



Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

DECEMBER 12, 2018

MIDWEEK ADVENT 3

12:00 & 6:30 PM

A photograph of a young, vibrant green plant with several leaves and small buds, growing out of a piece of weathered, brown wood. The background is dark and blurred.

*Our Living
Branch*

Welcome to Our Visitors!

Please sign the guest book in the gathering area and come back and worship with us soon!
Please pick up a copy of our newsletter, *The Crownical*, on the kiosk in the gathering area.

Available Services:

- **Restrooms** are in the coatroom area and in the parents' room.
- **Hearing Assistive Devices** are available from an usher.
- **Large print bulletins** are available from an usher.
- Parents may use the **parents' room** adjacent to the sanctuary.
- **Diaper changing stations** are in each of our restrooms.

Worship Services: Join us again for one of our weekly worship services!

- **Saturday at 5:00 pm**
- **Sunday at 8:00 am & 10:30 am**
- **Monday at 7:00 pm**
- **Wednesday at 12:00 & 6:30 pm**

The Lord's Supper: Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's body and blood for the assurance of the forgiveness of our sins, and as an expression of the common faith we share. What a blessed means of God's grace the Lord's Supper is! Because the Lord's Supper is an important expression of unity in faith, we ask visitors who desire to commune to speak with one of the pastors before the service.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the church office or anyone on our church staff listed on the last page of this bulletin.

Christ Kids is offered for children ages 3-8 during our Wednesday evening worship services. Before the sermon the children will be invited to accompany our Christ Kids teacher to the library where they will have a Bible lesson, activities, and crafts until the end of the service, when they can be picked up by their parents.

To avoid disruptions, please silence your cell phones before worship.

Worship Leader: Pastor Thomas Engelbrecht

Preacher: Pastor Richard Warnecke

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel”



1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your
4 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
heav'n - ly home. Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
And close the path to mis - er - y.



Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We worship in the name of our God, who was, and is, and ever shall be—

C: **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

P: During the season of Advent, we celebrate the faithfulness of God. He promised a Savior, and in a manger, on a cross, and in an empty tomb, he has kept his Word. He promised to pierce our darkness with his light, and he fulfilled that promise by sending his Son, Jesus Christ, as the Light of the world.

C: Come, Lord Jesus. Fill our lives with the light of your presence.

P: Let your light shine,

C: And scatter the darkness of our sinfulness.

P: Let your light shine,

C: That others may see you within us.

P: Let your light shine,

C: And fill us with joy.

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

C: The light no darkness can overcome.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(silence)

PRAYER

P: Everlasting God, we thank you for loving us from the beginning of time. We rejoice that your Son came to this world as a baby to save us from our sins and we look forward to the day when he comes again. Forgive our sins, renew our hearts, and transform our thoughts to focus on Jesus, who is Emmanuel, God with us.

C: Hear us as we pray in his name. Amen.

Be seated

EPISTLE LESSON *Colossians 2: 6-10*

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

GOSPEL LESSON *John 15: 1-5*

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

“Behold, a Branch Is Growing”

**Behold, a Branch is growing
Of loveliest form and grace,
As prophets sang foreknowing;
It springs from Jesse’s race
And bears one little flow’r
In midst of coldest winter,
At deepest midnight hour.**

**Isaiah had foretold it
In words of promise sure,
And Mary’s arms enfold it,
A virgin meek and pure.
Through God’s eternal will
This child to her is given
At midnight calm and still.**

**The shepherds heard the story
Proclaimed by angels bright,
How Christ, the Lord of glory,
Was born on earth that night.
To Bethlehem they sped
And in the manger found him,
As angel heralds said.**

**This flow’r, so small and tender,
With fragrance fills the air;**

**His brightness ends the darkness
That kept the earth in fear.
True God and yet true man,
He came to save his people
From earth's dark night of sin.**

**O Savior, Child of Mary,
Who felt our human woes,
O Savior, King of glory,
Who conquered all our foes,
Bring us at last, we pray,
To the blest courts of heaven
And to the endless day. (CW 47)**

CHRIST KIDS (6:30 pm service)

SERMON TEXT *Isaiah 11: 1-10*

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—
and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.

