

	January 19, 2020	January 26, 2020
<b>Reader</b>	Betty Massey	Jean Warren
<b>Ushers</b>	Jose Saavedra Bob Drake	Donna Tetlow
<b>Greeter</b>	Louise Drake	Agnes Harris
<b>Ppt Tech</b>	Susan Geisler	
<b>Musician</b>	Sandy Nail	Linda Pirtle
<b>\$ Counters</b>	Byron Sims Esther Braden	
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If you would like to be a part of the <u>Altar Guild</u> contact the Church Office: clcoffice2019@gmail.com or 979-297-2013.		

**Calendar:**

Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, Worship, 9:00AM  
 Discussion Group, 10:15AM  
 Council Meeting, 2:00PM  
 Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
 Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, Boredom Busters, 12:30PM  
 Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bread for Life, 11:30AM  
 Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Choir Practice, 6:30PM  
 Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Worship, 9:00AM  
 Congregational Meeting, 10:15AM  
 Souper Bowl for Caring Cook-off, 11:15AM

**Attendance Last Weekend: 42**

Lord's Work	Income	Expenses	+ / -
December	\$18,281.00	\$17,295.95	\$985.05
YTD 2019	\$181,994.14	\$199,415.15	-\$17,421.01
Bldg Loan	Income	Expenses	+ / -
December	\$6,235.00	\$4,949.53	\$1,285.47
YTD 2019	\$58,803.00	\$59,394.36	-\$591.36

Christ Lutheran Church

January 19, 2020  
 Second Sunday after Epiphany



*The Hands of Christ  
 Worshiping Learning Serving  
 Together*

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**INTRODUCTION** - Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

**Welcome Visitors!** Please sign our guest book in the Gathering Area.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** is celebrated every Sunday. Everyone who seeks the Lord for forgiveness, mercy, and new life for daily living is welcome to the table. Ushers will direct you. If you prefer grape juice to wine, cups will be provided at the altar. Please dispose of your cups in the baskets at the end of the altar rail. Children are also invited to participate.

### **WE GATHER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 40:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently upon the Lord,  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup>**The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup>The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who trust in the Lord!**

**They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

<sup>5</sup>Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us,  
none can be compared with you!  
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can  
count.

<sup>6</sup>**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears:  
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup>And so I said, "Here I am; I come.  
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

<sup>8</sup>**'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep within me.'**"

<sup>9</sup>I proclaimed righteousness in the | great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Let your light shine!

**Thanks be to God.**

**Preaching/Presiding:** *Paul Geisler Jr*

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**WE ARE SENT**

**BLESSING**

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:** *We are Marching in the Light of God #650 Blue Book*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

<sup>11</sup>You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,

**the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,**

to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,

**“Kings shall see and stand up,**

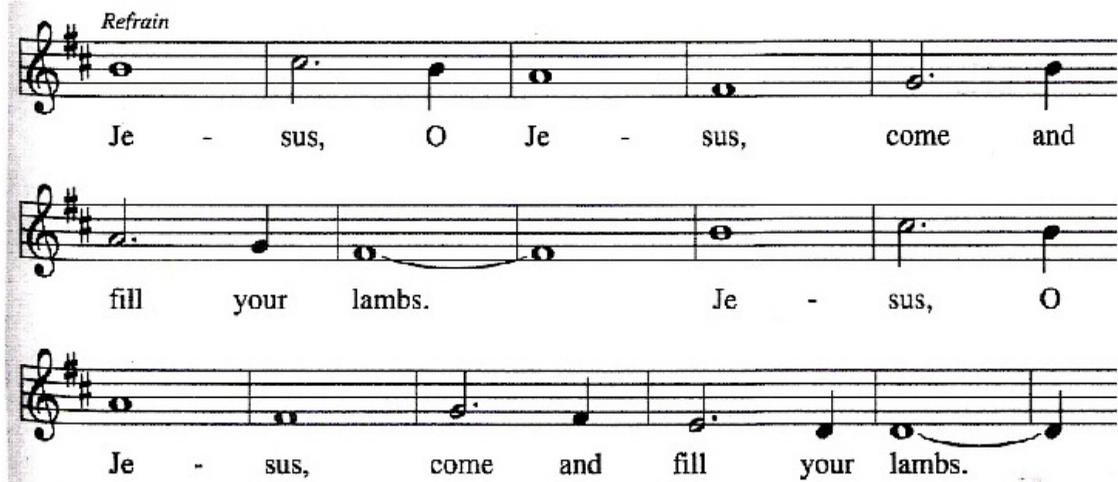
**princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,**

