

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

BEACH SERVICES - 8 AM @ North Beach
SANCTUARY SERVICE -10:30 AM

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 35:1-10
Matthew 11:2-11

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LA CRISTIANITA PRESCHOOL

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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to participate in the service please fill out the volunteer sign-up sheet or contact the church office for volunteer opportunities! THANK YOU FOR WANTING TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF!

BEACH VOLUNTEERS DECEMBER 8

Driver: Marc P.
Set Up: Shay A.
Greeter/Comm: Bill & Kathy M.
Readers: Shay A. and Nikki H.
Homeless Advocate: Kathy H.

LECTOR DECEMBER 8

Donna V.

DECEMBER COUNTERS

Brad S. and

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

November 10 Attendance: 73
Offering: \$ 10322

November 17 Attendance: 71
Offering: \$ 10458

November 24 Attendance: 70
Offering: \$ 2584

December 1 Attendance:
Offering: \$

Pastor Harvey Memorial: \$8545

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The Second Sunday of Advent

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Sunday Service

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church!

WELCOME to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are weary and need rest, to all who sin and need a Savior, to all who are alive and wish to celebrate. Christ Lutheran Church affirms its longtime celebration of the LGBT community and joyfully extends its welcome to all who wish to follow Jesus Christ, including but not limited to those battling addiction, the homeless, the impoverished and the mentally ill. Join us as we see the face of Jesus Christ in each person in our presence.

HOLY COMMUNION is received by intinction. **Dip** the bread (gluten-free is available) into either the wine or juice. Return to your seat by using the side aisles. If your child does not wish to receive communion, they are welcome to come forward for a Pastoral blessing.

Pastor/Leader reading in plain print./Assembly response in bold print.

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN/ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joice! Re-joice!
Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

LA CRISTIANITA NEWS

I don't know about any of you, but I feel like I've blinked my eyes and the holiday's are here already. It seems like just last week that the school year began and we started to settle into new routines. In reality, the children are loving school and learning so much. The fall carnival has already happened and was a huge success! The children have learned about Pilgrims and Indians as they prepared for our Thanksgiving feasts.

Now we will begin anticipating the celebration of the birth of Christ. This week our classrooms and the sanctuary have been filled with a choir of angels learning their favorite Christmas Carols. Some children will be practicing their entrance into the sanctuary as they help create a live nativity scene during our story at the Christmas Program. All of the children will be buzzing with excitement as they browse the latest toy catalogs and anticipate what Christmas Day might bring this year.

As parents, we will be feeling the excitement, yet sometimes the stress that accompanies the season as well. There are babysitters to arrange for festivities, cards to get out, decorating the house, shopping to finish, gifts to wrap, and the list goes on and on...And, suddenly, Christmas Day is here – have we really taken the time to remember what the season is all about? How have we taught our children that Christmas is about giving rather than receiving? Christmas is about the gift of a miracle. A child brought to the world to teach us of God's eternal and unconditional love.

This season, take time to appreciate the miracles you have been given, the precious gifts from God that greet you with a smile and open arms each morning. Remember that they don't understand the hustle and bustle of the season, so make them a part of each and every moment. Use the holiday's as a time to establish new traditions for your family. Decorate the tree together. Spend Saturday night driving around to look at the lights. Give your children their own cards to sign and pretend to send out. Have a baking day and let them frost cookies all by themselves. Let them help you wrap the gifts. Take advantage of the list of "to do's" as an opportunity to spend quality time with your children. In doing this, you will be giving them a gift greater than anything you could ever buy in the store - the gift of your time and your love.

Have a blessed holiday season!

Leigh Ann Downie-Economy

Director

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P: May your hearts be filled with peace as you hear the words of the prophet Isaiah who told of one who would be born the Prince of Peace.

C: Thanks be to God

P: Last Sunday we lit the First Candle of Hope in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs. We light it again as we place our hope in Jesus the blessing of God for all nations.

(light the first candle)

The prophet Isaiah said:

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal for the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the their off all things. Grant us, your people, to talk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgment; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

(Light the second candle)

P: Let us pray:

*C: Lord Jesus, light of the world,
The prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
And show all the world God's love.*

GATHERING SONG

“Shine, Jesus Shine”

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing in the midst of the
3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright-ness, So our fac - es dis -
dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us.
play Your like - ness; Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,
set us free by the truth You now bring us, Shine on
Mir - ror'd here may our lives tell Your sto - ry, Shine on
me, shine on me.
me, shine on me.
Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the
Fa - ther's glo - ry; Blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our
hearts on fire, Flow, riv - er flow,
flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Weekly Events

1. Bible Study—Every TUESDAY!

10 AM: Resumes the study of texts for the coming Sunday.

6 PM: Is Reading the gospel of John.

2. Mental Health Support Services

We will be offering Mental Health Support Services for individuals, couples, and/or families. Private counseling sessions are moving to Tuesday-Thursday instead of Mondays. from 3-8 PM (in hour blocks) Please book appointments at wpcoc.setmore.com or 949-667-1074

3. Monday Afternoon Women's Tea!

Join us at 3pm in the Fireside Room for refreshments and conversation, facilitated by a mental health professional. We meet in the fireside room.

