

Peace Came to Earth



Children's Christmas Program
December 10, 2023
10:30 AM



Christ Lutheran Church
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 Topeka, KS 66611
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 Rev. Ben Micheel, Pastor
 Amanda Adams, DCE



Welcome and Opening Prayer

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Congregation



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Stand

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

Isaiah 9:6

- P** For to us a child is born,
- C** **to us a son is given;**
- P** and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
- C** **and his name shall be called**
- P** Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
- C** **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Sit

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).



338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Congregation



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.
Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven
Text and tune: Public domain



THE MESSAGE – PRESENTED BY THE CHILDREN

✠ The Promise of Peace ✠

To Us a Child is Born

Children (OAR 181)

God Loves Me Dearly

Children (LSB 392, sts. 1, 3)

352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

Congregation



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

Text: Heinrich Held, 1620–59; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter
Text and tune: Public domain

✠ Peace is Proclaimed ✠

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Children (LSB 357, sts. 1, 4)

349 Hark the Glad Sound

Congregation



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51
Tune: Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820
Text and tune: Public domain

✠ The Prince of Peace ✠

Away in a Manger

Children (LSB 364)

✠ Peace for All People ✠

How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard

Children (LSB 831)



Stand

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** Lord, let Your servants go in peace;
C Your word has been fulfilled.
P Our eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of every people.
C A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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.

Prayer

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.

Sit

387 Joy to the World

*Children, st. 1
Congregation, sts. 2-4*

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
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -
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
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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Thank You

**A huge THANK YOU to these volunteers who helped make our
Children's Christmas Program possible!**

Sunday School Teachers – Kelly Gragert, Michelle Holmer, Greta Johnston

Music – Deanna Schroeder, Michele Skinner, Andrea Van Genderen

Youth Helpers – Hannah Allen, Addelynn Micheel, Taylor Swygert

Goody Bags – Carolyn Craver, Jackie Gerhardt

**Extra thanks to all of the parents and loved ones who brought their
children to practices each week and rehearsed their parts at home.
We couldn't do it without your support!**

Christmas Eve Candlelight

Worship Services

4 pm & 6 pm

Christmas Morning

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9:30 am



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-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday December 10	8:00 am Worship Service w/ Communion 9:15 am Sunday School (children & adults) 10:10 am Pre-Program Piano Recital 10:30 am Children's Christmas Program 11:30 am Christmas Potluck
Monday December 11	
Tuesday December 12	5:30 pm LWML/Youth Volunteer at SLI Christmas Party 6:30 pm Elders Meeting
Wednesday December 13	4:00 pm Midweek -- Confirmation 5:15 pm Midweek – Meal (Soups & Sandwiches) 6:00 pm Midweek – Classes 7:00 pm Midweek – Advent Worship 7:30 pm Midweek – Choir
Thursday December 14	2:00 pm Chair Aerobics
Friday December 15	1:30 pm Young at Heart 7:00 pm High School Youth Lock-In
Saturday December 16	9:00 am Breakfast in Bethlehem 10:00 am Men's Zoom Bible Study
Sunday December 17	8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service w/ Communion 9:15 am Congregational Voters' Meeting Sunday School (children)

Celebrating

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

Baptism Birthdays: Carolyn C., Sharon L., Terry L., Justin M. (10th); 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)

Mark (with Pastor Ben) – Schemm Family Life Center (Gym)
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

Midweek at Christ (Wednesday) – Please note slight schedule change for Advent!

4:00 pm – Confirmation (6th, 7th, 8th grades)
5:15 pm – Meal (Free!)
6:00 pm – Classes (Christian education for all ages)
7:00 pm – Advent Worship Service (a traditional Vespers service for the Advent season)
7:30 pm – Choir

Saturday Bible Studies

9:30 am monthly – Women’s Bible Study (contact LaJean Rinker or the church office)
10:00 am weekly – Men’s Zoom Bible Study (contact Eric Turner or the church office)



Midweek Meals -- December Menu



Dec. 6th (5:15 pm) -- Spaghetti
Dec. 13th (5:15 pm) -- Soups & Sandwiches
Dec. 20th (5:45 pm) -- Pizza Party & Christmas Cookies
Dec. 27th -- No Midweek

-- Announcements --

Children's Christmas Program – TODAY!

Our Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 10th at 10:30 AM. Get here a little early – some of our students will be putting on a mini piano recital (beginning around 10:10 AM) and playing music as people arrive for the program! A potluck lunch will follow the program. Bring your appetite and a dish to share!

We will still hold our usual 8:00 AM worship service with communion that morning.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning Worship Services

On the morning of Sunday, December 24th, we will only hold one worship service – at 9:30 AM (instead of our usual 8 AM and 10:30 AM). That service will be the 4th Sunday in Advent, and we will offer communion as we typically do each week. No Sunday School or Bible study that morning.

The evening of December 24th, join us at 4 PM or 6 PM for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services.

Worship with us on Christmas morning (December 25th) at 9:30 AM and celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Advent Devotions

Pick up your FREE advent devotions, courtesy of Lutheran Hour Ministries, at the back of the sanctuary. Regular print and large print are both available, or download for your e-reader from our website (christlcms.org).

