



Children's Christmas Program
December 11, 2022
10:30 AM



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As We Gather

Please take time to fill out the fellowship pad located near the center aisle in your pew. If you have any prayer requests, feel free to use a prayer request card from the pew rack in front of you, and place it in the offering plate after the sermon. (For those joining us online, please contact the church office.) We will include these requests in our prayers during worship and share them with our prayer chain (if desired).

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Oh, Come, Little Children

Congregation

- 1 Oh, come, little children, oh, come, one and all,
To Bethlehem haste to the manger so small.
God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night
To be your Redeemer, your Joy and Delight.

- 2 He's born in a stable for you and for me;
Draw near by the bright, gleaming starlight to see,
In swaddling clothes lying, so meek and so mild,
And purer than angels, the heavenly Child.

- 3 See Mary and Joseph, with love-beaming eyes,
Are gazing upon the rude bed where He lies;
The shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love,
While angels sing loud alleluias above.

- 4 Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today,
Lift up little hands now and praise Him as they;
Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast,
And join in the song of the heavenly host.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

The Christmas Meditation

Pastor Ben Micheel

- P** We pray-
- C** **Father in heaven, thank You for sending Your Son for our salvation. Give us eyes to see the gifts of Christmas that point us to the Savior. Fill us with Your Spirit, so that we may joyfully proclaim the gift of Jesus' birth to all those around us. In His name, we pray. Amen.**

Offering

If you brought your gift, tithe, or offering with you today, you may place it in the offering plate as it passes. We also have multiple options for electronic giving. You can sign up for online giving through Vanco at bit.ly/GivingChristLCMS for a one-time or recurring gift. You may also download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app and search for Christ Lutheran Church in Topeka, KS. Direct links and additional information are available on the church website (christlcms.org/giving).

For those joining us remotely, you may use the electronic giving methods listed above, or you may mail your offering to the church office (3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611).



332 Savior of the Nations, Come

Congregation



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 God was there up - on His throne.
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,
 Back to God He ran His course.
 Into hell His road went down,
 Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole
 All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light
 Shines in glory through the night.
 Darkness there no more resides;
 In this light faith now abides.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
 Glory to the Son, our king,
 Glory to the Spirit be
 Now and through eternity.

Little Children, Can You Tell?

Adults:

- 1 Little children, can you tell,
Do you know the story well,
Ev'ry girl and ev'ry boy,
Why the angels sing for joy
On the Christmas morning?

Children:

- 2 Yes, we know the story well;
Listen now, and hear us tell,
Ev'ry girl and ev'ry boy,
Why the angels sing for joy
On the Christmas morning.

I. From God to Us: Jesus

364 Away in a Manger

Children (verse 1); Congregation (verses 2-3)



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky _____ looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And stay - by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

Text (sts. 1-2): Little Children's Book, 1885, Philadelphia; (st. 3): Vineyard Songs, 1892, Louisville, alt.
Tune: James R. Murray, 1841-1905
Text and tune: Public domain

II. From Jesus to Us: Forgiveness, Life, and Salvation

392 God Loves Me Dearly

Congregation



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and
3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did
5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.
deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.
ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

Text: August Rische, 1819–1906; tr. composite
Tune: German
Text and tune: Public domain



III. From Us to Others: Service

388 Go Tell It on the Mountain

Children (verse 1), Congregation (verses 2-3)

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;



Refrain

Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text (sts. 1-3): John W. Work II, 1873-1925, alt.
Text (ref) and tune: African American spiritual
Text and tune: Public domain

IV. The Conclusion

Blessing

- P** May the Lord bless and keep you in His love.
It is a Gift that Christ has set us free.
Go, then, celebrate that Gift.
May this Christmas be a gift to you!
In the name of Jesus.
- C** Amen. God is the greatest gift!



Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

Responsive Reading

P Let us now go in peace, Lord,
C Your promise has been fulfilled.
P Our eyes have seen Your salvation,
C Which You have prepared for all people.
P A light to reveal You to the nations,
C And the glory of Your people.

Luther's Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.
Amen.

Benediction

P Joy to the world, the Savior has come! May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day. Amen.

387 Joy to the World

Congregation



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday December 11th	8:00 am Worship Service w/ Communion 9:15 am Sunday School (children & adults) 10:30 am Children's Christmas Program 11:30 am Christmas Potluck 5:00 pm College/Young Adult Group (18-25) Bowling
Monday December 12th	
Tuesday December 13th	6:30 pm Christmas Concert at TLS
Wednesday December 14th	4:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Advent Meal 7:00 pm Advent Midweek Worship Service 7:30 pm Choir
Thursday December 15th	2:00 pm Chair Aerobics 7:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study
Friday December 16th	1:30 pm Young at Heart
Saturday December 17th	9:00 am Breakfast with Santa 10:00 am Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
Sunday December 18th	8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service w/ Communion 9:15 am Sunday School (children & adults) 5:30 pm Zoo Lights -- Free Cocoa & Treats at "Children's Party House" shelter in Gage Park

