

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:46b-55

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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!**

READER DECEMBER 16

Marie

BEACH CREW DECEMBER 16

Driver—Gerry L.
Set-Up—Bridget C.

DECEMBER COUNTERS

Linda H. and Gail R.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

November 18	Attendance: ? Offering: \$3708
November 25	Attendance: 46 (beach) Offering: \$6077
December 2	Attendance: ? Offering: \$5950
December 9	Attendance: 67 Offering: \$4791



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3rd Sunday of Advent

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December 16, 2018
Sanctuary Service

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church!

Advent 3

Pastor: On this third Sunday of our commemoration of the 200th anniversary of "Silent Night, Holy Night," let's speak the third verse together:

**Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth**

Pastor:

The presence of God in human form is the "dawn" of redeeming grace, says the hymn's third verse. God so desired to be "up close and personal" that God came to live, breathe, feel, teach, touch, and love. Made in the image of God, we are called to nurture relationships that birth, multiply and radiate grace in the world. What would the world be like if "love's pure light" was at the center?

Reader 1:

We continue this season of waiting by lighting the third candle, anticipating the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

Reader 2:

Uplifting God,
we open ourselves to hear your call today
to recognize your love all around us,
and also see the potential to add to the love all around us—
making our lives, our families, our communities, and our world a brighter place.

Spoken Response of the People:

Fill us with your peace and light,
make the world so calm and bright.

Advent Activities

LCP Christmas Pageant – December 19 and 20

Join us at 6:30 in our sanctuary. No one celebrates the birth of Jesus better than our youngest believers!

Longest Night Service – December 20

Thursday 12/20 at 7pm at San Clemente Presbyterian Church. This meaningful service, sometimes called "Blue Christmas" is especially geared for those who grieve this holiday season and need a place to honor the difficult feelings of this time of year.

Brunch Church – December 23

Join us for brunch and carols in our sanctuary during our 1030 AM service.

*Signups are available now for Brunch Church December 23 and Christmas Eve Bonfire. If you cannot attend the bonfire, you can leave your food at church on Sunday the 23rd.

Christmas Eve services – December 24

Join us for our world-famous Christmas Eve Bonfire on the Beach at 5pm at North Beach or in our sanctuary for a candle-lit celebration at 7:30 PM.

Thought of the Week: Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity, I know I am moving from fear to love." Henri Nouwen

Everything CLC

Congregational Vitality Survey – Still Available
 Congregational vitality surveys are available for anyone who did not receive one last Sunday. Thank you for your participation!

Flying Solo—Today
 Join us for fellowship and conversation at the Starbucks at the SC Outlets at 1:30 PM on Sunday December 16th and monthly every 3rd Sunday of the month! Hope to see you there.

Poinsettias
 If you would like to honor your loved ones with a Christmas poinsettia in the sanctuary please fill out the enclosed form. Please return to us by December 16th. All purchased poinsettias will be available to take home after the Christmas Eve service.

Brunch Church and Bonfire Sign-Ups
 Signups for December 23 Brunch church and December 24 bonfire are available today. If you cannot attend the bonfire, you may leave your food at church on Sunday

Goal Cards –
 Please turn in your goal cards in the offering this week or next week. Thank you for your vibrant support of our ministries.

Capo Care Center - December 30
 Christ Lutheran will once again provide a church service at Capistrano Care Center on Sunday, December 30 at 2:30. Join us as we celebrate Christ's birth with local seniors

Legacy Planning Workshop— January 20
 Please join us at our Legacy Planning Workshop on January 20, 2019 at 9:15 AM in our sanctuary. Learn how to give gifts that will make a real difference in the future of this church and other organizations you care about.

Bible Study—Every TUESDAY!
 10 AM: Bible study meets to discuss this week's readings.
 6 PM: Will be stocking stuffing for the homeless

Spoken Response of the People:
**Fill us with your peace and light,
 make the world so calm and bright.**

SONG

Advent Candle is lit during this song

"Christ Be our Light"

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
 church gath - ered to - day.

WELCOME

THE GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

OPENING PRAYER

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

LECTOR**SPECIAL MUSIC****KENNETH HARO***(10:30 service only)***THE FIRST READING**

Zephaniah 3:14-20

LECTOR

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Holy wisdom, holy word. / C: **Thanks be to God**

SENDING BLESSING**SENDING SONG**

"The King is Coming"

O the King is com-ing, the King is com-ing! I just
heard the trum-pets sound-ing, And now His face I see; O the King is
com-ing, the King is com-ing! Praise God, He's com-ing for me!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Expect the Savior.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, for the way has been lit before you.
Come and receive the peace of Christ that is being reborn in us today.

"Christ Be Our Light"

3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.

Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, we give you thanks
that in this bread and cup
we have feasted again on your endless love.
Let that love overflow more and more in our lives,
that we may be messengers to prepare your way,
harvesters of justice and righteousness,
and bearers of your eternal Word,
our Savior Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LECTOR

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA"

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Hear God's
Word, God's wel - come to us!
G/B am7 D

THE GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter. / C: **Glorify to you O Lord.**

Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P: This is the gospel of the Lord / C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA"

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

“What Feast of Love”



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

P: A star appeared on a silent and holy night
 and brought with it your love,
 in the form of a baby.
 This holy infant, tender and mild, was a sign of new life,
 a sign of holy vulnerability,
 a sign of your presence enfleshed in our human form.
 This would be the light that showed forth the truth that all humanity *IS* beloved
 and called us to care for each one *AS* beloved.

