

# *Light of Christ Lutheran Church*

*The First Sunday after Christmas*  
Church Office ~ (949) 786-3326

*December 29, 2024*

*Worship Times: 8:00 am & 10:30 am*  
*18182 Culver Dr. Irvine, CA 92612*

**Worship Christ**

**Grow with Others**

**Serve Christ**



**We are thankful to God that you are here to worship with us this morning. Your presence with us is a gift from the Lord!  
May He bless our worship.**

## CHURCH FOR THE YOUNG CHILD

We rejoice in Christ's invitation: "Let the little children come to me and forbid them not." Our goal is to help parents teach their children how to sit and worship with their family. Infants and young children are always welcome in our worship service, and their occasional unexpected voices simply add "happy sounds" to our praise of God. If a child is making enough noise to interfere with other people's worship, we ask that you walk them out of the main sanctuary, wait for them to quiet down and then return to the sanctuary with them. It is important to show kids that making noise doesn't get them out of church. You may feel awkward leaving a couple of times during the service, but we understand. You may find it helpful to sit in the back, near the doors to make the process a little easier.

## Announcements

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### Opening Hymn

### Away in a Manger

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Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the [bright] sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

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### Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession and Absolution

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray, O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

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## Old Testament Reading

**Genesis 50:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

**2 Corinthians 5:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

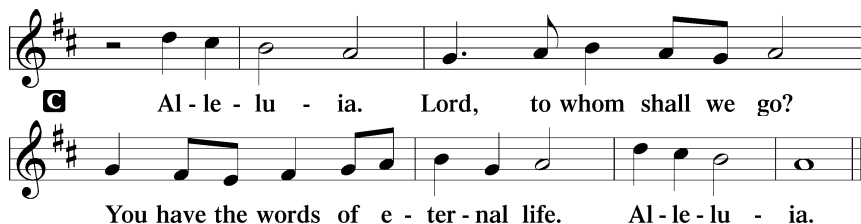
<sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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## Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 2:25-32

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup>"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

**A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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## Children's Message

# Sermon

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## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **COMMUNION INFO**

In communion, we eat both the bread AND the body of Jesus and drink both the wine AND the blood of Jesus. We want to make sure those who commune at our table believe the same. If you are visiting and we do not know you, please talk to one of the pastors following this announcement back near the doors you entered.

**Scripture:**

**Bread/body AND wine/blood: Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:17-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**People dying after communion: 1 Corinthians 11:27-30**

**Pastors are responsible for your soul: Hebrews 13:17**

## Song

## King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope, without light  
'Til from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfill the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, three in one  
God of glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake you died

Praise the Father, praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, three in one  
God of glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the morning that You rose  
All of Heaven held its breath  
'Til that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel, shall not faint  
By His blood and in His name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father, praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, three in one  
God of glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings  
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## Prayer of the Church

### Battling Cancer

Ted Paulet (*friend of Barbara Manske*)  
Sara Gschwendtner (*niece of Gale Paul*)  
Lee DeLeary (*brother of Eric Peters*)  
Kathy Durocher (*friend of Marilyn Schubert*)  
Lisa Ciampa (*friend of Tom and Helga Butz*)  
Claire Fu (*preschool family*)  
Fred Martinez (*friend of Julie Giron*)  
Al Nelson  
John Otten (*student of Renee Ortiz*)  
Betty Bordeaux (*former preschool director*)  
Mike Fairchild

Marla Lichtsinn (*friend of Tom Butz*)  
Paul Massmann  
Ken Howe (*neighbor of Sciarani's*)  
Brandon Gekeian (*relative of Irene Iverson*)  
Helen Edler (*mother of Lauren Couch*)  
Lindsey Schubert  
Joe Casey (*friend of Paul family*)  
Susan O'Hare (*friend of the Voelz*)  
Tracy Bremmer (*friend of Anderson family*)  
Tom Johnson (*father of Ben and Emma Johnson*)  
Dawn Shaw (*sister of Leigh Ann Unger*)