Celebrating

Birthdays: Greg K. (12th); Justin K., Gary S. (13th); Evelyn L., Lester L. (14th); Lynne D., Heather S., Carolyn S. (15th); Carolyn N. (18th)

Baptism Birthdays: Brecken D., Marsha H. (13th); Brett H. (14th); Ron G. (15th); Jan C., Maya M., Hailey P. (17th)

Anniversaries: (none this week)

-- Announcements --

Adult Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)

Romans (with Pastor Ben) – Schemm Family Life Center (Gym)
Tree of Life (Basement Small Group) – Basement Meeting Room
A Walk Through the Bible (Women's Group) – Meeting Room near Gym

Children/Youth Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)

Children (Pre-K through 6th grade) – Upstairs Education Wing
Youth (7th-12th grades) – Basement Youth Room

Pastor's Midweek Bible Study

The Book of Daniel – Thursdays at 7 PM – Basement
(This class does NOT meet on the first Thursday of each month.)

Advent Meals & Advent Midweek Worship Services

Join us on Wednesdays for our weekly 6:00 PM Advent Meals and 7:00 PM Advent Midweek Worship Services. A free will offering will be taken at Advent Meals, with proceeds going to Christ Youth. Sign up in the coffee lobby if you would like to bring dessert! Our midweek worship services for this Advent season will have the theme "O Come, Emmanuel."

Christmas Eve & Christmas Morning Worship Services

Join us on Saturday, Dec. 24th at 5 PM and 7 PM for our Christmas Eve candlelight worship services. On Sunday, Dec. 25th, we will hold one Christmas Morning worship service at 9:15 AM instead of our usual 8:00 and 10:30 times.

Advent Devotions

Pick up your FREE devotions for the season at the back of the sanctuary, courtesy of Lutheran Hour Ministries. Both regular print and large print are available.

Children's Christmas Program & Potluck – TODAY!

The Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 11th at 10:30 AM. (The 8 AM time slot that day will still be a full worship service with communion.) A potluck lunch will follow the program – so bring a dish to share!

College/Young Adult Group Christmas Gathering – TODAY!

Our College & Young Adult Group (ages 18-25) will meet on Sunday, Dec. 11th at 5 PM to go bowling. (Please note the time change.)

-- Announcements --

Thank You

Not just thank you, but THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our children's Christmas program possible. Sunday School teachers, our accompanist Michele, parents/grandparents who brought their students, those who donated Thrivent cards to help with costumes, and so many more – we couldn't do this without you! --Amanda

Breakfast with Santa

A free event for the whole family! Join us on Saturday, Dec. 17th from 9 AM to 11 AM in the gym here at Christ. Enjoy a pancake breakfast and fun activities at your table. We'll call your number when it's time to see Santa so you don't have to stand in line all morning. Don't forget to bring your camera for a photo! ***Volunteers are also needed for this event – please sign up in the coffee lobby.***

Zoo Lights

Join us on Sunday, Dec. 18th anytime between 5:30 PM and 8:30 PM at the "Children's Party House" shelter in Gage Park for some free hot cocoa and treats! Then enjoy the Zoo Lights with your family and friends. Tickets for the Zoo Lights may be purchased online through the Topeka Zoo website (topekazoo.org/zoolights). Purchasing tickets in advance is recommended, as the event often sells out throughout the season.

Bible Reading Challenge

Our current Bible Reading Challenge is THE BIG ONE – reading the entire Bible in a year! Pick up a reading calendar in the coffee lobby or download from our website. We just started last Sunday, so it's not too late to catch up!

TLS Christmas Programs – You're Invited!

- 1) Gr 4-8 Christmas Carols at Atria Assisted Living, Monday, 12/12, 1:30 to 2:00pm
 - 2) K-8 Christmas Concert, Tuesday, 12/13, 6:30pm, TLS Gym
 - 3) K-8 Caroling at the Topeka Public Library, Thursday, 12/15, 12:30pm in the rotunda
- NOTE: The Jr Wildcats (Toddlers/Preschool/Pre-K) will have a virtual Christmas Program this year rather than in-person. TLS Facebook will be updated so families can watch online!

New TLS Paraprofessional

Welcome to Mrs. Mary Hoyt who recently joined the TLS staff and will be assisting in Grades 2 and 3 and in other classrooms as needed. Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt are TLS parents, with daughter Kathryn in Grade 5 and son Kody in Grade 3. Mary is a member here at Christ. We are thrilled to have another TLS staff member in our congregation!

