

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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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 30, 2022

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**

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: 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.)

Pastor: 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

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

*****Opening Hymn:**

He Leadeth Me

Hymn #478

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
By his own hand he leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be,
For by his hand he leadeth me.*

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, Sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see, Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain

And when my task on earth is done, When, by thy grace, the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain

*****Psalm: Psalm 96 (read responsively)**

Pastor: Oh sing to the Lord a new song;

People: sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Pastor: Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

People: tell of his salvation from day to day.

Pastor: Declare his glory among the nations,

People: his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Pastor: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

People: he is to be feared above all gods.

Pastor: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

People: but the Lord made the heavens.

Pastor: Splendor and majesty are before him;

People: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,

People: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

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

People: bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Pastor: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;

People: tremble before him, all the earth!

Pastor: Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;

People: he will judge the peoples with equity.”

Pastor: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

People: let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

Pastor: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes,

People: for he comes to judge the earth.

Pastor: He will judge the world in righteousness,

People: and the peoples in his faithfulness.

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

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

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: 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 Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*****Collect:**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty to help and defend us; through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament Lesson: Jonah 1:1-17

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me.” ³But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. So he went down to Joppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

⁴The LORD hurled a great wind on the sea and there was a great storm on the sea so that the ship was about to break up. ⁵Then the sailors became afraid and every man cried to his god, and they threw the cargo which was in the ship into the sea to lighten *it* for them. But Jonah had gone below into the hold of the ship, lain down and fallen sound asleep. ⁶So the captain approached him and said, “How is it that you are sleeping? Get up, call on your god. Perhaps *your* god will be concerned about us so that we will not perish.”

⁷Each man said to his mate, “Come, let us cast lots so we may learn on whose account this calamity *has struck* us.” So they cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸Then they said to him, “Tell us, now! On whose account *has* this calamity *struck* us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?” ⁹He said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD God of heaven who made the sea and the dry land.”

¹⁰Then the men became extremely frightened and they said to him, “How could you do this?” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. ¹¹So they said to him, “What should we do to you that the sea may become calm for us?”—for the sea was becoming increasingly stormy. ¹²He said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will become calm for you, for I know that on account of me this great storm *has come* upon you.” ¹³However, the men rowed *desperately* to return to land but they could not, for the sea was becoming *even* stormier against them. ¹⁴Then they called on the LORD and said, “We earnestly pray, O LORD, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life and do not put innocent blood on us; for You, O LORD, have done as You have pleased.” ¹⁵So they picked up Jonah, threw him into the sea, and the sea stopped its raging. ¹⁶Then the men feared the LORD greatly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

¹⁷And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights.

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson: Romans 13:8-10

⁸ Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled *the* law. ⁹ For this, “YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET,” and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of *the* law.

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

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

Pastor: Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the eighth chapter of Saint Matthew beginning with the twenty-third verse.

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

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 8:23-27

²³ When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. ²⁴ And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep. ²⁵ And they came to *Him* and woke Him, saying, “Save *us*, Lord; we are perishing!” ²⁶ He said to them, “Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?” Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm. ²⁷ The men were amazed, and said, “What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Children’s Sermon:



Jesus, the very thought of thee With sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, And in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than thy blest Name, O Saviour of mankind!

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is, None but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou, As thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now, And through eternity.

Sermon:

Pastor Abraham McNally

**Who
Is He?**



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.

***** 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 Ghost, 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 Ghost; 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)**

Pastor: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

*****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 Preface: (responses are sung)**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

*****Proper Preface:**

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God: And now do we praise thee, that thou didst send unto us thine only-begotten Son, and that in him, being found in fashion as a man, thou didst reveal the fullness of thy glory. Therefore with Angels, and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

*****The Sanctus: (sung)**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of thy glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

*****The Consecration:**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also, he took the cup, when he had supped and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."

