

**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany  
Holy Communion  
February 2, 2025**

**Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We are grateful to God you are here.  
We pray you will feel the Spirit and welcome of this faith community,  
and we look forward to seeing you again!**



*The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.*

(adapted from Sundays and Seasons 2024)

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.  
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.*

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

P: This is the day that the Lord has made,

**All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**OPENING WORDS OF FAITH**

based on Psalm 71

P: I seek to be in your presence, O Lord, and I know I will never regret it.

**All: In your great righteousness, hear me, deliver me, and set me on the feet.**

P: Be my strong rock, my place of comfort, a room where I can retreat, for you have promised to keep me safe.

**All: Free me from the clutches of wickedness; deliver me from the hold that evil has upon me.**

P: For you are my hope, O Lord, and you have been with me since my childhood.

**All: I have been yours since the day of my birth, since the waters of baptism touched me, and I will praise you with all my heart.**

P: My mouth shall tell of your wonderful deeds; I will never run out of things to say.

**All: For you, O Lord, have formed me and taught me since I was a child, and I cannot help but tell the world of your goodness and love.**

**OPENING HYMN**

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

**ELW# 733**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

**All: Amen.**

P: Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Mighty and loving God,

**All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

P: Hear the voice of Jesus: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.” In the name of † Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

**All: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN “Arise, Your Light Has Come!”**

**ELW# 314**

**GREETING**

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

**All: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God,

**All: increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, <sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” <sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” <sup>9</sup>Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. ]

L: Word of God, Word of Life

All: **Thanks be to God**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Lord, Be Glorified”**

**ELW# 744**



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
 in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
 in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
 in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

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**THE GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 4:21-30**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that

came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?”<sup>23</sup> He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’”<sup>24</sup> And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown.<sup>25</sup> But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land;<sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.<sup>27</sup> There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”<sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.<sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.<sup>30</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Janel Kuester

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*” ELW# 676

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**THE PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**All: 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.**

**PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

*The congregation responds to the prayer petitions with, “hear our prayer.”*

## SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

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

**All: And also with you.**

*Take a moment to share God's peace with those around you.*

*Please be seated.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### OFFERING AND MUSIC

*We respond in gratitude for God's never-failing love and mercy.*

*Your offering can be received in the offering plate, by doing a one time or recurring gift via the website or by snapping on QR Code to the right.*



*Thank you for your generosity.*

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth, and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.**

*Please be seated.*

*Anyone who has communed elsewhere is welcome to commune here.*

*Those who do not yet commune are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

*Grape juice and gluten-free bread are available upon request.*

*Please come forward at the invitation of the ushers to receive communion while kneeling or standing at the altar rail, then return to your seats via the side aisles.*

*If you prefer to receive communion at your seat, please let the ushers know.*

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

<i>"Come to the Table"</i>	<b>ELW# 481</b>
<i>"Beloved, God's Chosen"</i>	<b>ELW# 648</b>
<i>"Here Is Bread"</i>	<b>ELW# 483</b>

## **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

**P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.**

**All: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**L: Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**All: Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### SENDING BLESSING

P: God, who rejoices over you and calls you by name, † blesses your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** *“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”* **ELW# 535**

### SENDING WORDS

L: Go in peace to serve and to love God and neighbor.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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**— Thank You For Serving This Sunday, February 2, 2025 —**

**Ushers:** Jonathan Olson, Milo Brusven, Greg Golberg, Conner Moseng, Corey Moseng, Michelle Moseng, Cal Teske

**Musician:** Krishana Dempcy

**Acolyte:** Hunter Fry

**Assisting Minister:** Stephanie Lundberg

**Communion:** Hunter Fry and Gaike Keleher, Heather Velde, Christine Wiatrowski, and Greg Golberg

**PA:** Pete Lavin and Tracy Sterner **Video:** Gary Morken and Sidnee Olson

**Altar Care:** Anne Isaackson and Nancy Kremin

**Counters:** Chris Stevens and Dave Neuman

**Clothed With Love:** Tori Praus



**This Week's Calendar**

**Today, Sunday, February 2: Fourth Sunday following Epiphany**

Fellowship Time before and after Worship

- 9:00 am      Preschool Sunday School
- 9:30 am      Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:45 am     Annual Meeting Following Worship
- 1:00-2:00 pm   Kolhei Visitation
- 2:00 pm      Kolhei Funeral Service
- 6:00 pm      Christian Education Committee Meeting-Lakeside Room

