



Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 29, 2024

8:00 & 10:30 am



*All the
firstborn
of my sons
I redeem*

Exodus 13:15

Worship Leader: Pastor Timothy Gerbing Preacher: Pastor Timothy Denney

Prayer: We thank you, God our Father for revealing your Son to us as our Savior. Our eyes are glad by the gospel light which shines amid the darkness of our sin. May we always see our Redeemer by that light and bow to him in worship. Grant that through our witnessing, prayers and gifts the people still sitting in darkness may see the dawn of Christ's appearing. We ask this in his name. Amen.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

HYMN 347 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing
3 Ma - gi, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing
5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the



flight o'er all the earth; once you sang cre -
o'er your flocks by night, God with us is
vi - sions beam a - far; seek the great de -
long in hope and fear, sud - den - ly the
Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your



a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
now re - sid - ing; yon - der shines the in - fant light.
sire of na - tions, you have seen the Sav - ior's star.
Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear.
voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One.



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship,



Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: A Savior has been born to you.

C: He is Christ the Lord.

P: Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

C: Proclaim his salvation day after day.

P: Declare his glory among the nations,

C: His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

P: Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;

C: Tremble before him, all the earth.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true and penitent heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and have failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

P: O God, our Maker and Redeemer, you wonderfully created us and yet more wondrously restored our human nature through the incarnation of your Son. Make us alive in him who made himself to be like us, born as a baby in Bethlehem to live and die and rise from the dead. Bring us at last to live with you and all your saints in glory through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Be seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Exodus 13: 1-3a, 11-15*

The LORD said to Moses, “Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal.”

Then Moses said to the people, “Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the LORD brought you out of it with a mighty hand. Eat nothing containing yeast.

“After the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites and gives it to you, as he promised on oath to you and your ancestors, you are to give over to the LORD the first offspring of every womb. All the firstborn males of your livestock belong to the LORD. Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your sons.

“In days to come, when your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ say to him, ‘With a mighty hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed the firstborn of both people and animals in Egypt. This is why I sacrifice to the LORD the first male offspring of every womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons.’”

PSALM 111

P: Great are the works of the LORD;

C: They are pondered by all who delight in them.

P: Glorious and majestic are his deeds,

C: And his righteousness endures forever.

P: He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
C: The LORD is gracious and compassionate.

P: He provides food for those who fear him;
C: He remembers his covenant forever.

P: He has shown his people the power of his works,
C: Giving them the lands of other nations.

P: The works of his hands are faithful and just;
C: All his precepts are trustworthy.

P: They are steadfast for ever and ever,
C: Done in faithfulness and righteousness.

P: He provided redemption for his people;
C: He ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

P: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
C: All who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

EPISTLE LESSON *Colossians 3: 12-17*

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

HYMN 363 "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to thee.
3 Now through his Son doth shine the Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground,



he from whom joy stream - eth poor in a man - ger lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death was reign - ing o'er us through sin and van - i - ty
where the an - gels sing - ing with all his saints u - nite,



not so bright - ly beam - eth the sun in yon - der skies.
thro' thy grace and mer - it, blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
till he o - pened for us a bright e - ter - ni - ty.
sweet - est prais - es bring - ing in heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
draw me un - to thee! Draw me un - to thee!
May we praise him there! May we praise him there!
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

SERMON TEXT *Luke 2: 22-40*

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

SERMON THEME **THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS CONTINUES...**

- I. Our God Always Keeps His Promises**
- II. Salvation Has Been Revealed to Us**
- III. Our Hearts Are Filled with Thanks and Praise**

Stand

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated

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.

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CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

P: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN 332 "Let Us All with Gladsome Voice"



1 Let us all with glad-some voice praise the God of heav - en,
2 To this vale of tears he comes, here to serve in sad - ness,
3 We are rich, for he was poor; is not this a won - der?
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, bless us and be near us.



who, to bid our hearts re - jice, his own Son has giv - en.
that with him in heav'n's fair homes we may reign in glad - ness.
There - fore praise God ev - er - more here on earth and yon - der.
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY EVENTS VIDEO

Welcome!

If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor connection card or sign our guest book and come back and worship with us soon! We are happy to have you worship with us today.

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. Communion Cards can be deposited into the labeled boxes in the gathering area.



Offerings can be deposited into the labeled boxes in the gathering area. To make a one-time or recurring gift online, scan the QR code, or use the "Online Giving" link at the homepage of our church website, www.christpewaukee.org (or visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/YK3N/home>).