-- Announcements --

Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., Alice M., Luke H., Don L., Jerry M., Jean (Pauline C.'s sister), Judy (Colleen B.'s neighbor), Noel (Colleen B.'s brother), Melanie (Sharon L.'s daughter), Ella (Marsha S.'s granddaughter), Vikki N., Matt N., Virginia C., Evelyn (mother of Sandy S.), Ted M., Carolyn S., Jen (Donna B.'s niece), Barbara K., Garry N., Mark (Carol J.'s friend), Wayne B., David (Sondra K.'s son), Kim (friend of the Micheels), Dick H., Penny (Marty K.'s coworker's wife), Betty H., Sammi (Carol J.'s friend's granddaughter), Burnell M., Dorothy (Wayne K.'s sister-in-law), Nick (Hannah M.'s cousin), Chris G., Sharon H., Lila N., and others named in your heart. Pray for the Topeka Rescue Mission, Chelsea Irwin and missionaries around the world. We pray especially for those around the world being persecuted for their faith in the one, true God and the suffering they endure. Please continue to pray for Pastor Ben, DCE Amanda, our staff and their families as they do our Lord's work here at Christ Lutheran. We pray for the staff and students of Topeka Lutheran School and the Jr. Wildcats. We also pray for those who serve in the armed forces, first responders, and for our country and government. Prayers of thanksgiving for our Lord and Savior and the new life we have in Him.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 17th -- 9 AM to 11 AM

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A FREE EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

- **Enjoy a pancake breakfast and fun activities at your table.**
- **We'll call your number* when it's time to see Santa so you don't have to stand in line all morning.**
- **Don't forget to bring your camera for a photo!**

***No ticket numbers will be dispersed after 10:45 AM.**



Advent
Midweek Worship Services

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

November 30 December 14
December 7 December 21



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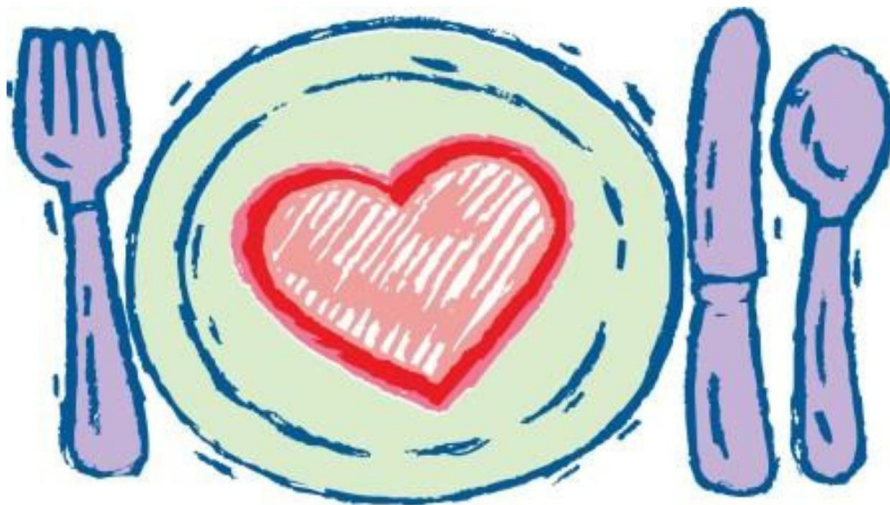


Christmas Eve
Candelight Worship Services
Saturday, Dec. 24 - 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Christmas Morning
Worship Service
Sunday, Dec. 25 - 9:15 am

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Advent Meals



Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm
before Advent Midweek worship services.

Nov. 30th -- Baked Potato Bar

Dec. 7th -- Hamburgers

Dec. 14th -- Lasagna

Dec. 21st -- Soup

(Gluten-Free options will be available all four evenings.)

A free will offering will benefit Christ Youth. Thank you for your support!

***The Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ Brings True Rejoicing,
Even Under the Cross***

Sometimes life requires the astonishing patience of Job. Like him, we are to rejoice in the midst of affliction, be grounded in repentance under the cross of Christ, and hope relentlessly in His resurrection, that we might see *“the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful”* (James 5:11). In the promise of the Gospel, therefore, *“be patient”* and *“establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand”* (James 5:7, 8). Like St. John the Baptist, whatever your own kind of prison or suffering may be, call upon Jesus and receive the strength of His Word from those He sends to you. For as *“the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up,”* so is the Good News of Jesus preached to you also (Matt. 11:5). He comes and restores the fortunes of Zion, His Holy Church, so that *“sorrow and sighing shall flee away”* (Is. 35:10).

Worship Attendance – Sunday, Dec. 4th

8:00 AM -- 74

10:30 AM -- 72

Stewardship Corner

<i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i>	\$ 8,337
<i>Offerings Received – Week of 12/4</i>	\$ 11,047
<i>Budgeted Needs (Jan-Nov 2022)</i>	\$ 397,408
<i>Offerings Received (Jan-Nov 2022)</i>	\$ 384,968

Isaiah 35:4 – “Say to those who have an anxious heart, ‘Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.’” The return of our Lord at the Last Day is a cause of joy and anticipation for us believers. We know our Lord and His love, and we look forward to His Second Advent. Indeed, how we live our lives here and now flows from our certain hope of resurrection and eternal life.