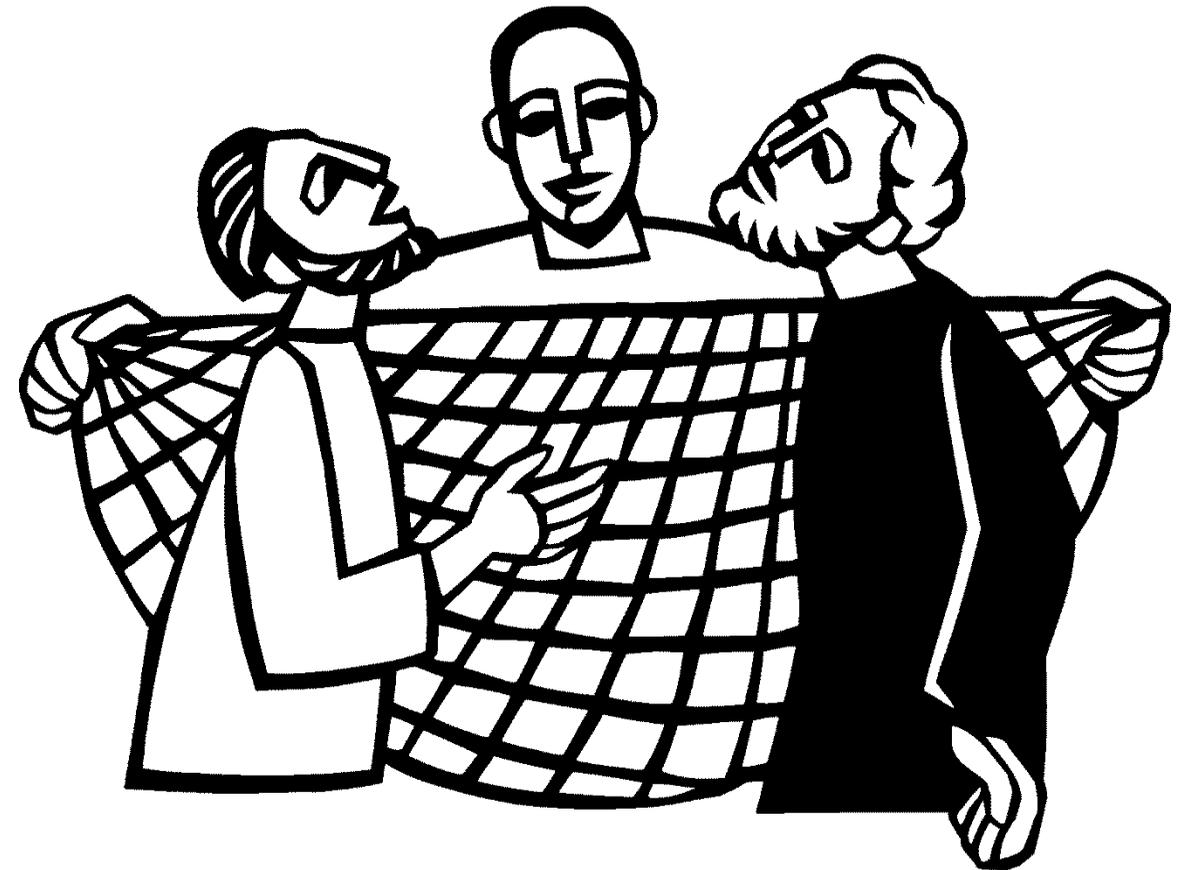


Christ Lutheran Church

January 26, 2020
Third Sunday after Epiphany



*The Hands of Christ
Worshiping Learning Serving
Together*

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INTRODUCTION: *Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.*

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 27:1, 4*

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

GATHERING HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision* #793 Red Hymnal

Following Today’s Worship

Congregational Meeting

Then it will be time for

Souper Bowl of Caring

Hope you are hungry!



	January 26, 2020	February 2, 2020	February 9, 2020
Reader	Jean Warren	David Lykken	
Ushers	Donna Tetlow Floyd Ellington	Gene Reynolds Sharon Reynolds	Pat Northam
Greeter	Agnes Harris	Esther Braden	
Ppt Tech	Susan Geisler	Dave McCrery	Patty Northam
Musician	Linda Pirtle	Mary Morgan	Sandy Naill
\$ Counters	Esther Braden	Jose Saavedra	Agnes Harris Byron Sims
Altar Guild	Jean/Agnes's Team		
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 26th, Worship, 9:00AM
 Congregational Meeting, 10:15AM
 Souper Bowl of Caring Cook-Off, 11:15AM
 Tuesday, January 28th, Boredom Busters, 12:30PM
 Wednesday, January 29th, Bread for Life, 11:30AM
 Thursday, January 30th, Choir Practice, 6:30PM
 Sunday, February 2nd, Worship, 9:00AM
 Discussion Group, 10:15AM

Attendance Last Weekend: 46

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters. **Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us,

you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven. **Amen.**

GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *You Servants of God (v. 1) #825 Red Hymnal*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE WORD

READING: *1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Jesus preached the good news | of the kingdom
and cured every sickness among the people. Alleluia. (Matt. 4:23)

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter, beginning with the 12th verse.

Thanks be to God.

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

Preaching/Presiding: Paul Geisler, Jr.

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Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**
O God, you are Breath: **send your Spirit on this meal.**
O God, you are Bread: **feed us with yourself.**
O God, you are wine: **warm our hearts and make us one.**
O God, you are Fire: **transform us with hope. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And so, as Jesus' taught us, we are bold to say...

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.

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: *Here I Am, Lord* #574 Red Hymnal

territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore* #817 Red Hymnal

STATEMENT 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.

Holy One, your voice calls us to follow. Thank you for raising up missionaries in every generation and for all who create communities of grace today. Open our hearts to serve you near and far. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Maker of all, we rejoice in the beauty and abundance of the earth. Unite us in our shared calling to be stewards of creation, to reduce waste, and to simplify our lives for your sake. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of all, thank you for those who run for local and national office, and all who serve as elected leaders. Gather wise and courageous voices together, that your mercy and justice would dawn upon all people and nations. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Healer of all, thank you for sanctuary and safety. Uplift all who live where fear governs and evil divides. Give refugees and all who seek safety a path toward hope and new life. Grant healing and wholeness to all who are sick, lonely, or grieving *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, and Donna Tetlow.. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of courage, thank you for faithful teachers and evangelists in this and every place. Inspire our faith formation efforts with all generations as you call us to follow you. Bless our children, youth, and adults who engage in learning. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Grant joy and support to all who celebrate their birthdays this week, including Tyler Bartholome, Pat Brannon, Madeline Bone, and Sharon Drake. Give them

the gifts of joy and peace of knowing your gracious love for them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Risen Lord, we marvel at the meaning of your resurrection. Give us faith to place all hope in you as we give thanks for the faithful departed. May their witness help us follow your call. 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 *We present our gifts to God.*

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

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.