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CONTINUED PRAYERS: Rev. Rodger Abatie, Rev. Louis Knief, Jayme Knapp, Jason Knapp, Brandon Neiman, Linda Wood, Mike Clayton, Shawn Foote, Abigail Young, Eddy Jones, Pat Kretzmann (Rebecca Best's mother), Rev. Wayne Ahrens (son-in-law of Pastor and Hilda Knief), Donna Hawbecker, Larry Hartness, Jan Long, Shirley Swanson, Steve Von Behren, Louie Heuermann, Carol Walton, Ronald Hunt (friends of Marilyn Berkshier and Laura Baize), Deb Mingus, sister-in-law of Joe and June Bembenek; Vera Zentko, Tommie Washington, June Bembenek, Barb O'Dell, Lori Burkley, Johnny Burkley, Carroll Cook (Chelsea Cook's father), for the family of Bud Neptun, who passed away last Sunday; for those in the military, for our Church Boards and their members, for Christians being persecuted worldwide. **THE BOARD OF ELDERS REMINDS YOU** that if you wish to have your prayer request added to the Christ Lutheran Prayer Chain, please contact either the church office (309)637-5309 or laura.baize@christlutheranpeo.org) or our Lay Minister, Al Schneider (309)231-6469 or aschneider@sbcglobal.net). ***If you would like to be on the prayer chain and receive emails about prayer requests, please email Laura or call the church office.***

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (DEC 28- JAN 3)

MON 12/28:

TUE 12/29:

WED 12/30:

THU 12/31:

FRI 1/1:

SAT 1/2:

SUN 1/3:

New Year's Day/OFFICES CLOSED

Holy Communion 8:00 AM

Holy Communion 9:30 AM

Holy Communion 11:00 AM

2020 BOARD OF ELDERS

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***DECEMBER 27, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS***

Scripture of the Day

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

*Boldly living
Christ's extreme love;
Building Faith
and Community*

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS! The world has attempted to take over this holy day and make it a generic holiday. But hidden in the name is the One whose promise, annunciation, incarnation, and birth make this night unique. Tonight, we remember what is so easily forgotten. We come to hear the Word of God, to have our Lord's birth placed in context with all the glorious details, and to meet Christ, our everlasting gift. Tonight, respond with joyful acclamation: Christ is born!

NOTE TO OUR GUESTS: Since Holy Communion is a public demonstration of unity in faith, those who commune should express their acceptance of the faith and teaching for which we stand. Our welcome to visitors is heartfelt. Visitors from another Lutheran church or Congregation are asked to please approach our Pastor, if you have not already done so, before attending communion this morning. Also, if you're not a member of an LCMS church but would like a blessing, cross your arms across your chest to receive the blessing. Individual cups are available, in addition to the common cup, as you approach the Altar. **Non-alcoholic white wine** is available in the center of the tray.

VISION STATEMENT: Christ Lutheran Church will continue its Christ-centered, life directed focus, responding to the needs of its members, emphasizing local and worldwide witness, and acting as a catalyst for the improvement of the neighborhood.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$14,199.00; MTD: \$33,129.00. Improvement Fund: \$130.00, MTD: \$840.00. Attendance: 98.

THIS IS THE 5th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER—Luke 2:39 – “And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord...” The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins, but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. And the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live. As Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living and the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE TODAY for pick-up. Please CHECK YOUR INFORMATION and notify the church office if anything needs to be changed! Thank you!

DIRECTORY CORRECTION—Grant Siebels, 4622 Weaver Ridge Blvd, Peoria, IL 61615; grantsiebels@gmail.com.

JUST A REMINDER....the LWML monthly mite collection will be taken at all three church services next Sunday, January 3rd. Your contributions benefit many mission projects and we thank you for your contributions and support!

A NEW FLOWER CHART has been posted in the annex, so families may sign up to provide flowers for the altar each Sunday. If you have any questions, please call Christel VandeVoorde at 267-3053.

WORSHIP ANEW celebrates the new life all people have in Jesus with a 30-minute broadcast service. Christ's love is shared through weekly scripture readings, favorite church hymns, prayers, and a pastor's message that reveals God's grace and truth. You can log in at www.worshipanew.com.

WWW.LCMS.ORG/WORSHIP - The synod website has numerous resources for church members to use. There are Bible studies, monthly pray-for-us calendars, liturgy history, church music resources, digital copies of Lutheran Engage and articles from the Lutheran Witness, plus synod articles on current news and social issues! Be sure to take a look!

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

Prayer of the Day

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-20

Apostles' Creed

Sermon – Rev. Karl Eckhoff

Behold the King of Whom We Sing -

O Come All Ye Faithful

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Communion Distribution

Hymns

O Come All Ye Faithful

Post Communion Thanksgiving

Benediction

Hymn

Let Us All With Gladsome Voice

1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 27, 2020

HYMN "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" [LSB 386]

1 Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth
Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art!
Thou my Savior art!

2 Come from on high to me;
I cannot rise to thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit,
O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit,
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee!
Draw me unto Thee!

3 Now through His Son doth shine
The Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us
Through sin and vanity
Till He opened for us
A bright eternity.
May we praise Him there!
May we praise Him there!

4 Oh, where shall joy be found?
Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing
With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing
In heav'nly joy and light,
Oh, that we were there!
Oh, that we were there!

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in 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.

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

C Amen.

LESSON

HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 2:22-40**

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SERMON: Behold the King of Whom We Sing – O Come All Ye Faithful

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

Distribution Hymn – “O Come All Ye Faithful” [LSB 379]

1 O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

2 Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes; Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

3 Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God
In the highest: [Refrain]

4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

HYMN “Let Us All with Gladsome Voice” [LSB 390]

1 Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given.

2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sadness,
That with Him in heav'ns fair homes We may reign in gladness.

3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a wonder?
Therefore praise God evermore Here on earth and yonder.

4 Christ, our Lord and Savior dear, Be Thou ever near us.
Grant us now a glad new year. Amen, Jesus, hear us.