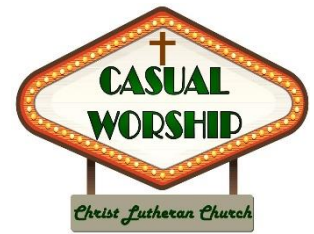


# 3rd Sunday of Advent

Christ Lutheran Church

Casual Worship ~ December 11, 2022

*(meeting in the Fellowship Hall during winter months)*



## WELCOME

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be God's name forever.**

**Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins,  
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of new beginnings,  
**we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.**

**We have strayed from your paths.**

**We prepare for war instead of peace.**

**We dishonor one another and your creation.**

**Purify us with your refining fire  
and set us again on your way of love,  
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,  
and welcome your coming among us.**

**Amen.**

People of God,  
a new thing is growing in our midst,  
a tender branch,  
a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on ✠ Christ,  
and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

**Amen.**



## GATHERING SONG: *Jesus Name Above All Names*

Naida Hearn

1. Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful Sav - ior,  
2. Je - sus, lov - ing Shep - herd, Vine of the branch - es,  
3. Praise him, Lord a - bove all lords, King a - bove all kings,

glo - ri - ous Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Em - man - u - el, God \_ is  
Son \_ of God. \_\_\_\_\_ Prince of Peace, Won - der - ful  
God's on - ly Son. \_\_\_\_\_ The Prince of Peace, who by his

with \_ us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, Liv - ing Word. \_\_\_\_\_  
Coun - se - lor, Lord of the u - ni - verse, Light of the world. \_\_\_\_\_  
Spir - it comes to live in \_ us, Mas - ter and Friend. \_\_\_\_\_

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## GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:2-11**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.'

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**SONG OF THE DAY:** *You Are My All In All*

*Words & Music by  
Dennis Jernigan*

*(See page 7)*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, we rejoice in the gifts of your Spirit. Equip the global church to magnify your love and peace in every land. We pray for the work of the Lutheran World Federation and ELCA Global Mission. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Abundant God, we rejoice in your creation. Revive lands we have squandered and depleted. Make gardens flourish in cities and neighborhoods. Cleanse polluted air and water so living things may breathe, drink, and praise you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, we rejoice in your justice. End racism and oppression. Deliver all who are unjustly imprisoned or persecuted. Reconcile nations and peoples in conflict (*regions in turmoil may be named*). Help us pray for our enemies. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Healing God, we rejoice in your compassion. Comfort any in distress because of worry, illness, or loss (*especially*). Strengthen and protect health care workers, rescue teams, crisis counselors, and all who risk themselves to keep others safe. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Abiding God, we rejoice in your company. Give us calm and patient hearts as we gather with family and friends. Keep us mindful of those for whom this season is not happy. Console the grieving and surround them with loving support. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we rejoice with Mary, Mother of our Lord, and with all the saints, that your mercy endures for all generations. Look with favor on those who have died and lead us to joyfully sing of your everlasting promises. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Greet those sitting next to you with these or similar words: "Peace be with you."*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation, and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty, and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

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. Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace. Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you. **Thanks be to God!**

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of our Lord's body and blood.*

*\*You may use any bread or crackers and wine or juice.*

*\*If others are with you, you may take turns sharing the bread and wine. Eat or give the bread, saying: "The body of Christ given for you." Drink or give the wine, saying: "The blood of Christ shed for you."*

*\*You may trace the sign of the cross on the forehead of children who do not yet commune and speak these or similar words to them: "The Lord bless you and keep you today and always."*

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be

fulfilled, sustain us, and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:** *We Wait In Hope*

*Words and Music by  
Jim Hughes*

*(See page 8)*

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

*If you have brought a monetary offering, you may place it in an offering basket as you leave the Fellowship Hall. You may also give securely on our homepage:*

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### **Serving Today**

**Preacher:** Pastor Dave Skole, **Presider:** Pastor Cindy Keyser, **Greeters:** Julie & Bruce Swanson, **Reader:** Julie Swanson, **Technical Support:** Josh Skole, Matt Covington, **Musician:** : Kim Mucha, Warren Burger, Angie Covington, Jessica & Michael Edwards, Gerry Oefelein, Bill Pearman, Tom Schulz.



### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES DECEMBER 24TH**

5:30pm Family Service, 9pm Candlelight Service  
*Both services will be Live Streaming on Facebook*

### **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE DECEMBER 25TH**

**10am Community Service @  
Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church**

*Churches included: RC Presbyterian Church, RC Methodist Church, Community Heights, and Christ Lutheran Church.*

*All offering on this day will go to support Family Promise.*



# You Are My All In All

Words and Music by  
Dennis Jernigan

## VERSE



1. You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treas - ure that I  
2. Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your



seek. You are my all in all. \_\_\_\_\_  
name; You are my all in all. \_\_\_\_\_

Seek-ing You as a pre - cious  
When I fall down, You pick me

## CHORUS



jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all. Je - sus,  
up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.



Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name! \_\_\_\_\_



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name!

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# We Wait In Hope

Words & Music by Jim Hughes



1. O come to us O Ho - ly Child, be - stow on us Your peace. We  
 2. In cold and damp, our pres - ence here we wait for You to come. Our  
 3. Con - fu - sion lurks with - in our world, the si - ren sounds a - larm. Our  
 4. O Prince of Peace, O Lamb of God, from Da - vid's house You come. Re -  
 5. We call on You, Em - man - u - el, God with us. To



long for You this win - ter-time, we wait in hope. Come lead us to Your  
 hearts are beat - ing an - xious-ly, we wait in hope. Em - man - u - el, the  
 trou - bled hearts are in - se - cure, we wait in hope. O child to come and  
 -new us and in - spire - us, we wait in hope. De - fend our lives from  
 strength - en us in u - ni - ty, we wait in hope. Our jour - ney leads us



ban - quet Lord, so we may all re - new. Our  
 prom - ised one, come show to us Your face. Our  
 save us all from tur - moil and from strife. Your  
 want and greed, for - give us of our sins. Our  
 to this place, to seek and call Your name. We



lives are long - ing for Your love. Come, O Lord.  
 hearts are cry - ing out to You. Come, O Lord.  
 peo - ple seek Your wis - dom now. Come, O Lord.  
 world is cry - ing out to You. Come, O Lord.  
 cel - e - brate and wait in hope. Come, O Lord.

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