

4th Sunday after Epiphany Setting 8

February 2, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

P God alone is our refuge and hope, our shelter and protection.

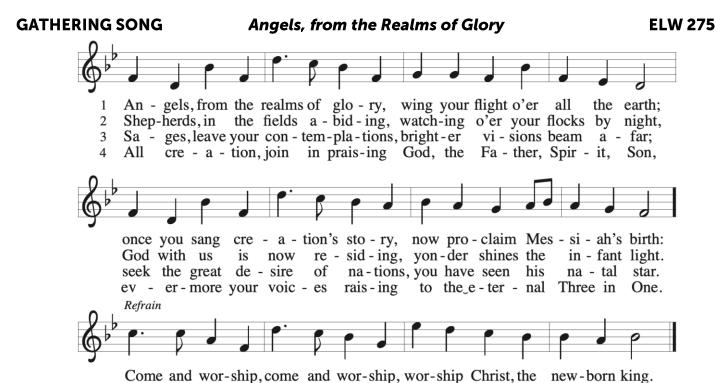
C From our very first breath to our last, God's love and compassion never fails.

P So come, lift your voices in praise to God.

C Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love.

P Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.

C Let's worship God together.



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.

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

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.

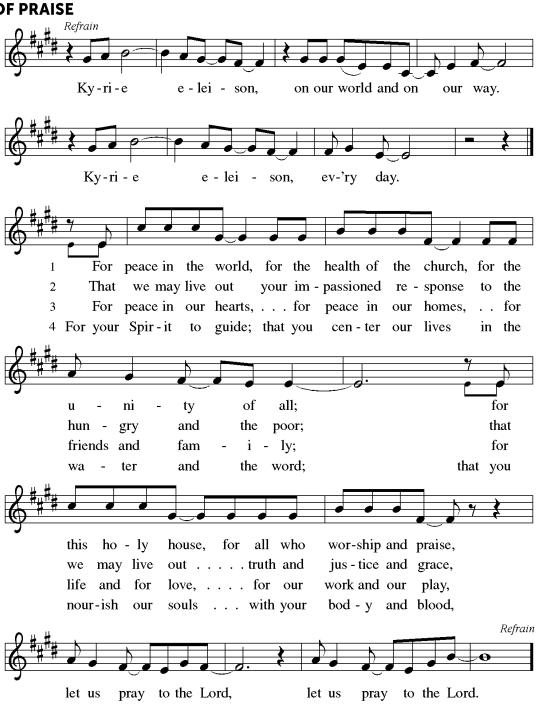
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GREETING

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.

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING Jeremiah 1:4-10

L A reading from Jeremiah.

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷ But the Lord said to me.

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';

for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,

says the Lord."

⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down,

to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant."

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 71:1-6

L ¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

C ² In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.

L ³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

C ⁴ Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

L ⁵ For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

C ⁶I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

~ Sanctuary Choir ~

Each life that touches ours for good Reflects thine own great mercy Lord; Thou sendest blessings from above Thru words and deeds of those who love.

What greater gift doest thou bestow, What greater goodness can we know Than Christ-like friends, whose gentle ways Strengthen our faith, enrich our days.

When such a friend from us departs, We hold forever in our hearts A sweet and hallowed memory Bringing us nearer Lord, to Thee.

For worthy friends whose lives proclaim Devotion to the Savior's name Who bless our days with peace and love. We praise thy goodness, Lord above.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

L A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

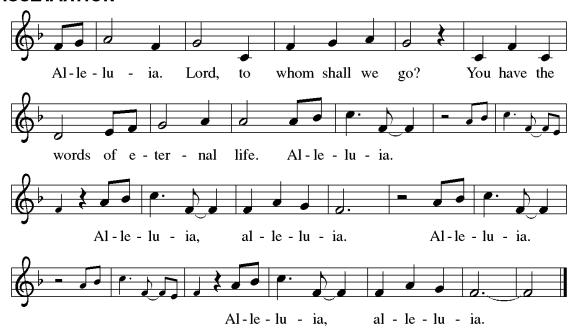
⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 4:21-30

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.' ²⁴ And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jeannie Phillips

SERMON Pastor Wes



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the radiant light of Christ guiding us, let us come together in fervent prayer for the church, the world, and the whole of creation.

A moment of silence.