Voters' Meeting

We will be holding a congregational voters' meeting on Sunday, December 17th during the 9:15 AM education hour. Meeting will start promptly at that time so that we can be sure to finish before the 10:30 AM worship service. This will be our annual budget meeting.

Survey – DEADLINE TOMORROW!

We are conducting a survey to help Pastor Ben and staff determine what areas of ministry we need to focus on as a church, and also show how members of the congregation desire to be involved in outreach and other projects. To take the survey, please visit our website (christlcms.org) or pick up a paper copy in the coffee lobby. Survey deadline is December 11th.

High School Youth Lock-In

Youth in 9th-12th grades are invited to join us here at church this Friday night for a lock-in! Contact DCE Amanda for details.

-- Announcements --

Active-Duty Military

If you have a family member who is serving our military on active duty, please send their name and mailing address to the church office. We will be mailing out care packages to them.

Bible Reading Challenge

Our Bible Reading Challenge is wrapping up! You may now bring your Q4 completion slip to church, certifying that YES! You read the entire Bible in one year! Once you bring your slip to church, you will receive your completion prize (\$5 gift card to Blackbird Coffee) in your church mailbox the following week. Not quite caught up? Keep on reading – you'll have several extra weeks to finish the challenge! The deadline to turn in your completion slip is Sunday, December 17th – we will hold the grand prize drawing (for a \$50 restaurant gift card plus a \$50 CPH gift card) on Wednesday, December 20th during our Midweek Christmas Cookie Night.

Breakfast in Bethlehem

Join us in the gym on Saturday, December 16th for Breakfast in Bethlehem! Come and go as you please between 9 AM and 11 AM. Enjoy breakfast and interactive stations that tell the story of the very first Christmas. This family event is free of charge!

Volunteers needed – please sign up in the coffee lobby!



Breakfast in Bethlehem
An Interactive Christmas Celebration for Families
Saturday, December 16th
9 am - 11 am

Join us for breakfast, and then travel through our interactive stations for fun activities focused on the story of Christmas.
Free of charge!

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-- Announcements --

Household Items & Supplies for Ukrainian Family

Oleg and his family are hoping to cross the border from Ukraine into Poland soon.

We have a list of supplies and furniture needed to furnish an apartment for the family once they arrive in Topeka. Please sign up to donate new or gently used items. You may access this list on the homepage of our website (christlcms.org). Do NOT bring the donations to church at this time. Once we have purchased airline tickets for the family, we will be better able to set an official arrival and move-in date for them. We will contact those who have signed up at that point in time.

We will also have volunteer opportunities at that time for members willing to welcome the family at the airport, cleaning/furnishing the apartment ahead of their arrival, cooking a few meals, and more. Again, once we have an estimated arrival date, we will be able to give more information on these volunteer opportunities.

Please continue to keep Oleg, Alina, and Oleg (Jr.) in your prayers.

Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., 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), Vikki N., Matt N., Virginia C., Ted M., Garry N., Mark (Carol J.'s friend), Wayne B., David (Sondra K.'s son), Kim (friend of the Micheels), Dick H., Betty H., Dorothy (Wayne K.'s sister-in-law), Nick (Hannah M.'s cousin), Lila N., Darleen C., Brandon B., Dennis L., Marsha S., James (father-in-law of Norlinda C.), Craig R., Craig R. II, Natalie O., Donna B., Lee M., Julie J., Colleen B., Greg (friend of the Tolberts), Rick (Colleen B.'s son-in-law), Carlie G., Averil (great niece of Heather S.), Galen H., Isaac (Ginger C.'s grandson), Bobby, Josie, and others named in your heart. Pray for 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 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.





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You Are Prepared through Repentance for the Coming of the Lord

“The gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (Mark 1:1) begins when John the Baptist appears and comes *“proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins”* (Mark 1:4). As the prophet Isaiah had written, John is the messenger of the Lord, sent before His face to prepare His way. To this day, the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of the Law and the Gospel and in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. By these ways and means, *“the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together”* (Is. 40:5), and the Good Shepherd *“will gather the lambs in his arms”* (Is. 40:11). He speaks *“tenderly to Jerusalem,”* and He comforts His people by pardoning their iniquity (Is. 40:1–2). What is more, He promises *“new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells”* (2 Peter 3:13). Repent, therefore, and humble yourself as you wait for His coming in peace (2 Peter 3:14), because He *“is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance”* (2 Peter 3:9).

Worship Attendance – Sunday, December 3rd

8:00 AM – 65
10:30 AM – 86

Stewardship Corner

<i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i>	\$ 8,945
<i>Offerings Received – Week of 12/3</i>	\$
<i>Budgeted Needs (Jan-Oct 2023)</i>	\$ 393,580
<i>Offerings Received (Jan-Oct 2023)</i>	\$ 356,909

2 Peter 3:11 – “Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness?” All the things of the earth have an expiration date: “Good until the last day.” On that day, all these things will be dissolved. The things that seem so important now will simply cease to be. Peter issues this to us as a challenge: Since this is so, what kind of life should we be living? What should your priorities be? On things? Or on the things of God?