

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

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**FACEBOOK LIVE—CLC ON THE GO!**

don't worry if you have to miss church!  
We are now broadcasting our Sunday services through facebook live at [facebook.com/christlutheransc](http://facebook.com/christlutheransc)

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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 NOVEMBER 24**

Driver: Dennis H.  
Set Up: Nikki H.  
Greeter/Comm: Kathy H. & Laura P.  
Readers: Nikki H. & Emilie M.  
Homeless Advocate: Dennis H.

**LECTOR NOVEMBER 24**

Ruth

**NOVEMBER COUNTERS**

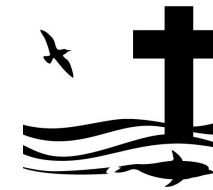
Kathie S. and Gail R.

**ATTENDANCE & OFFERING**

October 27	Attendance: 58 Offering: \$ 3539
November 3	Attendance: 81 Offering: \$ 4559
November 10	Attendance: 73 Offering: \$ 10322
November 17	Attendance: 71 Offering: \$ 10458

Pastor Harvey Memorial: \$8545

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**Christ Lutheran Church**

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



*The Third Sunday of Advent*

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**December 15, 2019**

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”

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall com to you, O Israel.

**EVERYTHING CLC**

**Welcome Pastor Steve Awbrey!**

We would like to give the biggest and warmest welcome to our new interim Pastor, Pastor Steve Awbrey. Pastor Awbrey has joined us at the pulpit before in Pastor Brenda's absence and we can not wait to see what he has in store for us! We are so thankful we have a familiar face to help guide us through this transition. Welcome Pastor Awbrey!

**Thank you everyone!**

The Pastor memory book project was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who contributed personal messages, memories, pictures, recipes and everything else! You made this project truly special and I can not thank you enough for helping compile the memories.

Sincerely,

Christine Preciado

Secretary

**Louise Gilliam's Muffin Recipe**

That's right, you read it correctly. Louise has kindly shared her world famous muffin recipe for the Pastor Brenda 'thank you' project and asked me to pass along the secret to you! Thank you Louise for sharing!

**2 cups flour**  
**3/4 cup sugar**  
**1/2 cup brown sugar**  
**1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda**  
**2 teaspoons cinnamon**  
**1/2 teaspoon salt**  
**2 cups grated carrots (about 3 medium)**  
**1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts**  
**1 cup shredded coconuts**  
**1 cup grated Granny Smith apples, skin on (about 2 small)**  
**3 eggs**  
**1 cup canola oil**  
**2 teaspoons vanilla**

**1. Mix together the flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in a large bowl. Add the carrots, walnuts, coconut and apple and mix together.**  
**2. In a small bowl, beat together the eggs, oil and vanilla. Add the egg mixture to the large bowl and stir until just combined.**  
**3. Bake in muffin tins with paper liners in a 350-degree oven until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 25 to 30 minutes.**

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath*

*P: May your hearts be filled with God's love towards all people as you consider the life of sacrifice and encouragement of John the Baptist.*

*C: Thanks be to God*

*P: Last Sunday we lit the Candles of Hope and Peace.*

*(light the first and second candles)*

*Today is the Third Sunday of Advent and we light the Candle of Love and remember John the Baptist.*

*Matthew Chapter 3*

*In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.*

*Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory forever. Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light. May we, your servants, rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming kingdom, Jesus our Savior and King of the ages. Blessed be to God forever.*

*(Light the third candle)*

*P: Let us pray:*

*C: Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
John told the people to prepare,  
For you were very near.  
As Christmas grows closer day by day,  
help us to be ready to welcome you now.*

## GATHERING SONG

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## 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](http://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. 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](mailto:flgilliam@cox.net) if you'd like to participate.

### 2. 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!

### 3. 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!

### 4. 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 Blessing**

**Sending Song**

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**Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace. Expect the Savior.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE FIRST READING**

**LECTOR**

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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 musical notation consists of two staves in G major. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter). The lyrics 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' are written below the notes. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter). The lyrics 'Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!' are written below the notes.

**THE GOSPEL**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

P: This is the gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**LECTOR**

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.**

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**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Brenda Bos**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

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**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

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.

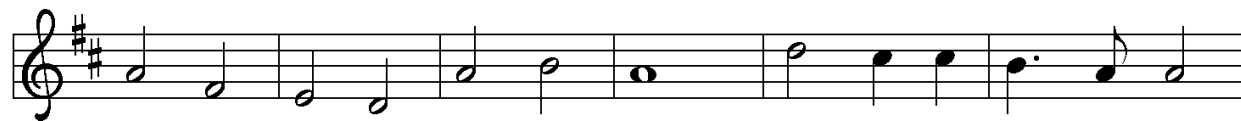
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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), 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, 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 “

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## 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.**