Upcoming Events

1. We welcome Bishop Andrew Taylor this morning. Bishop Taylor has served Pacifica Synod for three years and is with us today to celebrate the end of our ministry with Pastor Brenda.
2. **BEACH VOLUNTEERS and TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED!**
Please see or contact Shay Arnett (sarnett1127@gmail.com) or Kathy Hartl (kathy@hartlwrites.com) if you would like to join the crew!
3. **Farewell and Thanksgiving for Call—Today**
Join us at 11:30 AM for a ceremony that will be an important milestone in our lives with Pastor Brenda.
4. **Mobile Tea—Thursday, December 12**
Mobile Tea at Capistrano Beach Care Center is Thursday, December 12, at 3pm. Please join this wonderful outreach to our infirmed neighbors.
5. **San Clemente Christmas Concert—Saturday, December 14**
The annual SC Christmas Concert will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 310 Avenida Vista Hermosa on Saturday, December 14, at 7 PM. Want to join in? Rehearsals are 5-6 PM on Sundays—register at sccchristmasconcert.com
6. **Bonfire—Tuesday, December 17**
Bonfire Tuesday. December 17 at 6pm at North Beach. Louise Gilliam is coordinating the menu – please email her at flgilliam@cox.net if you'd like to participate.
7. **LCP Christmas Program—Wednesday & Thursday, December 18 and 19**
Come see the cutest Christmas Program in San Clemente at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary! We might even get a visit from Santa Clause!
8. **Laundry Love—Wednesday, December 18**
Laundry Love 2-5 at Laundry Basket South 2405 S. El Camino Real – come be a part of this most vibrant ministry. Your Shepherd's Fund in action!
9. **Longest Night Service—Friday, December 20**
7 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran, 200 Avenida San Pablo – join members of several San Clemente churches for this quiet service to honor the loss and sorrow some of us experience at Christmas.
10. **Christmas Eve Service - Tuesday, December 24,**
Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to our Christmas Eve Service at 5:50 PM in our Sanctuary.

Sending Song

"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

Give
 thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho-ly One;
 Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His
 Son. Give 'Son. And now let the weak say, "I am
 strong," Let the poor say, "I am rich" be-cause of what the Lord has
 done for us; And now let the weak say "I am
 strong," Let the poor say "I am rich" be-cause of what the Lord has
 done for us. Give us. Give thanks,
 thanks, give thanks, give thanks,
 thanks, thanks, thanks, give thanks. (give thanks.)

Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Expect the Savior.
C: Thanks be to God.

THE FIRST READING

LECTOR

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

P: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word / C: **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kenneth Haro
(10:30 AM Service Only)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Wait for the Lord”

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

THE GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P: This is the gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

SERMON

Pastor Brenda Bos

COMMUNION HYMN

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God for whom we wait,
in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day
when the hungry will be fed with good things.
Send us forth to make known your deeds
and to proclaim the greatness of your name,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

LECTOR

SENDING BLESSING

P: You are invited to take the hand of one near you as we pray the words our Lord Jesus taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (please join hands with worshippers near you.)

**C: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is taken by dipping bread into wine or juice. All are welcome at God's table.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Here I Am, Lord"



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Most loving God, we thank you for the ministries Pastor Brenda Bos and Christ Lutheran have shared together. We marvel at the opportunities to see you moving among us. Bless and keep us as we move forward in your kingdom together and apart. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most powerful God, strengthen us for Your service. Break our hearts open for the needs of our neighbors. Show us new places to serve and encourage us in the places we already serve. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most gracious God, care for our brokenness. Heal us from the disappointments and misunderstandings we have experienced. Forgive us when we have been the ones who have hurt others. Remind us that You have saved us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most generous God, bless our futures. We pray even now for our future pastor, and those you will bring to this congregation in the coming months and years. Bless Pastor Brenda and use her well in her new call. Lift up leaders and followers, disciples and teachers. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Additional petitions and a time of silence are offered.

P: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup
We remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, O Come Emmanuel

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy”



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please Pray for the Following:

Health — Brad M. (cancer), Brad S. (cancer), Bridget (knee replacement), Cathy O. (mental health), Deborah B. (cancer), Jason F. (cancer), Jeff K. (Parkinsons), Jocie (gastric bypass), Karin W. (surgery recovery), Leesa J. (colon cancer), RJ (self care), Sarah J-R, Ted N. (brain surgery), Tom G. (lung cancer),

Individuals— Aaron, Aiden M., Angie, Asher, Ashlyn, Avery (in college), Barb, Cathy O., Chris W., Cope, Eric (success), Faith, Kathie, Katie, Kaylo, Jason F., Jerry, Jessica (overworked), Joe, Joshua D, Kade, Kathie, Lila, Linda, Lydiane (strength), Madison C., Michael (job success), Patricia, Pete, Susan, Tony, Vonne (strength),

Families and Couples— Culbertson Family (peace & unity), Forgey Family, Jeff and Sonia, Jessica & William, Lee Family, Melissa & Jared, Pephens Family, Wilcox Family

General Prayers— Financial Stability, For all, Fires and all natural disasters throughout the world that those afflicted may see the face of Jesus and know as one door closes, another opens. World Leaders

From the Prayer Board— R.I.P. Geoffrey Lee,

Thankful For—Everything, Family, Life, Sunshine

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Please greet those around you.

OFFERING

“ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. James 1:17 “

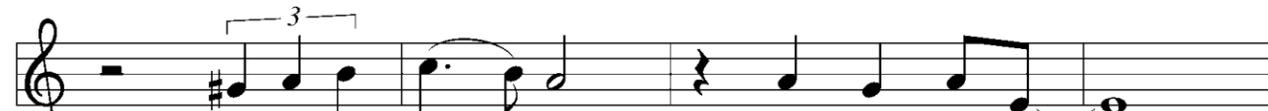
“Change My Heart, O God”



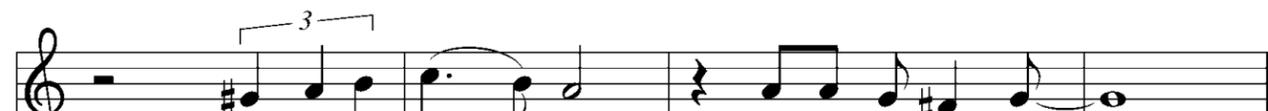
Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**