

**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**  
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**Christ Lutheran Church**

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

A Community of Faith, Reaching Out to Change Lives

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# WELCOME!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Christ Lutheran Church is a **community of faith, reaching out to change lives..**

Children are always welcome in worship! But if you would prefer, we do have a nursery for infants up to age three. For directions to the nursery, please ask an usher. Childcare is available from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Activity/coloring books for older children are available in the bags in the back of the sanctuary. See below for more information about Christ Lutheran Church and how you can be a part of our ministry.

## A Community of Faith

The members of Christ Lutheran Church are dedicated to nurturing one another's faith and that of our visitors through our sanctuary choir and bell choir, youth groups, women's groups, men's Bible study, youth choir and chime choir, book clubs and much more. Please see our website for meeting times and contact information, or ask one of our ushers.

## Reaching out to Change Lives

We realize that our ministry to the community, nation and world are of vital importance. We change lives through ministries such as:

Angel Tree	Lutheran World Relief
Back on My Feet	Meals on Wheels
Briarwood Retreat Center	Mosaic
Captain Hope's Kids	Mount Olive Food Pantry
Christ Lutheran Preschool	Salvation Army
First Sagrada Familia Church	Texas Winds Musical Outreach
Lutheran Social Services	Water to Thrive

Learn more about Christ Lutheran Church's mission and vision at [www.clcdallas.org](http://www.clcdallas.org), visit our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/christlutheran](http://www.facebook.com/christlutheran)), or follow us on Twitter (@clcdallas).

## Christ Lutheran Preschool

Our preschool has been a growing ministry in the church for more than 50 years. Children between the ages of two months and five years are provided a safe, nurturing environment with age-appropriate learning experiences to encourage physical, social-emotional, aesthetic, cognitive and spiritual development. For more information about our preschool, please contact Paige Baldwin, Preschool Director, at 214-363-2242.

## GATHERING

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

*Please stand.*

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to share the Peace of Christ with one another.*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. We will have a moment of reflection. Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

### **Opening Hymn 423 *Shall We Gather at the River* (vs. 1-3)**

### **Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: As we gather for worship, let us begin by calling upon our Lord for mercy.

Kyrie

Ghana

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
 2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

P: Christ our Lord does have mercy on us. Let us rejoice and praise (alabaré) our Lord with song.

Hymn of Praise: *Alabaré*

Latin America

REFRAIN

A - la - ba - ré a - la - ba - ré a - la - ba - ré a mi Se - nor.  
 A - la - ba - ré a - la - ba - ré a - la - ba - ré a mi Se - nor.

VERSES

John saw the num - ber of all those re - deemed,  
 Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,  
 Sing with the peo - ple, the peo - ple of God,

and all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord,  
 whose blood has set us free from ev - 'ry sin,  
 and join cre - a - tion in a joy - ful hymn.

Thou - sands were pray - ing, ten thou - sands re - joic - ing,  
 Pow - er and ri - ches, and wis - dom and strength  
 Bless - ing and hon - or, and glo - ry and might

and all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.  
 and hon - or and all bless - ing shall be his.  
 to God and to the Lamb be with - out end.

## Prayer of the Day

A: Holy God,

**C: Creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### WORD

*Please be seated.*

### Reading: Acts 19:1-7

*In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptized them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them with gifts of the Spirit.*

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life: Al - le - lu - ia!

### Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

*Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony; the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.*

*P: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing

their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*P: The Gospel of our Lord*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

### **Children's Message**

*The children are invited to bring their offering forward at this time.  
After the message, they may return to the pew or go to the nursery.*

### **Sermon**

*Pastor Heidi*

### **Hymn of the Day 305 *When Jesus Came to Jordan***

*Please stand.*

### **Affirmation of Baptism**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 comes to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

### **Baptismal Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

**C: Blessed be God now and forever.**

P: By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

**C: Blessed be God now and forever.**

P: In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth.

**C: Blessed be God now and forever.**

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### **MEAL**

*Please be seated.*

*Please take this opportunity to sign the white 'getting to know you' pad in your pew.*

### **Offerings Received**

*Many of our members give electronically. To learn more about this option, please ask an usher.*

**8:30 Solo: *Muddy Water***—Monty Criswell & Rick Huckaby

**11:00 Anthem: *The Work of Christmas***—H. Thurman, D. Forrest

## Presentation of the Gifts

### Offertory

*Please stand.*



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.

### Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C: As grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

P: 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."

P: 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."

### Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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**

### Invitation to Communion

P: All are welcome! Come to Christ's Table prepared for you.

**C: We come to taste the goodness and mercy of God!**

## Communion

*Please be seated*

*Holy Communion is the Lord's Supper. All who believe in Christ's presence to forgive our sins through this sacrament are invited. We will be serving communion by intinction. You will receive a wafer to dip into either a chalice of red wine or white grape juice. Those who choose not to commune may come forward for a blessing.*

*As you come forward, you are invited to dip your finger in the baptismal font and make the cross of Christ on your forehead as a means of remembering your baptism into God's family. After receiving the Sacrament, you may come and kneel at the altar rail for prayer for as long as you desire.*

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.

**Solo:** *Baptism*—M. Cates

### Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

**C: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## SENDING

### **Benediction**

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you + peace. **C: Amen**

### **Closing Hymn 459 *Wade in the Water***

### **Dismissal**

A: We are a community of faith, reaching out to change lives.

**C: Let us go out in peace and share the Good News!**