Available Services: Our ushers are glad to provide **large print bulletins** for those who need them. Our **hearing induction loop system** is functional throughout the sanctuary and works through the T coil function of hearing aid apparatuses. **Restrooms** are in the coatroom area and the parents' room. Parents are welcome to use the **parents' room** in the corner of our 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.

Christian Education Classes will not meet today, Sunday, Dec. 29, nor this week, but will resume next Sunday, January 5 and that week.

Christ Kids will not meet today but will resume next Sunday, January 5.

If you have purchased a Christmas Poinsettia, you may take it home after our worship service today.

Growing in Faith Update: We have received commitments to the appeal totaling \$1,463,350 for the *Growing in Faith* Building Fund and \$793,434 to the General Fund! To all of you who have made your commitment to our appeal a most heartfelt "THANK YOU!"

Call Update: Pastor Jeffrey Mahnke of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Schofield, Wisconsin has returned our call to be our Outreach Pastor. We plan to hold the next call meeting for an outreach pastor at our voter's meeting on January 30. Any questions can be addressed to Pastor Richard Krause.

This Week at Christ Lutheran

- Today** Worship Services with Lord's Supper 8:00 & 10:30 am
 No Christian Education Classes
 Wauwatosa Worship 11:00 am
 No Erin Worship
- Monday** Newsletter Mailing 10:00 am
- Tuesday** **NEW YEAR'S EVE**
 Worship Service with Lord's Supper 5:00 pm
 Church Office Closed
- Wednesday** **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
 Church Office Closed
 No Wednesday Worship Services
- Thursday** The Waters Worship Service 10:00 am
- Saturday** Worship Service with Lord's Supper 5:00 pm
- Sunday** Worship Services with Lord's Supper 8:00 & 10:30 am
 Christian Education Classes 9:10-10:10 am
 Wauwatosa Worship 11:00 am
 Erin Worship 5:00 pm

Three-Year Daily Bible Reading Program

Here are the daily readings for the next two weeks:

Dec 29	Isaiah 33-35	Jan 3	1 John 2:28-3:10	Jan 8	Isaiah 40
30	Isaiah 36-37	4	1 John 3:11-4:6	9	Isaiah 41
31	Isaiah 38-39	5	1 John 4:7-5:3	10	Isaiah 42:1-43:13
Jan 1	1 John 1:1-2:2	6	1 John 5:4-21	11	Isaiah 43:14-44:23
2	1 John 2:3-27	7	2 John, 3 John	12	Isaiah 44:24-45:25

Announcements & Events

The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1.

Lambs of Christ Learning Center will be closed until January 2.

Parish Nurses: If you are a nurse or health care provider, please consider attending our parish nurses' annual meeting on Wednesday, January 6 at 6:30 pm in the church office conference room. You will learn more information about our group, are invited to share your thoughts for how our group can serve our members in the new year, and have opportunity to become involved in what is planned. No commitment will be required of any who attend our meeting. For more information you are invited to call Clara Nettesheim, our head parish nurse, at 262-527-0072, or Pastor Gerbing at 262-691-0720, ext. 220.

Christmas Decorations will be taken down on Tuesday, January 7 starting at 5:00 pm. Your help is greatly appreciated!

French Classes will meet on Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 6:30 pm in the grand hall. Sue Speidel leads the class. Please contact Pastor Krause to learn more.

Lego Night: All ages are welcome to join us for Lego Night on Friday, January 10 from 5:00-7:00 pm! Legos will be available for all ages on tables in our grand hall. Duplo mats will be set up for the little ones. A light supper will be offered. Invite your friends and neighbors to join the fun. For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Erin Rausch at erin.rausch1@outlook.com.

Chili & Bonfire: All are welcome to join the outdoor Chili & Bonfire on Saturday, January 25 starting at 2:00 pm, held outdoors on the west side of the upper parking lot. Sign up to bring a side and/or chili on the kiosk in the gathering area. We ask that chili is made without noodles, as that will be one of the sides that attendees can add to their chili. All chilis will be combined into a large cast iron pot over a wood fire. Hot chocolate, bowls, napkins, and utensils will be provided. Bring your own chair. Questions? Contact Craig Harstad (262-408-7801 or chharstad@gmail.com).