## **Strength and Healing**

Arlene Tom (*mother of J Tom*)  
Noel Hill (*preschool family*)  
Ted Pawloski (*preschool family*)  
Jane Kum (*gr-mother of Jeremy Tom*)  
Simon Rosenau (*gr-nephew of G Rosenau*)  
Alma Rich (*mother of Leigh Ann Unger*)  
Shirley Vogel  
Marilyn Schubert  
Eva Albes (*preschool family*)  
Shadman Shaker (*son of Niloo Rad*)  
Deborah Floor (*sister of Pastor Rosenau*)  
Judy Rainey (*sister of Nancy Shurtleff*)  
Monique Giron (*sister-in-law of the Giron Family*)  
Rita Schaus  
Renate Kuntz  
Matt Dixson (*cousin of Michele Olson*)  
Alana Sambhwani (*preschool family*)  
Liam Brutocao (*great nephew of Renee Ortiz*)  
Erika Mills (*mother of Antje Mills*)  
Kris Cosain (*cousin of Marco Adame*)  
Janet Brewer (*friend of Paul Massmann*)  
Nancy Nash (*mother of Julie Giron*)  
Dorothy Schmidt (*mother of Debbie Wienert*)  
Ed Wathen (*family friend of Girons*)  
Ellen Waterstadt (*family of Paul Massmann*)  
Jerry Wednt (*friend of Tom Butz*)  
Pastor Graeme Rosenau  
Mark Shurtleff  
Michael Beltran (*family friend of Adames*)  
Melissa Thomure (*sister of Andria Butz*)  
Jane Johnson (*sister of Ruth Rosenau*)  
Courtney Hensman (*gr-daughter of Marilyn Byrne*)  
Rohry Mangan (*friend of Michèle Jensen*)  
Samantha Baron (*friend of Michèle Jensen*)  
Rieko Tsung  
Tom Shaw (*brother-in-law of Leigh Ann Unger*)  
Mary Kunkel (*mother of Kari Barnes*)  
Judith Story

## **Military**

Mateo Casas (*cousin of Steve Giron*)  
Michael Lamb (*cousin of Eric Peters*)  
Matt and Lexi Fields (*family of Rosenaus*)  
Anthony Munoz (*family of Andra Butz*)  
Matt Grobelch (*cousin of Michael Grobelch*)  
Rob Bryant (*Preschool Family*)  
Gregory Spaulding (*nephew of Stelling*)  
Tyler Olson

## **First Responders**

For all first responders

## **Pregnancy**

Kanae Wilson (*niece of the Girons*)  
Rachel Pierce (*granddaughter of Judith Story*)

## **Grieving**

Friends and Family of James Kellner (*father of Gwen Adame*)  
Friends and Family of Barbra Manske

## **Persecuted Church**

All those suffering persecutions for their faith in Jesus Christ

## **Mental Health**

All those struggling with mental health issues

## **Mission Field**

Light of Christ Preschool Ministry and Missionary-Teachers

## **Relief and Mission Organizations We Support**

Lutheran World Relief; O.C. Rescue Mission; Jesus Love Lutheran Church; Pacific Southwest District; Kobon Ministry; Lutheran Social Services, Salvation Army

*Stand*

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people, according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen



*Sit*

## **Distribution**

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.*

### **Distribution Song: Holy Spirit**

There's nothing worth more  
That could ever come close  
No thing can compare  
You're our living hope  
Your presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen  
Of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free  
And my shame is undone  
Your presence, Lord

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord  
Your presence, Lord

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To be overcome by Your presence, Lord  
Your presence, Lord

Let us become more aware of Your presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness  
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Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord

## Distribution Song: Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the Name above every other name  
Jesus, the only One who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You, we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
And show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Jesus, the Name above every other name  
Jesus, the only One who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
And show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me

And I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
And I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken  
And I will build my life upon Your love  
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And I will put my trust in You alone  
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There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
And show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me  
I will build my life upon You  
Lead me in Your love

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** **And His mercy endures forever.**

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love towards one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

## Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**People: Amen**

## Closing Song: O Holy Night

O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born  
O night, O Holy night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His Gospel is Peace  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother  
And in His name, all oppression shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we  
Let all within us Praise His Holy name

Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever!  
His power and glory evermore proclaim  
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## The Sending

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

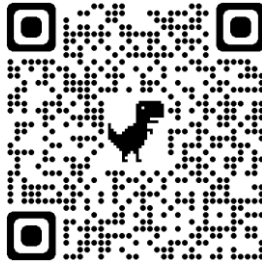
## **Participants in Today's Service**

**Acolyte:** Addison Gwaltney

**Lector:** Michèle Jensen

**Children's Message:** Emma Johnson

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