

Christ Lutheran Church
23425 Davis Mill Road
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A Congregation of the American Association of Lutheran Churches



Our Mission Statement

We strive to be worthy witnesses to the world.

At Christ Lutheran, we strive to lead lives worthy of our calling as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in God's world.

(Ephesians 4:1)

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The Baptism of our Lord

January 12, 2025

During the music before the service let us join in a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare our hearts for worship.

*Please stand as you are able where marked****

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

****The Confession and Absolution*

Vicar: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Vicar: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(A time of silent reflection and self-examination.)

Vicar: Most merciful God.

People: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Vicar: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God

****Opening Hymn:*

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymn #428

O for a thousand tongues to sing My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his Grace!

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of thy Name.

Jesus! the Name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ear, 'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His Blood can make the foulest clean, His Blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to his voice, New life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, The humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.

Glory to God, and praise, and love Be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heaven.

*****Psalm: Psalm 29 (read responsively)**

Liturgist: Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones,

People: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Liturgist: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

People: worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

Liturgist: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

People: the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

Liturgist: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

People: the voice of the Lord is majestic.

Liturgist: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;

People: the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

Liturgist: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

People: Sirion like a young wild ox.

Liturgist: The voice of the Lord strikes

People: with flashes of lightning.

Liturgist: The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;

People: the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

Liturgist: The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.

People: And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

Liturgist: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

People: the Lord is enthroned as King forever.

Liturgist: The Lord gives strength to his people;

People: the Lord blesses his people with peace.

*****The Gloria Patri: (sung)** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*****The Kyrie: (responses are sung)**

Liturgist: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Glory be to God on high!

*****Gloria in Excelsis: (sung)** And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*****Collect:**

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Liturgist: Let us pray.

People: O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Scripture Lessons:

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

¹ But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵ Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶ I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson: Romans 6:1-11

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Alleluia: (sung) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Vicar: Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the third chapter of Saint Luke, beginning with the fifteenth verse.

*****People (sung)** Glory be to thee, O Lord

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

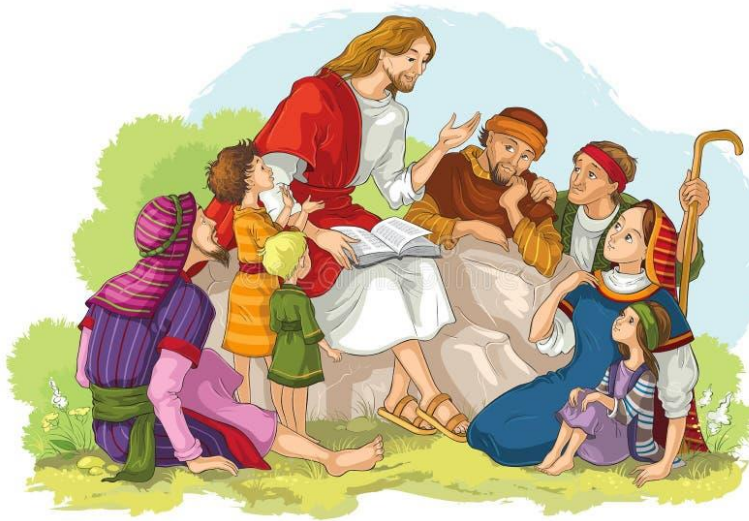
¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Vicar: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

*****People: (sung)** Praise be to thee, O Christ

Children's Sermon:

Vicar Chris Clarke



Pulpit Hymn:

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

Baptized into your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among your seed, your chosen host.

Buried with Christ and dead to sin, I have your Spirit now within.

My loving Father, here you take me Hence-forth to be your child and heir;
My faithful Savior, here you make me The fruit of all your sorrows share;
O Holy Ghost, you comfort me Though threat'ning clouds around I see.

O faithful God, you never fail me; Your cov'nant surely will abide.

Let not eternal death assail me Should I transgress it on my side!
Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore your child.

All that I am and love most dearly, Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Oh, let me make my vows sincerely, And help me your own child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but yours alone.



The Sermon Response: (sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.

****Passing of the Peace*

****The Apostles' Creed:*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

****The General Prayer: (after each petition)*

Vicar: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

****The Lord's Prayer:*

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, For ever and ever. Amen.

****The Prayer Response: (sung)*

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

****The Benediction:*

Vicar: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: (sung) A-men, A-men, A---men.

*****Closing Hymn:**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

“I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.”

*****The Postlude**

Prayers and Praises:

For our church leaders:

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carey G. Larson
Assistant Presiding Pastor: Rev. Roger Twito
AALC Administrator: Rev. Dean Stoner
Secretary Pastor: Rev. Joe Marsh
Home Mission Developer: Rev. Joe Christina
National Office Manager: Bonnie Ohlrich
Seminary President: Rev. Dr. Jordan Cooper
Seminary Administrator: Duane Kleven

Robin Nicholson	Hope Johnston	Sharon Phelps	Chris and Bob Bingaman
Dorothy Foster	Matt Ruppalt	Joan Stanley	Judy Butler
Rebecca Robinson	Bill Trall	Harvey Jester	Justin Serene
Fred Carlson	Bob Petersen	Norita Shipley	Brian Stitely
Cam Swanson	Debbie Stapf	Paul Beall	Marty Beall
Bob Pickett	Chris German	Danny Beall	Ben Flynn
Sue Clarke			

For the President and the leaders of our nation

For those in the armed Services: Grace Gorevin, Zach Gorevin, Christopher Clarke, Travis Hawk
Bethany Hueter, Cameron Donk, Ethan Stone, Wendy Ahern, Kris Johnson

For our Seminary Students: Chris Clarke, Kris Johnson

For a Region congregation: The Reverend Dr. Jordan Cooper, Just & Sinner Publications/Weidner Institute

For our missionary work: Great Commission Families

For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ

For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: Bethesda United Methodist Church

For the congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches

For our college students: Maddie Day, Joseph Flesch, Jude Stapf, Paul Stapf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Men's Bible Study: Tuesday: 1:30 PM at Church**
- **Women's Bible Study: Wednesday: 10 AM at Carolyn's**
- **Adult Sunday School: 9:30 AM**
- **Children's Sunday School: 9:30 AM**
- **Thanks for everyone who came yesterday and helped take down the Christmas decorations.**
- **You may continue to watch the Sunday services (10:30 AM) via Livestream on Facebook – Christ Lutheran Church AALC. The Bulletins for the services are on our website: christlutheranofgermantown.org. The video of every livestream is on our Facebook page. You can access the livestream by clicking the link at the bottom of the first page of our website or by visiting the Facebook page directly. Be sure to click on the 'videos' tab.**
- **Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 2nd**. We will be having our **Annual Meeting** after Church. Please bring your own lunch, we will be eating before our meeting. Please have all **reports** turned in to Carrie by this **Tuesday, January 14th**.**