And in the greatest acts of love, Jesus our Brother
 Lived and died and rose again among us.
 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.

And so we offer ourselves in union with Christ's offering of salvation:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts.
 Transform us into the Light of your Love for all
 and make us one in you.

Thanks and praise be to
 the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer! **Amen!**

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.**

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: Holy God, in the beginning you called out, "Let there be light!" Just as your light of creation spread in response, so too does your light rise each day, offering us a new chance to make today a little brighter than yesterday. When we feel overcome or succumb to the dark night of our souls, you offer us a way back into the light of hope. And so we praise you, singing:

"Holy, Holy"

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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.

P: As we prepare to pray our prayer of Great Thanks, let us take a moment of silence, of calm, in order to center our hearts, let go of those things in our lives that we regret, asking God for the peace of forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

C: **Prince of Peace, we live in darkness, rather than move into your light
We love chaos, rather than loving your peace
We struggle and strive, rather than letting go
We are addict to our own worries, rather than accepting your grace.
Bring us into your peace and your forgiveness, we pray. Amen.**

P: The people who live in darkness have seen a great light. The Savior of the World is coming to us, offering peace, hope and wholeness. Through Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven and you have been set free. Move forward into God's future, calm and bright in God's love. Let the people say, **"Amen!"**

SONG

"Christ Be our Light"

2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For choirs, hymn writers, musicians, and off-key singing, we give you thanks, Holy One. Fill us with your song of joy. Open us to proclaim your glory in our singing, speaking, and silence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For peace to ring out in our hearts and in our homes; for mercy and forgiveness to reign in every community; for war to cease and hunger to end. Give us this joy now, Holy One. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are oppressed; for soldiers and veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and their families; for neighbors who have no access to medical care; for those who are ill and those who mourn Fill them with your peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For foster families opening their homes; for grandparents raising grandchildren; for single parents struggling to make ends meet; for expectant parents who now grieve. Give strength and comfort, Holy One. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Silent prayers are offered.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Concerns— Aaron G., (4 yr old having surgery), Aileen, Alexa (childhood cancer), Andrew (depression), Ardith (radiation), Baby Harper Rose (cancer), Barbara, Brad (cancer), Brett S. (cancer), Butch (healing), Cynthia G. (cancer), Deborah B. (stage 4 cancer), Don C. ((heart surgery), Dr. Pam's daughter (cancer), Dick H. (surgery), Dick H. (cancer), Greg's Son (stroke), Hank, Harry, Irlanda S (coma), James R. (eyesight), Jan, Janet, Janice, Jason F. (cancer), Jeff W. (surgery), Jennie H. (cancer), Jim T., Judy A (health), Joni (cancer recovery), Kathy F. (accident rehabilitation), Linda, Linda H. (surgery), Madison H. (9 yr old getting heart surgery 11/29), Mary, Mary (terminal cancer), Matt B., (cancer), Mark S. (passed) Matt M., Melody, Michelle B. (pregnancy complications), Patty M. (healing), Pete M jr. (passed), Rhonda, Rick, Rose, Saudi, Sean, Shiloe (sobriety), Tom, Tom G. (cancer), Uncle Fran, Vonne,

For individuals— Anastasia, Angie, Baby Wyland, Barbara, Billy, Bonnie, Brennon, Brooklyn, Bruce, Cecil, Cope, Carol, Darren, David L. (employment), Diane, Evan, Gene, Hank, Janelle, Jason, Jo, Joan H. (loss), John, Josh and Gwen, Judy, Kari, Kate, Katie, Kathie, kathy, Kirsten, Kris, Lauren, Lilly, Linda, Lynn (travel), Marc, Marilyn, Mary, Matt, Melody, Mother (90yrs old), Pastor Brenda, Patricia, Ricky L., Robert D., Selly, Richard, Rick, Rose, Sam, Susan, Susan M. (loss)

For Families— Burgess Family (loss), Bob and Joanne (return to home after fire), Cope Family, Loved ones of Bill B., Me and my family, Hartl Family, Hinze Family, Lewis Family, Rick and Cathy (health, Finance), Robert and Eileen U.

General Prayers—All the people who don't have faith, All our addictions that get in the way of a full life, Everyone in the Plan, Our neighbors, Rain!

From the Prayer Board— Bree, Legend, Dorte, Joseph M, Sandy M., Live Love Pet Walking, sister, brother Robert's sobriety, mya, global warming, Ian L., Carmen E. , Families

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

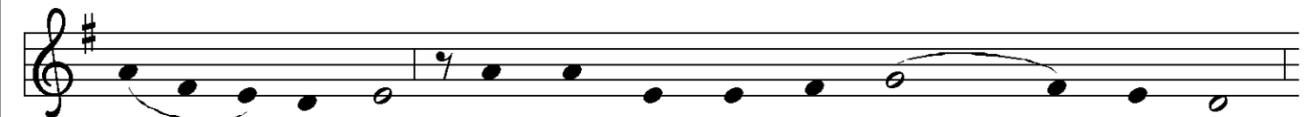
Please greet those around you.

OFFERING

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.