The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

SERMON THEME REJOICING IN NEW LIFE FROM AN OLD, DEAD STUMP

GATHERING OF THE THANKOFFERING

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” *(soloist)*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years were met in thee that night.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Stand

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Be seated

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

“Silent Night—Emmanuel” *(soloist)*

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.
Glory streams from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing, “Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born.
Christ the Savior is born!”

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive hearts that fell.
Bring peace on earth and Love’s goodwill to everyone one.
For you so loved the world you gave your life for us to heal and save.
We see the echoes of your grace for everyone.*

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.

Remain seated following the distribution

BLESSING

P: 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.

“Peace Came to Earth”



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night
2 And who could be the same for hav - ing held
3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,
4 How else could I have known you, O my God!



When an - gels clove the sky with song and light And
The in - fant in their arms and lat - er felt The
In flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain, In
How else could I have loved you, O my God! How



God em - bod - ied love and sheathed his might— Who could but
wound-ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled— Who could but
bread and wine you vis - it us a - gain— Who could but
else could I em - brace you, O my God! Who could but



gasp: Im -man-u - el! Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!
sigh: Im -man-u - el! Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!
see: Im -man-u - el! Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!
pray: Im -man-u - el! Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

SILENT PRAYER

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This Week at Christ Lutheran

- Today:** **Advent Worship Services with Lord's Supper 12:00 & 6:30 pm**
Advent Meals 12:45 & 5:30 pm
Junior Choir 5:00 pm
Bible Information Class 5:30 pm
Youth Confirmation 5:45 pm
- Thursday:** Enduring Word Bible Study 9:00 am
Daytime Fellowship & Widows/Widowers Christmas Luncheon 11:30 am
Ronald McDonald House Dinner Service Opportunity 6:00 pm
Handbell Choir 6:00 pm
Adult Choir 7:15 pm
- Friday:** Heritage Lake Country Worship Service 10:30 am
Lambs of Christ Christmas Program 4:30 pm, Fellowship 5:30 pm
- Saturday:** We Need(le) You 9:00 am
Sunday School Christmas Practice 9:30 am
Bible Information Class 3:30 pm
Worship Service with the Lutheran Ceili Orchestra 5:00 pm
- Sunday:** Worship Services with Lord's Supper 8:00 & 10:30 am
Adult Bible Class 9:10 am
Adult Sunday School 9:10 am
Bible Information Class 9:10 am
Sunday School 9:10 am
Teen Bible Study 9:10 am
Worship Service at Erin School 5:00 pm
- Monday:** Lambs of Christ Bible Class 4:00 pm
Bible Information Class 5:30 pm
Worship Service 7:00 pm
- Tuesday:** Early Risers Bible Study 8:00 am
Prayer Partners 6:00 pm
- Wednesday:** Prayer Partners 10:00 am
Worship Services at Heritage Court 11:00 am, Linden Heights 1:30 pm
German-English Advent Worship Services 12:00 & 6:30 pm
German Advent Meals 12:45 & 5:30 pm
Junior Choir 5:00 pm
Bible Information Class 5:30 pm
Youth Confirmation 5:45 pm
Board of Directors 7:30 pm

The Christmas Season

at Christ Lutheran Church

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

Lambs of Christ Christmas Service 4:30 pm

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

Worship with the Lutheran Ceili Orchestra 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

German-English Services 12:00 & 6:30 pm

MONDAY, DEC. 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE

Mid-Day Service 12:00 pm

Sunday School Children's Service 4:00 pm

Candlelight Service 11:00 pm

TUESDAY, DEC. 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY

Service of Carols 9:30 am



News & Events

The Widows & Widowers and Daytime Fellowship Group are having a combined Christmas Luncheon and Program on Thursday, December 13, starting at 11:00 am. The Lambs of Christ children will sing at 11:30 am and there will be a potluck luncheon at 12:00 pm. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area and, if you can bring a dish to pass, please sign up for what you are going to bring. After the luncheon, the pastors will do a Christmas program for us. Everyone is welcome to join us!

