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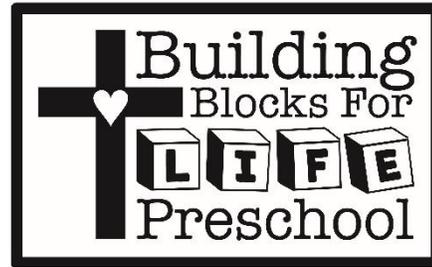
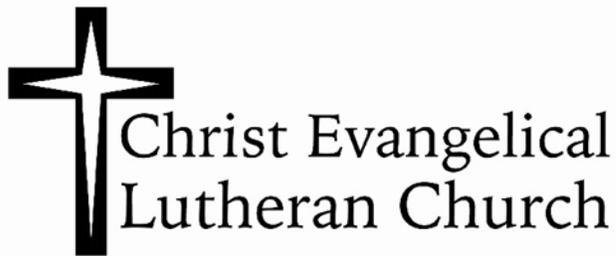


we have heard on high

Midweek Advent Service
December 8, 2021

Christ Lutheran Church
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WELCOME TO CHRIST!

We are so glad that you joined us to worship our Lord Jesus today, and welcome to our church! Christ is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We have been gathering around Word and sacrament since 1976. Our pastor would be happy to answer your questions about our service, our beliefs, or communicant membership in our congregation. Please join us again soon!

INFORMATION

Our restrooms are located by going to the right out of the sanctuary doors and proceeding down the hallway. They are at the end of the hallway on the right. There is also a **family restroom** with a changing station out the sanctuary doors to the left and around the corner.

We love hearing little ones in God's house but if you feel like your child needs a moment there are speakers to hear the service as well as books and toys in the entryway

Our guest register is located in the entryway. Please leave us a record of your visit and we will be glad to supply you with more information about our church.

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Evening Meditation

This liturgy is found on page 68 in the blue hymnal.

PASTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

NOW THE LIGHT HAS GONE AWAY | #593

Please Stand.

RESPONSES

L: Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.

C: Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

L: Your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

C: The LORD will guide you always.

L: Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more;

C: The LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end.

L: On no day will the gate of the Holy City ever be shut,

C: For there will be no night there.

PSALM

Psalm 14 | pg. 40 (front of blue hymnal)

This psalm expresses the longing believers have for their Savior



READING

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. His mother, Mary, was pledged in marriage to Joseph. Before they came together, she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Joseph, her husband, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her. So he decided to divorce her privately. ²⁰ But as he was considering these things, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this happened to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ "Look, the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son. And they will name him Immanuel," which means, "God with us." ²⁴ When Joseph woke up from his sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him. He took Mary home as his wife, ²⁵ but he was not intimate with her until she gave birth to her firstborn son. And he named him Jesus.

SERMON: "Angel Appearing to Joseph"

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I 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.

ADVENT INTERCESSION

L: Come, dear Savior. We long for your appearing!

C: Come to cheer us with your promises, as you once cheered your ancient people throughout their long night of waiting and watching.

L: Come to restore our hope. Rouse us from the slumber of despair; lift our hearts from petty, earthly goals; and direct our eyes above, from where you will soon come to make all things right again.

C: Come and work in us a godly grief and a genuine sorrow over sin. Forgive us for the shameful way we have dishonored you and the shabby way we have dealt with one another. Through your mighty Word, stir up in us a ceaseless yearning to give ourselves to others, as you have given yourself for us.

L: Come also to rekindle our joy as we prepare to celebrate your first coming. Do not permit a frenzied busyness to rob us of your peace or to deprive us of times to ponder and to wonder at your Word. Set our hearts apart from the bustle and the clamor and the jostle of these days. Fill us with the quiet delight of finding you in the manger, and keep hearts and minds undisturbed by the great throng that streams by uncaring.

C: We pray also for those enduring great sorrow, for those undergoing spiritual trial, and for those whose restless hearts have no knowledge of your coming. Comfort, strengthen, and illumine them with the sweet peace born of your love, and keep them in the way of peace by your Holy Word.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus ✠ Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: AMEN.

HYMN

HARK THE GLAD SOUND! THE SAVIOR COMES | #12

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