



CHRIST

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The Feast of the Holy Innocents

✠ December 28, 2025 ✠

“O God, Save Me By Your Name”

“Today, dearest brethren, we celebrate the birthday of those children who were slaughtered, as the Gospel tells us, by that exceedingly cruel king, Herod. Let the earth, therefore, rejoice and the Church exult — she, the fruitful mother of so many heavenly champions and of such glorious virtues. Never, in fact, would that impious tyrant have been able to benefit these children by the sweetest kindness as much as he has done by his hatred. For as today's feast reveals, in the measure with which malice in all its fury was poured out upon the holy children, did heaven's blessing stream down upon them.”

—St. Augustine, *Homilies on Matthew*

We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today, and pray God's richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

All members and our guests are asked to complete the worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew. Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex. We are so glad to have you worshipping with us today!

LARGE PRINT worship folders are available at the usher stand at the back of the nave.

MATINS

OPENING HYMN

What Child Is This

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Please Stand

VERSICLES

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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

PSALMODY

ANTIPHON

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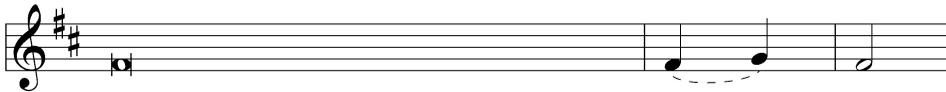


L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.

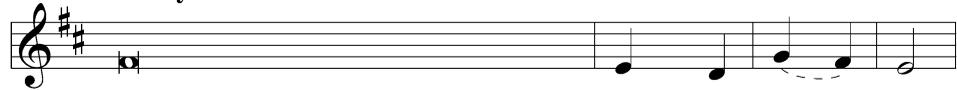


C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

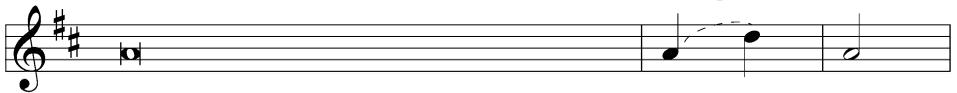
PSALMODY



C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,
5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.
5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

ANTIPHON



L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

PSALM: DEUS, IN NOMINE

Psalm 54; Ant. Psalm 54:4



Behold, God is my | helper;*
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

**O God, save me, | by your name,*
and vindicate me | by your might.**

O God, | hear my prayer;*
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

**For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;*
they do not set God be- | fore themselves.**

Behold, God is my | helper;*
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

**He will return the evil to my | enemies;*
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.**

With a freewill offering I will sacri- | fice to you;*
I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for | it is good.

**For he has delivered me from every | trouble,*
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Behold, God is my | helper;*
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

Please be seated

OFFICE HYMN

By All Your Saints in Warfare

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READINGS

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:15-17

Thus says the Lord:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more.”

Thus says the Lord:

“Keep your voice from weeping,
and your eyes from tears,
for there is a reward for your work,
declares the Lord,
and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.
There is hope for your future,
declares the Lord,
and your children shall come back to their own country.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 14:1-5

Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Holy ✠ Gospel

THIRD READING

Matthew 2:13-18

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY



- 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
- 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



- Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Please be seated

MEDITATION

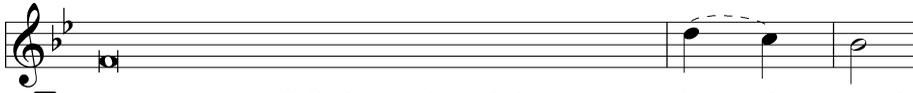
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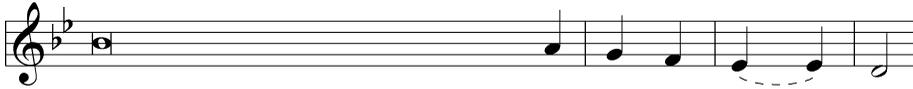
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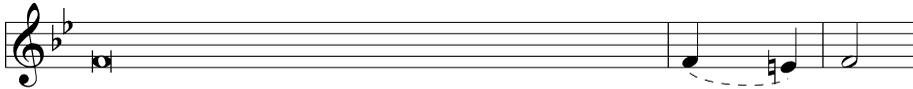
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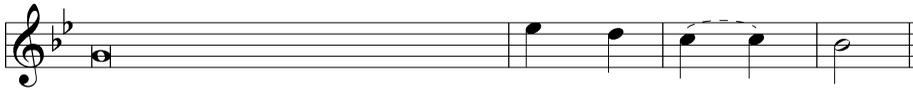
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise— You.



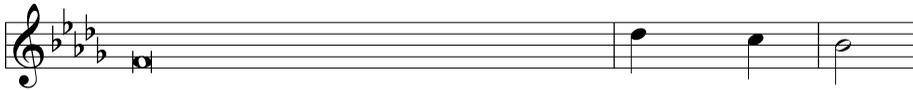
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



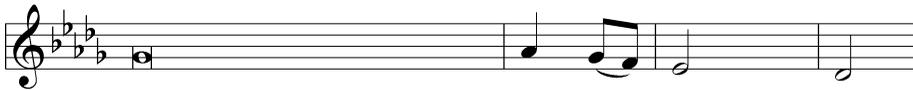
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise— You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O— Christ;



- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise— You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



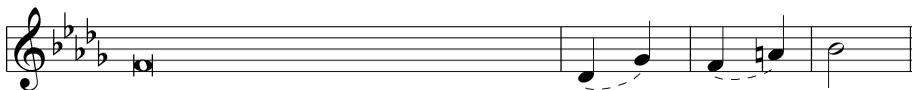
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be - our - judge.



7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

PRAYER

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☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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 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.

COLLECTS



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

L Almighty God, the martyred innocents of Bethlehem showed forth Your praise not by speaking but by dying. Put to death in us all that is in conflict with Your will that our lives may bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION



L The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with us all.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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Serving Today:

Elder: Eric Held

Acolyte: William Held

Interpreter: Charlie Warrn

Cantor: Emily Held

Pianist: Emily Held

Altar Guild: Nancy Teal

Thank you to those who served today while the Fields family is away!

Christmas Recital & Musical Merry-Making: The annual Christ Lutheran Christmas Recital is coming soon – with a twist! As we enjoy the musical talents God’s given those among us, we will also sing some of our favorite Christmas hymns (a two-week Christmas season is way too short to get in all the good ones!). Join us for all the musical merry-making **this Saturday, January 3rd, at 2:00 p.m.!**

Epiphany Divine Service: Did you know... the 12 Days of Christmas span the gap from December 25th until January 6th? That is unimportant trivia until you realize that January 6th is *Epiphany*: Gentile Christmas! This is day on which Christ was revealed to the nations, represented in the Gentile magi. We shall celebrate this second Christmas with **Divine Service at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6th.**

Thank you! To all who have helped throughout Advent and Christmas, thank you for your faithful service! From contributing food to Advent dinners, to cleaning the grounds and decorating the Christmas tree, to acolyting or singing in the choir, (and everything in between!) we could not have done it without you. Merry Christmas!

Readings for next Sunday, January 4th, the Second Sunday after Christmas:
Introit 147:1, 5, 11-12; Psalm 119:97-104; 1 Kings 3:4-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Luke 2:40-52.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: December 29 – January 4

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| Friday | 6:30 a.m. | Bible & Breaky @ Broadstreet |
| Saturday | 2:00 p.m. | Recital & Musical Merry-Making |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | Sunday School for all ages |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Divine Service – The Second Sunday after Christmas |



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