because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

**GATHERING HYMN:** *Spirit Song*, repeat Refrain

Oh, let the Son of God en-fold you with his Spir-it and his  
love, let him fill your heart and sat-is-fy your soul.  
Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spir-it like a  
dove will de-scent up-on your life and make you whole.

*Refrain*



Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and fill your lambs. Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and fill your lambs.

*Repeat Refrain*

**GREETING**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all. **Amen.**

**KYRIE** *Lord, Have Mercy*, page 184, Red Hymnal

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way. Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

Living God, we give thanks for the whole communion of saints, each called in their own time to serve you (*especially Henry, Bishop of Uppsala*). Inspire our lives with their testimony. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### WE SHARE THE HOLY MEAL

#### OFFERING & VIDEO MEDITATION

#### OFFERING PRAYER

God of wonder,  
**you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.**

#### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

#### PREFACE

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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

**And also with you.**

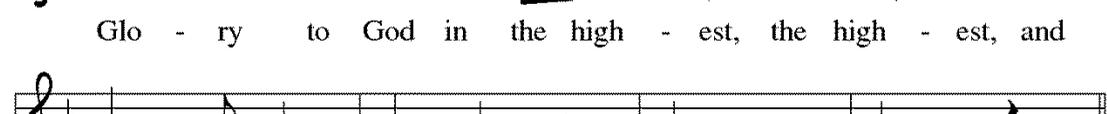
*We share God's peace with one another.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

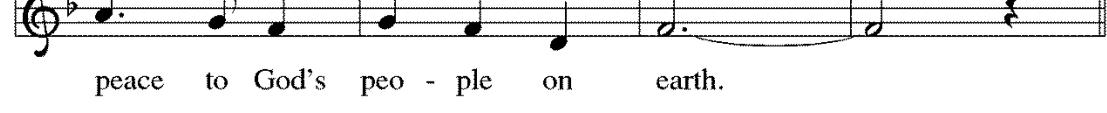
*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