The Lutheran Ceili Orchestra will be presenting “Christsong — A Celtic Christmas Concert” here at Christ Lutheran on Saturday, December 15 at 5:00 pm. The Lutheran Ceili Orchestra (TLCO) is a group of Christian musicians that play traditional Celtic instruments. Based in Wisconsin, the group travels across the country leading Christian worship services and performing in various public venues. Their “Celtic Liturgy” series features hymn and prayers from Ireland, Scotland, and Wales accompanied by traditional instruments including tinwhistle, fiddle, bagpipes, bodhran, and more. They will be performing their “Christsong” Celtic Christmas Concert series in a select number of towns and cities across Wisconsin this December.

The Christmas Poinsettias which will beautify our sanctuary for the Christmas season may be purchased. Prices for different size plants vary between \$10-\$28. A signup sheet with more details will be 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.

Bible Studies

“Portraits of Christmas” Adult Bible Class: We are considering “Portraits of Christmas.” We meet on Sundays at 9:10 am in the fellowship hall. Prepare your hearts for the coming of Christ. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Sunday School: All children age 3 through 8th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School classes in our lower level classrooms on Sundays, 9:10-10:10 am.

Teen Bible Study is held on Sundays at 9:10 am in the lower level teen room. All high school students are invited!

Adult Sunday School is held on Sundays at 9:10 am in the library and will follow the same lessons as the Sunday School children—a great class for Sunday School parents!

Bible Information Class: Review the fundamental teachings of the Christian faith as revealed in the Bible. This is an excellent class for anyone interested in becoming a member of our church and a good refresher course for members. Class meets weekly on Saturdays at 3:30 pm, Sundays at 9:10 am, Mondays at 5:30 pm, and Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Please contact Pastor Warnecke if you have any questions.

The Early Risers Bible Study meet on Tuesdays at 8:00 am in the library. This week they will begin a new series on I Corinthians. Divisions, pride, materialism, lawsuits, breakdown of marriage and family, proper worship—very modern issues in the church today. But these were also very real issues confronting Christianity in its early days. Join our new study series on I Corinthians where the apostle Paul gives direction for the challenges our church still faces today.

The Enduring Word Bible Study is held on Thursdays at 9:00 am in the library. They are studying the Gospel of Matthew—God’s Promises Realized!



German-English Advent Worship

Wednesday, December 19

12:00 & 6:30 pm

Plan to join us for our German-English Advent services on Wednesday, December 19. All are welcome. You do not need to be a fluent German speaker to hear the gospel message that day. At 12:45 and 5:30 pm beautiful German meals of Sauerbraten, Rotkohl, Stollen, Kaffee and Kuchen will be served as in past years. Please feel free to invite friends, family and neighbors to this unique event.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Members: New 2019 offering envelopes are being placed in your call boxes this week. 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!



Building on Faith Appeal Update

We have received many commitments totaling \$619,389 for the 2019 general fund and \$1,175,219 for the *Building on Faith* Appeal! We hope to have all of the commitment cards returned to the church office. If you need a new commitment card, contact the church office. To all of you who have made your commitment to our appeal a most heartfelt “Thank you!”

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9: 6-7)

Job Openings at Lambs of Christ Learning Center!

Assistant Director Position: Assist director with daily administrative tasks as well as serve 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.

Join us for a Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 23, 5:00 pm

Erin School Gymnasium

Rejoice with us in the prophets fulfilled, the greatest gift given, and the hope that is ours because of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God



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If we can be of service to you, please feel free to contact one of the people listed below:

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