

AND MADE HIS HOME AMONG US

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11:00 PM December 24, 2018

Worship Leader: Pastor Timothy Gerbing Preacher: Pastor Richard Warnecke

**Welcome**, dear friends in Christ! Grace to you and peace from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the good tidings of great joy resonate as we share our hearts with the Lord and our friendship with one another on this blessed eve. May the peace and love of Christ our Savior be with you and yours always. If you are visiting, please sign the guest book in the gathering area and come back and worship with us soon.

**Available Services:** There are restrooms in the coatroom area and the parents' room. Hearing Assistive Devices are available from an usher. We have both ear buds and loop FM receivers for those with hearing aids. Our ushers are glad to provide large print bulletins for those who need them.

**Attention Parents:** If you need a place to take a crying or noisy child during the service, you may use the parents' room adjacent to the sanctuary. You can hear and view the service there. You will find a diaper changing station in the parents' room and in both restrooms located in the coatroom area.

**Thank You** to Ethan Brooks for serving as our organist/pianist this evening. Thank you to Kenn Neumann and Tina Smith-Long for serving as soloists. Thank you to Anna Rasmussen for playing the flute.

#### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**



#### CALL TO WORSHIP

- We worship the name of the Father, and of the Son, (†) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.
- C: Oh, come, let us worship him.
- P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
- C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
- P: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.
- C: We have seen Christ's glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.
- Christ is born; our salvation has appeared. P:
- C: Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!

#### **PRAYER**

- Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true light. P: Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and on the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

Be seated

#### "O Holy Night" (soloist)

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining, It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.

Long lay the world in sin and error pining

Till he appeared and the Spirit felt its worth.

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,

For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angels voices!

O night divine, O holy night, O night divine!

O night, O holy night, O night divine! 3

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.
O'er the world a star is sweetly gleaming,
Now come the wisemen from out of the Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus lowly manger;
In all our trials born to be our friend.
He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger,
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!
Behold your King! Before his lowly bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another,
His law is love and his gospel is peace.
Chains he shall break, for the slave is our brother.
And in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
With all our hearts we praise his holy name.
Christ is the Lord! Then ever, ever praise we,
His power and glory ever more proclaim!
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#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

#### "Joy to the World"



#### **EPISTLE LESSON** Hebrews 1: 1-9

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son; today I have become your Father"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

In speaking of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire."

But about the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

#### "A Great and Mighty Wonder"



#### **SERMON TEXT** John 1: 14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

#### SERMON THEME THE WORD BECAME FLESH—GOD'S GIFT TO US!

#### **GATHERING OF THE THANKOFFERING**

(Please fill out the registration card inside this bulletin. You may hand them to an usher or put them in one of the designated wooden boxes in the gathering area as you leave today.)

#### "Gesu Bambino" (soloist)

When blossoms flowered mid the snows upon a winter night
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of love and light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced.
And at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced:

"Oh come, let us adored him, Oh come, let us adore him, Oh come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord."

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of love and light.
Let ev'ry voice acclaim his name, the grateful chorus swell.
From paradise to earth he came that we with him might dwell.

Stand

#### THE GOSPEL OF THE INCARNATION

The pastor, taking a large candle, lights it from an altar candle, which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the world of whom John's gospel speaks. The ushers light their candles from the pastor's candle, then light the candle of each worshipper nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another.

#### GOSPEL LESSON | John 1: 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

#### **PRAYER**

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

(A brief silence)

- P: For the increase of peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.
- P: For the spread of the joyful news that the Savior has come, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Christ the Lord, bring joy to the world.
- P: For the poor and those who find no room, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Christ the Lord, bring help to the poor.
- P: For the renewal of the whole church in unity, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Christ the Lord, bring renewal to the church.

- P: For the light of Christmas to shine on us all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Christ the Lord, bring us the light of your truth.
- P: Rejoicing in your birth and trusting in your mercy, O Christ, Light of the world, we commend all for whom we pray.
- C: Amen.

#### "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar;
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

#### **BENEDICTION**

P: May almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, keep you in his light and truth and love now and forever.

C: Amen.

(The candles are extinguished)

#### **SILENT PRAYER**

Be seated

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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# The Christmas Season at Christ Lutheran Church

Tuesday, Dec. 25 — Christmas Day Service of Carols 9:30 am

Sunday, Dec. 30 Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 am

Monday, Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve Worship with Lord's Supper 5:00 pm Please note that there are no worship services on Wednesday, Dec. 26 nor Jan. 2, nor Saturday, Dec. 29. Our regular Wednesday services will resume on Jan. 9 at 12:00 & 6:30 pm. Our regular Saturday services will resume on Saturday, Jan. 5 at 5:00 pm. Our regular Monday services will resume on Monday, Jan. 7 at 7:00 pm.

Our Church Office will be closed on Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, on New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31, and on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1.

Our Lambs of Christ Learning Center is closed until classes resume on Wednesday, January 2.

**Thank You!** Pastors and church staff would like to thank everyone for the many cards, gifts, and well wishes received from so many this Christmas season. May the Lord bless our common labors to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ into the new year and beyond!

The Christmas Poinsettias which will beautify our church for the Christmas season may be purchased. Prices for different size plants vary between \$10-\$28. A signup sheet with more details is on the table in the gathering area with an attached envelope for your payment. The poinsettias may be taken home after our Christmas Day worship services.

International Friendship Center: New volunteer opportunities for our International Friendship Center (IFC) are available. Please see the signup sheet at kiosk in the gathering area. Join us as we reach out to our international neighbors through fun friendship-building activities! If you have any questions, contact IFC Coordinator Becca Berger at 262-302-1567 or becca.berger2017@gmail.com.

**Hurricane Relief Volunteers**: Do you have some building skills, or are you willing to learn? Can you offer one or two weeks? Join us with cleanup and relief work in Puerto Rico and Panama City through WELS Christian Aid and Relief! To apply to serve as a volunteer, visit https://gf.wels.net/volunteer-application/ and fill out the volunteer form. Travel, room, and board are provided by WELS CAR. Elbow grease is provided by you, the volunteer! Christ Lutheran has a group of volunteers heading to Panama City. Contact Pastor Engelbrecht if you have any questions about this group.

#### 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

**Members:** New 2019 offering envelopes are in your call boxes. At the end of the year, please discard any unused 2018 envelopes that you may have left. Please take a moment to check that the envelopes are yours and that the number printed on the label is identical to the number on the envelopes. If not, contact the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Kamin at 262-691-0720, ext. 230.

Our offering counting volunteers ask that you please write separate checks for the General Fund and Building Fund. These funds are deposited into two separate bank accounts and it is difficult to "make change" to get a single check into two accounts. Thank you!

### Job Openings at Lambs of Christ Learning Center!

**Assistant Director Position:** A part-time position with flexible hours assisting director with daily administrative tasks as well as serving as a substitute teacher in our preschool on occasion. For more information and to apply contact Lambs of Christ Director Molly Brooks at 262-691-0720 ext. 150 or email her at mbrooks@christpewaukee.org.

**Substitute Teachers Needed:** Lambs of Christ is also looking for individuals willing to serve as substitute teachers should the need arise! If you have willingness to serve in this way, please contact Director Molly Brooks for more details.

**Volunteers:** You are also able to serve your Lord as an LCLC volunteer by helping with events, reading to children, cutting out paper for projects, washing toys, and many more tasks to make the school day flow smoothly. In advance, we thank you for sharing your time with the children. Contact Director Molly Brooks to learn more.

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