Almighty God of unending wisdom, we lift up your church, continually transformed by your living Word. Infuse your church with your divine wisdom and guidance. Open our eyes to recognize and participate in the wondrous new works you are initiating among us. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**

Creator of all, your magnificent creation sustains every living being. Instill in us a humble spirit to acknowledge and amend the harm we inflict upon our planet. Empower us with the resolve to enact meaningful changes, ensuring prosperity for all lands and creatures you have entrusted to our care. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Strengthen the hearts of those leading nations, businesses, and communities, that they may govern with compassion and integrity. Inspire them to heed and respond generously to those who reach out in distress. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Look with kindness on those afflicted by loneliness, isolation, or illness, and on those we hold in our hearts. This day we pray especially for **Ray**, **Diane**, **Tina**, **Marja**, **Dave**, **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. Send forth your comforting Spirit to envelop them, ensuring they feel a profound sense of belonging and love within their communities. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

We advocate for the vibrant young souls in our congregations. Celebrate their voices and assure them a revered place within our midst. Let our actions make them feel valued and heard, as integral members of our spiritual family. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

We honor and remember the saints who have journeyed before us, whose lives of faith continue to inspire and guide us. Let their legacy of devotion influence us deeply that we might spread Your love to another generation of believers. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

We entrust these our prayers to you, O God, holding fast to the enduring hope that your promises unfold around us and within us.

C Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ is with you always.

C And also with you.

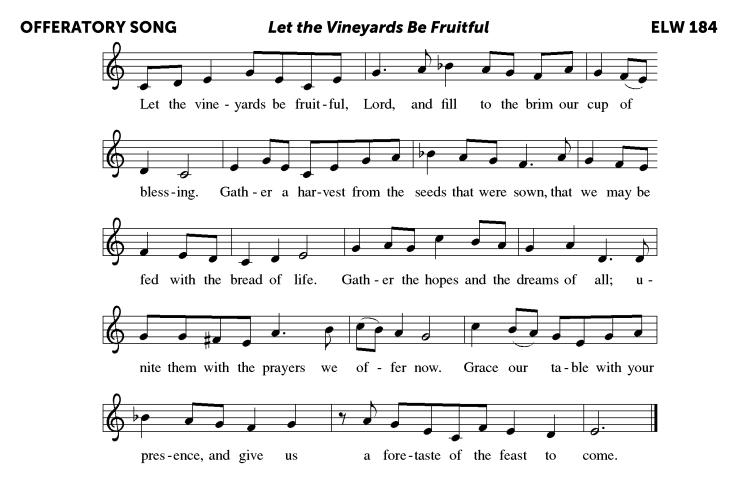
RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

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.



OFFERING

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.

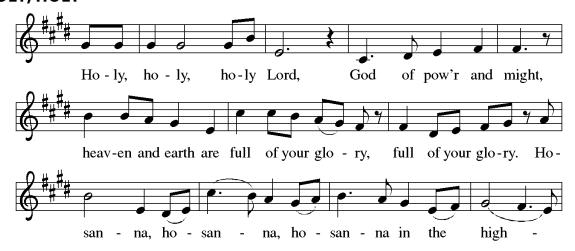
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

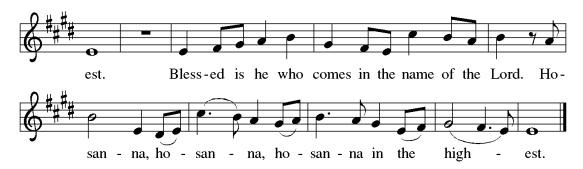
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 singing:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





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,

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

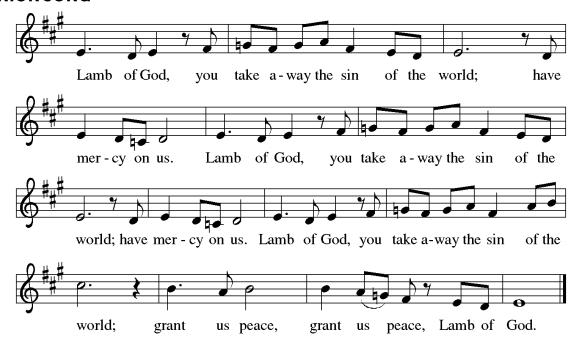
now and forever. Amen.

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

C Amen.



DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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