Save the Date! Lutheran Pioneers will be hosting a Father/Daughter dinner on Friday, February 14 from 5:30-8:00 pm in the Grand Hall. This is not exclusive to fathers. Grandfathers, bring your granddaughters. Uncles, bring your nieces. All are welcome! Tickets will be sold by the Pioneers after the Saturday/Sunday worship services starting in January. The cost will be \$12 per adult/teen. \$6 for ages 5-12. Children under age 4 are free. Contact Carrissa Davis to learn more at risserbanne@gmail.com or 706-464-1693.

The Christ Lutheran Endowment Fund

The Christ Lutheran Endowment Fund exists to support the long-term mission of Christ Pewaukee: "United in faith by the Word of God, we exist to praise, honor and glorify Christ by joyfully nurturing lives for Christian service and sharing Christ with all." Estate gifts or tax-deductible donations to the fund are anticipated to remain invested into perpetuity, with a portion of the earned income and capital appreciation of the fund made available to the church annually to financially support and enhance the ministry of the church. As you plan your financial support of the church consider giving to the Endowment Fund as part of your estate planning or as the third option after gifts to the General and Building Funds. Estate gifts, memorials, cash and appreciated stock are accepted. There is no minimum amount for a gift. Every gift is meaningful to the Endowment regardless of size. Donations are to be made to Christ Lutheran Endowment Fund. For additional information contact any of the Planned Giving Committee members: Rick Eastman (Chairman), Jeff Delahaut (Secretary), Barb Demmer (Treasurer), Glen Heuer, Paul Hanson or Pastor Krause.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Event Monitor

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church is looking for one person to serve as a part-time Event Monitor. The Event Monitor reports directly to the Activities Director. Responsibilities consist of, but are not limited to, serving as the on-site Event Monitor for rentals and special events programmed through the Activities Director; being responsible for facility preparations, event supervision, event take-down; providing a welcoming, positive, inclusive environment for participants/renters; and possessing strong communication skills. Must be available to work a flexible schedule including nights and weekends. Experience in event and customer service-orientated environment is preferred. Additionally, a Christ-oriented environment for renters/ participants at all times. For more information about this position or to apply, please contact Sophia Kositzky, 262-691-0720 ext. 260 or skositzky@christpewaukee.org.

Lambs of Christ Learning Center

Lambs of Christ Learning Center, a ministry of Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, Pewaukee, WI, is seeking people to fill **Extended Care Assistant** positions in the morning (6:30-8:30 am) and afternoon (3:30-5:30 pm) and **Summer Camp** positions this summer. If you are interested, please send a resume and application to LCLC Director Elizabeth Melott by email at emelott@christpewaukee.org. Please reach out by email to request more information about these positions.

SCHEDULES

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Screens
Sun. Dec. 29, 8:00 am	Scott Polzin (O), Alex Grill, Dennis Szymanski, Dan Nitz	Janet Kieselhorst	Jacob Fralick
Sun. Dec. 29, 10:30 am	John Lindner (O), Peter Filber, Gary Zellmer, Blake Lindner, Jayden Bauer	Steve & Gwen Travis	John Schweiger
Tues. Dec. 31 5:00 pm NYE	Tim Rausch, Tom Eddinger, Jordan Nelson, Franz Schaller		Brett Valerio

Schedules are available at www.christpewaukee.org/downloads.

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Coffee	Screens
Sat. Jan. 4, 5:00 pm	Jerry Stine, Braxton Davis			Wendy Gottschalk
Sun. Jan. 5, 8:00 am	Scott Polzin (O), Alex Grill, Dennis Szymanski, Dan Nitz	Janet Kieselhorst	Katie Weitkumat	Andrew Buss
Sun. Jan. 5, 10:30 am	John Lindner (O), Peter Filber, Gary Zellmer, Blake Lindner, Jayden Bauer	Steve & Gwen Travis		Allison Lovrine
Wed. Jan. 8, 12:00 pm	Tom Lindner			Joel Berth
Wed. Jan. 8, 6:30 pm	Tim Rausch, Tom Eddinger			

Year End Giving Reminder: For offerings to be credited to 2024 giving statements for tax purposes, any 2024 offerings must be received by December 31, 2024. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP <i>(as of 12-22-2024)</i>		
<u>2024 General Fund</u>	<u>2022-2024 Building on Faith</u>	Membership: 1684
Last Week: \$52,283	Last Week: \$25,135	Church Attendance: 2464
Fund to Date: \$1,424,300	Fund to Date: \$2,067,235	Education: 149

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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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