



# Christ Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



**Christmas 2 - January 3, 2021**  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP ALMOST LIVE**  
Posts each Sunday afternoon

# Festival of Lessons and Carols

## WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

We welcome the participation of people of all ages, ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, education, physical ability, nationality, socio-economic status, mental health, and in-recovery, — all who want to join us in serving the world with gratitude, reflecting the unconditional love of God. Our unity is in Christ.

*Welcome to worship*

## Lessons & Carols for Celebrating Christmas

### *Joy to the World*



**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**

**Let earth receive its King;**

**Let ev'ry heart prepare him room**

**And heav'n and nature sing,**

**And heav'n and nature sing,**

**And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace**

**And makes the nations prove**

**The glories of his righteousness**

**And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love,**

**And wonders, wonders of his love.**

## **Greeting**

*The grace, the wisdom, and the power of almighty God be with you all.  
And also with you.*

## **Light of Christmas**

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.  
Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.  
We have beheld Christ's glory as of the only Son from the Father.  
To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.  
In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.*

## **Prayer**

*Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

## **Lessons and Carols**

### **Isaiah 9:2-7**

<sup>2</sup>*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.* <sup>3</sup>*You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.* <sup>4</sup>*For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.* <sup>5</sup>*For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.* <sup>6</sup>*For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* <sup>7</sup>*His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.*



### ***What Child Is This?***

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?**



**This, this is Christ the king,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**Raise, raise the song on high,  
the virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary!**

### ***John 1:1-14***

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

<sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## ***Angels, from the Realms of Glory***

**Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
once you sang creation's story;  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**All creation, join in praising  
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising  
To the eternal Three in One.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

## ***Luke 2:25-32***

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup>"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

## ***O Little Town of Bethlehem***

**O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;  
Yet in the dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.  
How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
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.**



## **Titus 3:4-7**

<sup>4</sup> But then *something happened*: God our Savior and His overpowering love and kindness for humankind entered our world; <sup>5</sup> He came to save us. It's not that we *earned it* by doing good works or righteous deeds; He came because He is merciful. He brought us *out of our old ways of living* to a new beginning through the washing of regeneration; and He made us completely new through the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> who was poured out in abundance through Jesus the Anointed, our Savior. <sup>7</sup> *All of this happened* so that through His grace we would be accepted *into God's covenant family* and appointed to be His heirs, full of the hope that comes from *knowing you have eternal life*.

### **Love Has Come**

**Love has come—a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.**



**Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.  
Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;  
what is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;  
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.**



**Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!**



**Christmas Message**

Pastor Steve Awbrey

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.*

*Praise is on our lips and in our hearts, Holy One, for the gracious deeds and acts that you have bestowed upon your church. Give to your whole church open hearts that we might work together to share your good news in Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God.*

**Your mercy is great.**

*We bless you, Ruler of all, for the communities and nations of which we are a part. Gather into your arms the many peoples of the world and grant humility to all leaders, so that all may find blessing and peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

*O Holy One, you overcame death and freed us from all fear. Give courage to all who are afraid and comfort to all who suffer in any way. Protect those who provide care. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

*Light of life, you claim us as your children forever. We praise you for those who have gone before us in the faith, serving as witnesses to your presence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

*Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.***

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Jason (COVID-19), Jeff (serious headaches), Robin (COVID-19), George & Mary, Lynn (hip), Brad S. (cancer), Cindy (hospitalization), Mike (health issues), Mark M., Tom G. (lung cancer), Barbara (pneumonia), Ken T. (cancer), MaryAnn Z (cancer), Marty S. (broken pelvis), Bill (corona virus), Jeff T., Greg (recent passing) and wife Lali and family, the families of those who have suffered & died from COVID-19, and our La Cristianita Preschool staff, children and families.

