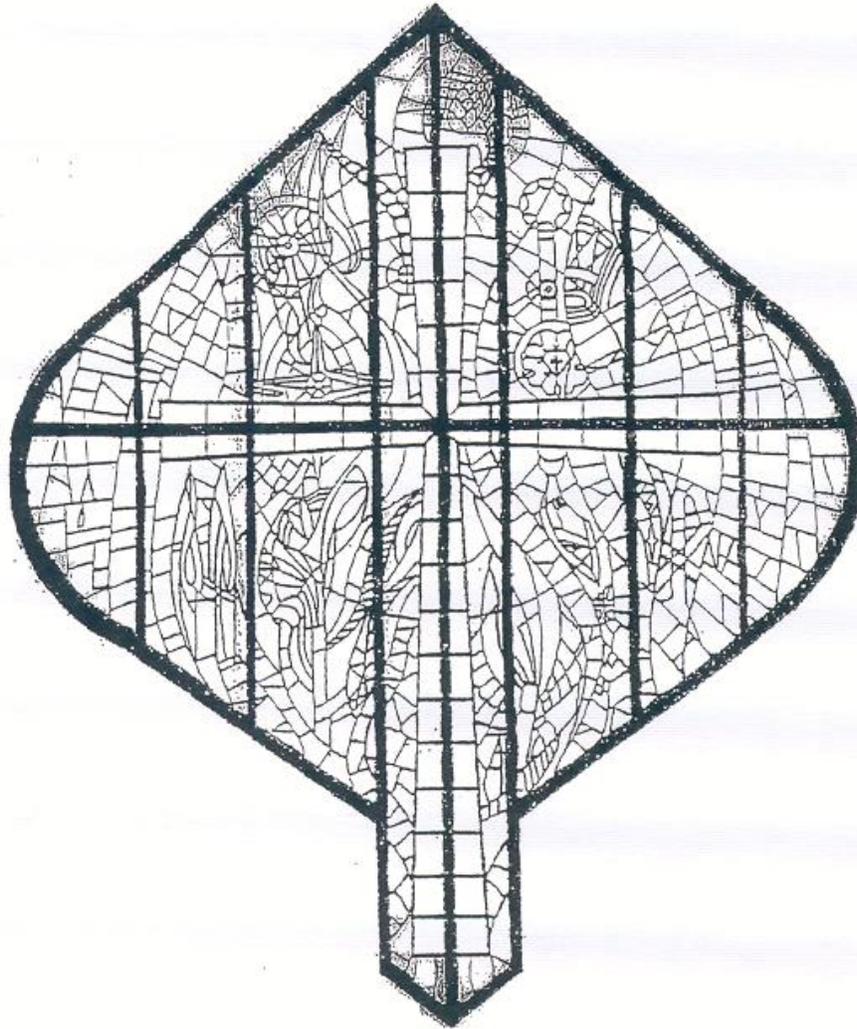


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COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

Here at Christ Lutheran Church we believe, teach and confess that Jesus Christ is the only Savior from sin, and that He alone is the way to eternal life.

We believe, teach, and confess that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion the true body and blood of Jesus Christ is received along with the elements of bread and wine, and that the reception of this gift in faith is a means through which God Himself forgives our sins, strengthens us in faith, and unites us as His children.

If your own personal beliefs are in complete harmony with these Biblical truths, if you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in these Lutheran confessions, if you recognize the reality of sin in your life and desire to receive God's forgiveness, and if you acknowledge that receiving Holy Communion at our table expresses an implied unity with us in the body of Christ you are welcome to join us at the table of our Lord.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to connect people to Jesus through:

- Inspirational worship
- Loving service
- Caring fellowship
- Relevant education

so that they may know, and grow in, his love.

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 10, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Such a day is also a good time to remember our own Baptism. In Baptism, we are buried with Christ. We are united with Him in a death like His. In Baptism, we are also raised to new life as re-creations. As we are united to Christ in death, we will also be united with Him in resurrection when He returns and raises the dead.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Holy Ground Medley"

H.I.S. Band

We are standing on holy ground,
And we know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now,
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

This is holy ground,
We're standing on holy ground;
For the Lord is here and where He is is holy.
This is holy ground,
We're standing on holy ground;
For the Lord is here and where He is is holy.

These are holy hands,
He's given us holy hands;
He works through these hands, and so these hands are holy.
These are holy hands,
He's given us holy hands;
He works through these hands, and so these hands are holy.

I am standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.
I will praise Jesus now,

When I'm standing in His presence on holy ground.
In His presence on holy ground.