*****The Eucharistic Prayer:**

Pastor: Remembering, therefore, his salutary precept, his life-giving Passion and Death, his glorious Resurrection and Ascension and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to thee, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we beseech thee mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and with thy Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, thy servants, and these thine own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who partake thereof may be filled with heavenly benediction and grace, and, receiving the remission of sins, be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all thy saints. And unto thee, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in thy holy Church, world without end. Amen.

*****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 Agnus Dei: (sung)**

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

The Communion (If you are baptized, believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, have honestly confessed your sins, and believe that under the bread and wine Christ gives us his true body and blood, you are welcome to come to communion.)

*****Post Communion Blessing:**

Pastor: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

People: *Nunc Dimittis* (Simeon's Prayer): **(sung)** Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou has prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

People: **(sung)** And His mercy endureth forever.

*****Closing Prayer: (responses are sung)**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to thee, Almighty God, that thou hast refreshed us with this thy salutary gift; and we beseech thee, of thy mercy, to strengthen us through the same gift, in faith toward thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*****The Benediction:**

Pastor: 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)** The threefold Amen

A-men, A-men, A----men.

*****Closing Hymn:**

God of Our Life, All-Glorious Lord

Hymn #209

God of our life, all-glorious Lord, Be now and evermore adored!
Into the opening of this day Bring grace, and love, and peace we pray.

Make clear our path, that we may see Where we must walk to be with thee,
And listen always for thy voice That we may make thy way our choice.

Give help for doing every task, Nor let us fail of thee to ask
For grace in speech, for love in deed, From wrongful actions to be freed.

Inspire us now to do some deed For other's good to help in need;
To rescue and to lead from shame; To bless with comfort in thy Name.

Thus may we walk our way with thee, Enabled by thy grace to be
A little less unworthy, Lord, Of thee our Friend, our Holy God.

At eventide then will we raise A grateful heart in songs of praise;
And worship thee, and thy dear Son, With God the Spirit, ever One.

*****The Postlude**

Prayers and Praises:

For our church leaders:

Presiding Pastor: Rev Dr. Curtis Leins
Assistant Presiding Pastor: Rev Dr. Cary Larson
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

Joyce Ballard	Mark & Terri Ballard	Sheila Perini	Robin Nicholson
Michael D'Amico	Hope Johnston	Nancy Gregory	Carolyn Shriver
Ken Ford	Tim Birdseye	Lee Ballard	Samantha Shriver
Jimmy Beall	Frank Benenati	Burk Hill	Dorothy Foster
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David Price	Ted Hawk	Traci McNally	Harvey Jester
Tammy Pulley	Charlie Gulac	Cathy Gulac	Debbie Stapf
Mark Yates	Lindy Beall	Larry Ackin	Jake Greear
Veronica Greear	Amelia Greear	Ben Greear	Family of Brian Nichols
Sheri Perini	Jan Gladhill		

For the President and the leaders of our nation

For those in the armed Services: Grace Gorevin, Zach Gorevin, Christopher Clarke, Travis Hawk, Skyler Hawk, Bethany Hueter, Chaplain John Reutemann, Chaplain Len Brokenshire, Cameron Donk, Ethan Stone, Rebecca Deppe

For our Seminary Students

For a Region congregation: Reverend Alexander McNally, Faith Lutheran Church, Watseka, IL

For our missionary work: Matunda Lutheran Church

For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ

For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: Neelsville Presbyterian Church

For the congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches

For our college students: Haven Flesch, Shelby Evans, Maddie Day, Joseph Flesch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **As of 11/20/21 masks are required again in public spaces.**
- **The annual meeting is scheduled for February 13 after church.**
- **Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7 PM at church**
- **Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10 AM**
- **Adult and Children's Sunday School: 9:30 Sunday mornings.**
- **You may continue to watch the Sunday services (10:30AM) 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.**
- **We are dismantling our library. If there are any books you are interested in, please help yourselves. The deadline is February 13.**
- **There are a few passages left for *In Our Own Words*. There is a sign-up sheet in the front of the Sanctuary, or contact Pastor McNally or Joe Flesch.**

SERMON NOTES: Who Is He?