



# **Christ Lutheran Church**

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP ALMOST LIVE POSTS each Sunday afternoon**

# SECOND SUNDAY after EPIPHANY

## 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*

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

### **Blessed are you, holy God.**

You are the creator of the waters of the earth.

You are the everlasting wellspring.

### **You gather your people together and you comfort all who weep.**

Your Son the King of the Universe, leads all the saints through death to life.

### **Pour out your Holy Spirit.**

May this water be a sign of the end of all tears;  
for we stand under the name above every name,  
Jesus your Son, who lives with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



## Jesus, Come! For We Invite You



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,  
2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to  
3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in  
4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,  
paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,  
pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,  
to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or  
let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in  
chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -  
all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.  
se - cret, all shall see what you have done.  
ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!  
rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

## Prayer of the Day

*Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

## **1 Samuel 3:1-10**

### **“Speak, GOD. I’m Ready to Listen”**

**3** <sup>1-3</sup> The boy Samuel was serving GOD under Eli’s direction. This was at a time when the revelation of GOD was rarely heard or seen. One night Eli was sound asleep (his eyesight was very bad—he could hardly see). It was well before dawn; the sanctuary lamp was still burning. Samuel was still in bed in the Temple of GOD, where the Chest of God rested.

<sup>4-5</sup> Then GOD called out, “Samuel, Samuel!”

Samuel answered, “Yes? I’m here.” Then he ran to Eli saying, “I heard you call. Here I am.”

Eli said, “I didn’t call you. Go back to bed.” And so he did.

<sup>6-7</sup> GOD called again, “Samuel, Samuel!”

Samuel got up and went to Eli, “I heard you call. Here I am.”

Again Eli said, “Son, I didn’t call you. Go back to bed.” (This all happened before Samuel knew GOD for himself. It was before the revelation of GOD had been given to him personally.)

<sup>8-9</sup> GOD called again, “Samuel!”—the third time! Yet again Samuel got up and went to Eli, “Yes? I heard you call me. Here I am.”

That’s when it dawned on Eli that GOD was calling the boy. So Eli directed Samuel, “Go back and lie down. If the voice calls again, say, ‘Speak, GOD. I’m your servant, ready to listen.’” Samuel returned to his bed.

<sup>10</sup> Then GOD came and stood before him exactly as before, calling out, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Samuel answered, “Speak. I’m your servant, ready to listen.”

***Reflection on today’s reading***

***Special Music***

***Russel Crabtree & Kenneth Haro***

## **Gospel — John 1:43-51**

*The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. When he got there, he ran across Philip and said, “Come, follow me.” (Philip’s hometown was Bethsaida, the same as Andrew and Peter.)*

*Philip went and found Nathanael and told him, “We’ve found the One Moses wrote of in the Law, the One preached by the prophets. It’s Jesus, Joseph’s son, the one from Nazareth!” Nathanael said, “Nazareth? You’ve got to be kidding.”*

*But Philip said, “Come, see for yourself.”*

*When Jesus saw him coming he said, “There’s a real Israelite, not a false bone in his body.”*

*Nathanael said, “Where did you get that idea? You don’t know me.”*

*Jesus answered, “One day, long before Philip called you here, I saw you under the fig tree.”*

*Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi! You are the Son of God, the King of Israel!”*

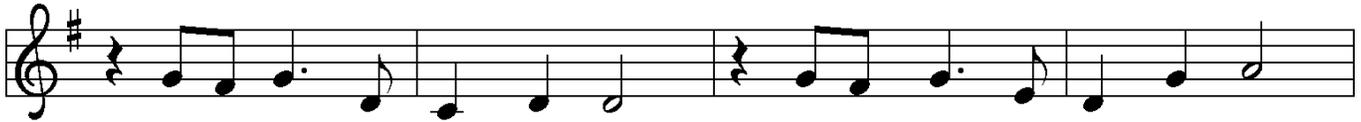
*Jesus said, “You’ve become a believer simply because I say I saw you one day sitting under the fig tree? You haven’t seen anything yet! Before this is over you’re going to see heaven open and God’s angels descending to the Son of Man and ascending again.”*



**Sermon**

**Pastor Steve Awbrey**

## 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?"

### *Refrain*



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.

## Prayers of Intercession

*We pray for the world, for those in need, for ourselves.*

*Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.*

For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound, that God console all who suffer, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## Prayer Requests

Gerry Loughman (surgery), Jeff (serious headaches), Robin (COVID-19), Jana (surgery), 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), Lali Cook, at the death of her husband Greg, 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)

## **Words of Institution**

*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 in 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 in remembrance of me.***

**Lord's Prayer** *(please reflect on this prayer that the Lord has taught us)*

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

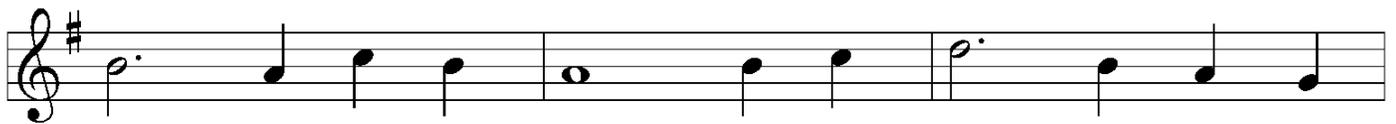
## **Holy Communion**

*If you desire to receive communion in your heart you benefit from the power of Holy Communion. You are not isolated and alone, because together we are the church, no matter what.*

