

# *Light of Christ Lutheran Church*

*The First Sunday in Advent*

*Church Office ~ (949) 786-3326*

*December 1, 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

*Stand*

## Opening Hymn

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LSB 338



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born Thy peo-ple to de - liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
By Thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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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.**

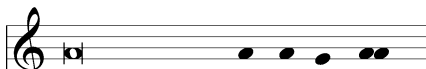
*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## 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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

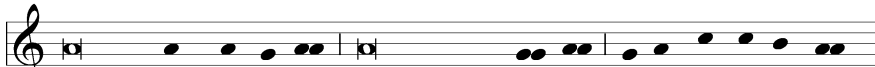
### Kyrie



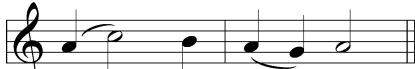
**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



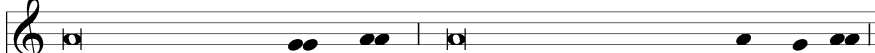
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



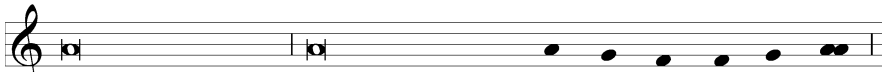
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



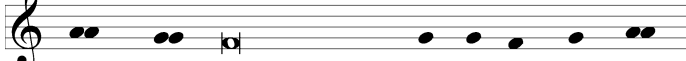
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## This is the Feast



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray, Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

**Malachi 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

## Philippians 1:3-6

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### 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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the Alleluia and the beginning of the verse. The second staff continues the melody for the verse. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## Holy Gospel

## Luke 3:15–20

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and consists of a few notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

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

Praise to You, O Christ.

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## Baptism of Lukas Russell Karges

### Baptismal Confession

Pastor: We profess our faith in Christ Jesus and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**All: We do.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father?

**All: Yes. We believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

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

**All: Yes. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All: Yes. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

### Receiving the Newly Baptized

Pastor: Through Baptism, God has brought Lukas out of darkness into His light. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts and proclaim the praises of Him who has called all of us out of darkness and into His light.

**All: We welcome you in the name of the Lord and receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ.**

*Sit*

## Children's Message

## Sermon

## 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

## Hymn of the Day

## Let Our Gladness Have No End

LSB 381

### Choir Only Verse 3



1 Let our glad - ness have no end, al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Proph - e - sies in days of old, al - le - lu - ia!  
3 See, the love - liest bloom - ing rose, al - le - lu - ia!  
4 In - to flesh is made the Word, al - le - lu - ia!



For to earth did Christ de - scend, al - le - lu - ia!  
God has sent Him as fore - told, al - le - lu - ia!  
From the branch of Jes - se grows, al - le - lu - ia!  
He, our ref - uge and our Lord, al - le - lu - ia!

### Refrain



On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save



us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

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## Two Minute Ministry Update



## 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*)

### Hospice

Barbara Manske

### 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*)  
Rex Klopfer (*friend of Girons*)  
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*)  
Laura Malone (*friend of Julie Giron*)  
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*)

### 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 Stellings*)  
Tyler Olson

### First Responders

For all first responders

## **Pregnancy**

Kanae Wilson (*niece of the Girons*)

Rachel Pierce (*granddaughter of Judith Story*)

## **Blessings**

Birth of Lukas Karges

## **Grieving**

Friends and Family of Pastor Jim and Susan Bauchman

Friends and Family of Frances Schober

## **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

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. 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.

## 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

## Pax Domini

**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## Agnus Dei

**C** 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.

*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.*

**Instrumental**

**Lo How a Rose**

**Distribution Hymn**

**Savior of the Nations**

**Choir Anthem**

## **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.**

## **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**



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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## The Sending

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## Participants in Today's Service

**Acolyte:** Avery Pak

**Lector:** Eliezer Abate

**Children's Message:** Julie Giron

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