.**

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

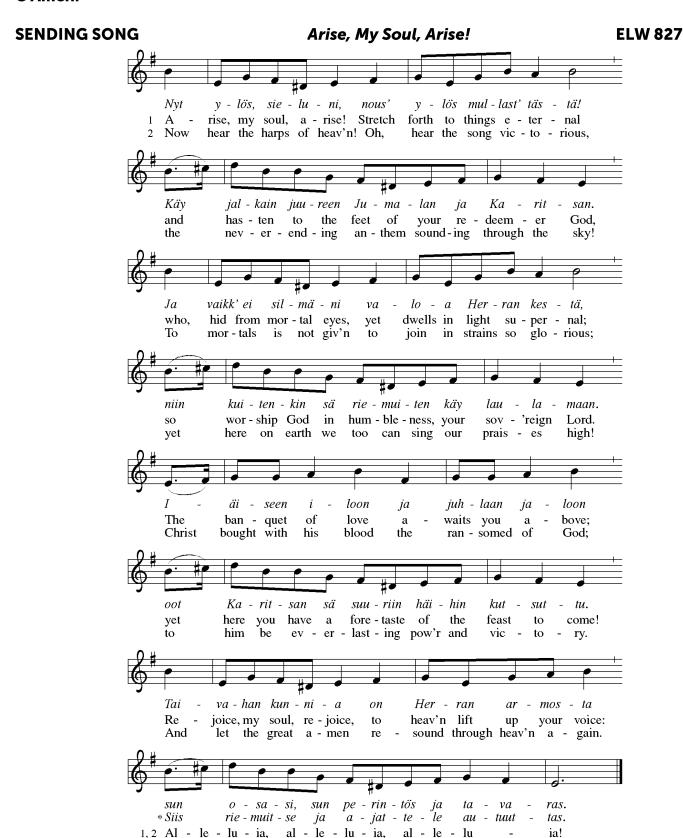
P The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

P The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

P The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

C Amen.



DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE Galliard Schmid

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