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WELCOME

HYMN

"Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered"

LSB #404

Tune: O Durchbrecher

Jesus, once with sinners numbered,
Had no blemish of His own;
In the waters of the Jordan
His true worth and work were shown:
Heaven opened and the Spirit
There descended like a dove,
As the Father's voice resounded,
"Hear My Son, the One I love."

John confessed Him as the Savior--
"Look, the sinless Lamb of God!"
Yet he dared not loose the sandals
Of the One God's love had shod.
Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus,
Bringing news of peace to us,
Christ, the herald of salvation,
Preaching mercy from the cross:

This the baptism that our Savior
Greatly longed to undergo;
This the crimson cleansing needed
So the world God's love might know;
This the mission of Messiah
As He stepped from Jordan's stream,
He, the chosen and anointed
Son of God, sent to redeem.

Jesus, once with sinners numbered,
Full obedience was Your path;
You, by death, have consecrated
Water in this saving bath:

Dying to the sin of Adam,
Rising to a life of grace;
We are counted with the righteous,
Over us the cross You trace.

"Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered"

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(Please rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Genesis 1:1–2; Psalm 29:3–4*

Pastor: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

People: **And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

Pastor: And God said, "Let there be light."

People: **The voice of the Lord is over the waters.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

People: **The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.

People: **The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

LSB 394
(v 1 & 2)

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise.
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest
In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 1:1–5*

(God creates the heavens and the earth.)

EPISTLE *Romans 6:1–11*

(We are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.)

HYMN *"His Name is Wonderful"*

H.I.S. Band

His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful,
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

He is the mighty king, master of everything,
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

He's the great Shepherd, the rock of all ages.
Almighty God is He.

Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

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(Please rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:4–11*

(Jesus is baptized by John.)

CREED *Nicene Creed*

**People: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,**

maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Prophet Wrote, ‘Prepare the Way’”

By Rev. John C. Stennfeld

Text: Mark 1:1-11

Tune: Dundee

The prophet wrote, “Prepare the way;
Make straight paths for the Lord,
And all mankind will one day see
Him come with His reward.”

And so John came to preach God's word
And baptize those with sin,
That through repentance they'd receive
God's cleansing work within.

The whole Judean countryside
To Jordan river went,
To see this man in camel's hair
Whom God Himself had sent.

"Another man will come," said John,
"More powerful than I,
Whose sandals I am not worthy
To stoop down and untie."

Thus Jesus came from Nazareth
To be baptized by John,
And from the heavens God's voice spoke,
"You're my beloved Son."

So may we too believe in him,
The Savior God has sent,
And God's forgiveness e'er receive
As we, each day, repent.

SERMON

Preparing for Forgiveness

Text: Mark 1:4-11

Pastor John Stennfeld

OFFERING

H.I.S. Band

(Please rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB #507
(v. 1)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Revelation 22:20

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

LSB p. 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy up on us.

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
Grant us Thy Peace.
Amen

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DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"I Surrender All"

H.I.S. Band

All to Jesus, I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

Chorus:

**I surrender all..... I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.**

All to Jesus, I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

(Chorus)

All to Jesus, I surrender,
Make me Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.

(Chorus)

All to Jesus, I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

(Chorus)

All to Jesus, I surrender,
Now I feel the sacred flame;
Oh, the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to His name!
(Chorus)

Chorus:
I surrender all..... I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

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"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

H.I.S. Band

I am weak but Thou art strong.
Jesus, keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk,
let me walk close to you.

Chorus:
Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea.
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Thru this world of toils and snares,
if I falter Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares,
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
(Chorus)

When my troubled life is o'er,
time for me will be no more.
Guide me gently, safely on,
to Thy shore dear Lord, to Thy shore.
(Chorus)

Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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(Please rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have revealed to us Your beloved Son, Jesus. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through His body and blood and empower us to live as Your children; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

HYMN

“Thy Strong Word”

LSB #578
(v. 1,2, 4 & 6)

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.

Chorus:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation,
Breathed Thine own life breathing breath.

(Chorus)

From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;
From the cross for ever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light

(Chorus)

(Please rise)

God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be,
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally,

Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

"Thy Strong Word"

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Organist

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: Rev. John C. Stennfeld

ORGANIST: Phyllis Trautner

LECTOR: Pachalin Stennfeld

FLOWERS: In thankfulness to the Lord for Pastor John and Pachalin,
and family, and for his 21 years of faithful service here at Christ

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THIS WEEK

TODAY:	Worship Service	9:30 A.M.
	Adult Discipleship	10:45 A.M.
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