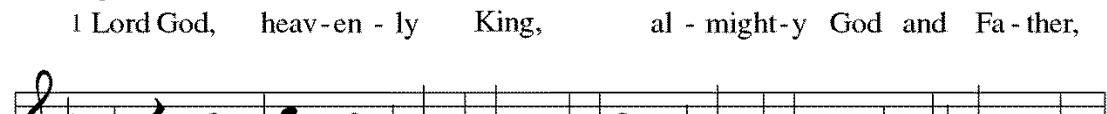


1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,

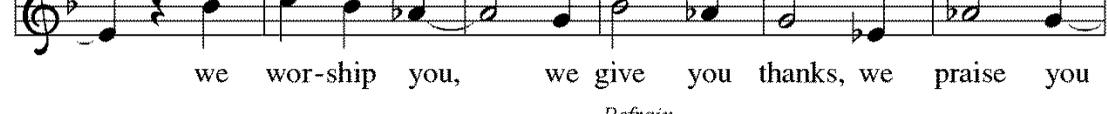


we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

*Refrain*



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

Faithful God, thank you for the testimony of disciples throughout the generations and for opportunities to proclaim your mercy. Reveal your truth and glory to all who ponder your word of life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, we marvel at the abundance of the world you have made. Give us confidence in our calling to be stewards of the earth so that our lives are in fellowship with all creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we are thankful for all who have marched for justice and advocated for peace. Entrust our elected leaders (*especially*) with strength, wisdom, and a discerning spirit, so that both our words and our actions serve you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, thank you for your constant presence as you walk with your children through challenges of joblessness, homelessness, grief, and sickness. Gather your community around all who need your healing power, that they find strength in you *especially* Alison Blevins, Liz Ellett, Agnes Harris, Dennis Jones, David Lykken, Roselyn Lykken, Jimmy Neece, Richard Poklikuha, Steve Ray, Dennis Smith, Gail Smith, Joy Stanley, Gene Reynolds, Sharon Reynolds, and Donna Tetlow. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of persistence, we glory in the gifts of our church leaders. Bless and strengthen our council members, staff, pastors, worship leaders, and all those who offer their gifts to this community, that our work together would serve your mission. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**  
*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Protect all your people, especially those who need special care, as well as those who provide that care. Give strength and comfort day-by-day to Dorothy Krug, Verlene Heady, Terry Partridge, and Connie Spangenburg. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant joy and support to all who celebrate their birthdays this week, including Sue Rieshick and Freddie Brown. Give them the gifts of joy and peace of knowing your gracious love for them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Beautiful Savior #838* Red Hymnal)

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**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.**

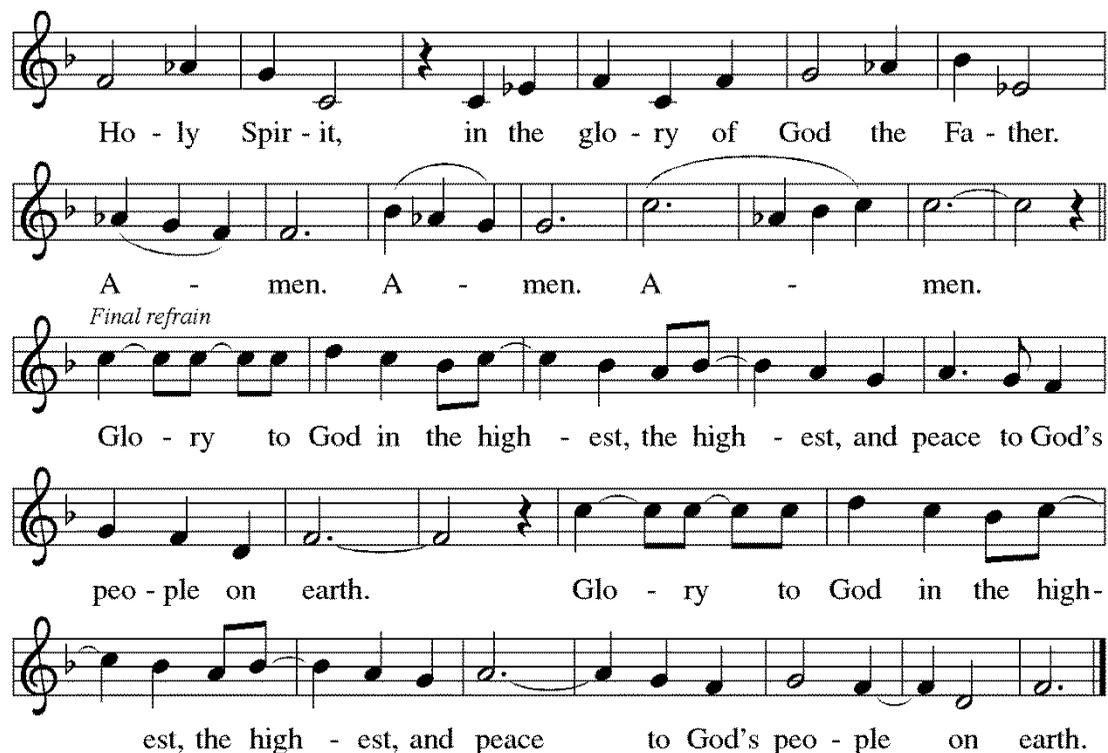
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.** \*universal

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

*A brief silence.*

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
*Refrain*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -  
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
 A - men. A - men. A - men.  
*Final refrain*  
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's  
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**READING:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-19

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia.* In the | Word was life

**and the life was the light of all people. *Alleluia.* (John 1:4)**

**GOSPEL:** John 1:29-42

The Gospel for today, from the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter of John

**Thanks be to God.**

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him." <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."