*Please **renew** or **send new** prayer requests to: [secretary@clcsancllemente.org](mailto:secretary@clcsancllemente.org).*



**PEACE** *(please do not leave your seat but do wave or share a sign of peace)*

*Peace be with you. And also with you.*

**OFFERING OF GIFTS** *(a basket is available for your gifts when you leave worship)*

You are invited to give at [https:// tithe.ly/give?c=171875](https://tithe.ly/give?c=171875)[https:// tithe.ly/give?c=171875](https://tithe.ly/give?c=171875)



## **HOLY COMMUNION**

We share this word of life, and this communion blessing, that we may share in these gifts and be strengthened by the Christian community, even though we gather separately for now.

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(please reflect on this prayer that the Lord has taught us)*

*(tune It Came Upon the Midnight Clear)*

**Our Father, Lord, on heav'n's high throne,  
Most holy be Your Name.**

**Your Kingdom come, Your will be done  
on earth, in heav'n the same.**

**Give us this day the food we need;  
Forgiven may we be;**

**Into temptation do not lead; from evil set us free.**

**Yours is the kingdom; unto You  
in grateful love we bow;**

**And Yours the power Lord, let us view  
Your mighty presence now.**

**The glory Yours, Your praise be sung  
By angels and everyone**

**In ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue Forevermore! Amen.**

## COMMUNION HYMN

### *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.



## CHRISTMAS BLESSING

*(tune O Come, All Ye Faithful)*

The Lord bless and keep you  
Look with love upon you  
Be gracious, and cause God's face  
To shi-ne with peace!  
Glory to Father, Son and Holy Spirit!  
The Savior close beside us,  
God's love from harm to hide us,  
The Spirit's pow'r to guide us  
Evermore!



## ***Go Tell It on the Mountain***

**Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born  
Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.  
Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!**

## **SENDING**

*Emmanuel God is with us! Go in peace.*

**Thanks be to God.**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In 1527, Germany, like many places in Europe, faced a deadly outbreak of the bubonic plague. When a fellow pastor asked Martin Luther for his advice on how to handle the situation, Luther responded:

"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence.

If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me, and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others.

If my neighbor needs me however I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God."

"Whether one may flee from a Deadly Plague," Luther's Works volume 43

This is indeed a time for us to be neither brash nor foolhardy. It is also a time when we must keep the well-being of our neighbor foremost in our minds. We will continue to follow the recommendations of Governor Newsom's office and the CA Department of Health. Continuing to limit our public gatherings for the sake of the neighbor is our ongoing recommendation at this time.



## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP** has been suspended until Orange County returns to RED status.

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## **CLC ON THE GO!**

**Services posted Sunday afternoon**

### **Bulletin Link**

<https://clcsanclemente.org/archives/bulletin-archives/>

### **YouTube**

<https://youtu.be/nhlQ38pcwTc>

### **Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/christlutheransc/videos/363583254997104/>

**Thank you** for continuing to support our church through this difficult time.

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=171875>  
Services are posted every week!

## **REGISTERING FOR WORSHIP**

*When we return to in-person worship, please go to:*

<https://clcsanclemente.org/our-services/>  
and click on the link for the date and time you would like to worship; you will be taken to our Sign Up Genius Page. Simply click on an available slot Press 'Submit and Sign Up'. Fill out your name and email and press 'Sign Up Now' to reserve your spot!



## **CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

*Dear CLC Family:*

*Guided by Pr. Terry Tuvey Allen of the Pacifica Synod, and the Holy Spirit, we've taken our role seriously and prayerfully. We've met eight times, done two Zoom interviews and one in-person socially distanced conversation, and we've also contacted references.*

*Call Committee updates have been included in our bulletins and Pastor Steve has made announcements in our services to keep the congregation informed. We appreciate your confidence in us and ask for your continued prayers as we bring this process to a God-intended conclusion early (we pray) in the New Year.*

*Your Call Committee,  
Judy Franz, Jim and Kathy Ferguson  
Frances Gilliam, Ken Gillilan, Kathy Hartl  
Kirk Goodfellow, Gerry Loughman*