## All Who Love and Serve Your City



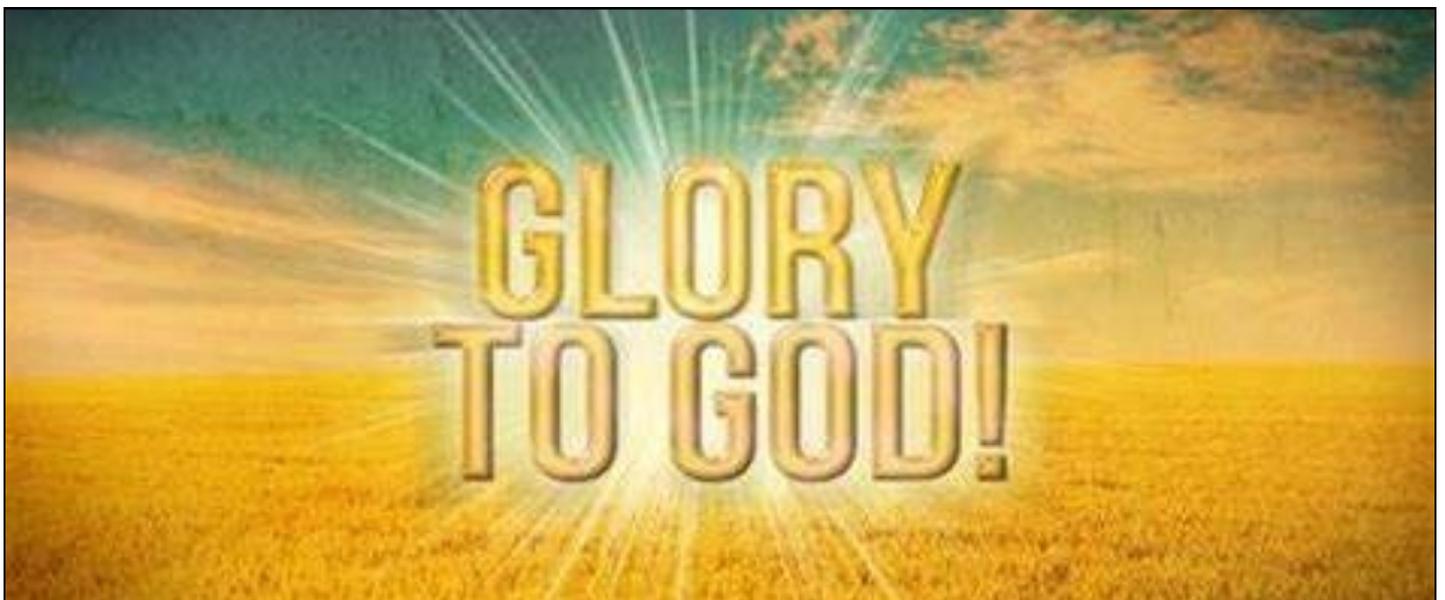
1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who  
 2 In your day of loss and sor - row, in your  
 3 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed  
 4 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the  
 5 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for peace and  
 day of help - less strife, hon - or, peace, and love re -  
 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the word of  
 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near his friends who  
 cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our judge, our



jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless,  
 treat - ing, seek the Lord, who is your life.  
 Je - sus, "Work ye yet while it is day."  
 spurn him, of - f'ring peace from Cal - v'ry's hill.  
 glo - ry; be its name "The Lord is there!"



## **Worship Schedule**

In-person worship has been suspended until Orange County returns to RED status.

## **Contact Us**

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## **CLC on the go!**

**Services posted Sunday afternoon**

### **Bulletin Link**

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

### **YouTube**

<https://youtu.be/nhIQ38pcwTc>

### **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.

## **Announcements**

### **Call Committee Update**

Dear CLC Family:

Your call committee is happy to announce that we're very close to recommending a gifted, loving, energetic, spirit-filled pastor candidate for call to Christ Lutheran Church! The next step will be for the call committee to make the recommendation to the Church Council, who will vote on submitting the candidates name and a compensation package to the congregation for a vote at a special meeting (via zoom). Information about the candidate will be emailed to all members prior to that meeting. We thank God for being with us to this point in the pastor call process and continue to ask for your prayers.

peace from the call committee,  
Judy Franz, Jim Ferguson, Frances Gilliam, Ken Gillilan, Kirk Goodfellow  
Kathy Hartl, Gerry Loughman

**Book Club** will meet next via Zoom on **Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 6 .m.** We will be reading "The Mountains Sing" by Nguyen Phan Que Mai. A multigenerational tale of the Tran family, set against the backdrop of the Viet Nam War.

## ***“FOLLOW ME”***

We live in a culture of invitation. Television invites us to join complicated story arcs so that we feel connected to the characters. Commercials invite us to see their product as a new movement and invite us to join it. We are invited to join groups on Facebook and invited into chat rooms and blog responses. The number of social networks is exploding as we are invited into ever expanding ways to connect.

Invitation is an essential part of our walk of faith, but here we frequently see ourselves not as the invited but rather the one who is supposed to be doing the inviting. We can misuse invitation, maybe using the phrase “invite Jesus into your heart,” which often results in the misunderstanding that we are carrying a little bit of Jesus wherever we go. But today’s gospel (John 1:43-51) emphasizes not invitation as our call to others to join the walk of faith but rather Jesus’ invitation to us to follow him. Jesus’ invitation is not that we carry him with us but rather that we follow where he would lead. When Christ invites Philip to “follow me,” may we hear that invitation in our own ears.





### **Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968**

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on Friday January 15, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.