**Wednesday, February 4:**

- 6:00 pm      Mission Possible
- 7:00 pm      Confirmation

**Sunday, February 9: Fifth Sunday following Epiphany**

Fellowship Time before and after Worship

- 9:00 am      Preschool Sunday School
- 9:30 am      Worship
- 10:45 am     Church Council Meeting

**- Who We Are -**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Mission | Identity**

The people of Christ Lutheran Church are daily

- ✠ **called** into God's new creation,
- ✠ **empowered** by the Spirit, and
- ✠ **sent** to show the Good News of Jesus Christ  
bringing welcome, forgiveness, healing, renewal

## ANNUAL MEETING TODAY!



The Annual Congregational Meeting of Christ Lutheran Church will be **held TODAY, Sunday, February 2, 2025**, following our 9:30 a.m. worship service (backup date will be February 9).

## 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS READY FOR PICK UP!

The 2024 Financial Statements are ready for pick up and are on the bench outside the sanctuary door. If you need yours mailed, please contact Marian in the church office.



## A Reminder About Inclement Weather

As we prepare for inclement weather, the following are details to know for the church:

**For *Sunday morning worship and Preschool Sunday School programming***, you can find details on worship being canceled on both the “Christ Lutheran Church Cottonwood, MN” FaceBook page and on Marshall Radio. If weather makes worship unsafe, a truncated worship service will try to be recorded and made available on YouTube.

**For *Wednesday evening programming***, we follow the school district. If school is canceled, an early out (due to weather) or no evening activities, there will be no Mission Possible or Confirmation sessions that evening.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SOUP SAMPLER AND GAMES**  
**February 23, 2025 - Following Worship**



Following Worship on Sunday, February 23, the Jordan Project Team is hosting a Soup Sampler and Games opportunity. Sign up to bring a crockpot of soup or chili and everyone will receive a muffin tin to sample all kinds of goodies. Sign up sheet is available at the back of the sanctuary.

Don't forget to bring your favorite board games, cards, puzzles or other group activities for some fun time of fellowship.



Did you know that your church offers communion by request during the week too? This is great for those times you travel, but also for those who work on the weekends. We are more than happy to offer this on a need basis. Please call the church office to schedule with the pastor.



If you are **interested in church membership** or know someone interested, please contact Pastor Janel at the church office 507 423 5100 or her cell phone 651 726 4003.  
Email: [pstrjanel@gmail.com](mailto:pstrjanel@gmail.com)

## Prayer Requests

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*” Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

### **Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:**

Jill Boehne, Morgan Dale, Linda Magnuson,  
Norman Myers, Bobby Olson, Ione Olson,

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, cancer, hunger, homelessness, unemployment, and any challenges in their lives. Areas at war: Ukraine and Israel.

### **Independent Living/Assisted Living/Care Center Residents/Homebound:**

Jody Mohr, Donna Neuharth, Bobby Olson, Sonny and Ione Olson, Laurie Pickthorn, Steve Pederson, Margaret Rewerts, Jim Runholt, June Schwartz

### **Families of our Congregation:**

Jody Mohr  
Gary and Darla Morken  
Corey, Michelle, and Connor Moseng

### **Grieving Families:**

The family of Darlene Cole  
The family of John Kolhei

### **Seminarian:**

Katherine (Kit) Mackenzie

### **Workers in Other Countries, Missionaries, and Local Congregation Missions:**

Mfolozi Circuit and ELCSA, Robin’s Nest Children’s Home in Jamaica, Kikatiti Secondary School in Tanzania, and World Mission Prayer League (WMPL)

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