# CHRIST THE SERVANT

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2nd Sunday in Advent December 7, 2025

We welcome all people to grow in faith and serve in Jesus' name.

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# PASTOR WELCOME!



Welcome to worship today, we are so blessed to have you with us at Christ the Servant. All are welcome and we want to ensure a safe, sacred, and comfortable experience for everyone who worship with us. Please feel free to touch base with me after worship so we can get to know each other a little better.

Peace- Pastor Karen Pahl

# Worship Information:

**Offering:** The offering will take place up front during the communion process. Members will be encouraged to bring their offering up to the plate when coming up to take communion.

We Care Books: Members and visitors are asked to sign the We Care books and pass them along to their neighbors. Feel free to make introductions during the process.

**Sharing the Peace:** People are encouraged to share and receive the peace in any manner they feel comfortable.

Communion: Communion is offered to all regardless of age or faith tradition and is offered at the rail, you may choose to kneel or stand. The pastor and worship assistant will hand out a communion wafer, which is gluten free, and the communion assistants will hold a tray of communion cups (red liquid is wine and the white liquid is grape juice), so each participant can take the cup of their choice. The pastor, worship assistant, and communion assistants will share the words of promise with anyone who comes forward. If anyone would prefer a blessing, their arms should be crossed in front of their chest. After participating in Communion please discard the empty cup in the basket, located at each side aisle, as you return to your seat.

**Children's Activity Bags:** if your little ones are looking for something to keep their minds and hands busy during worship there are crayons, coloring books, & notepads in the cloth bags hanging on the small coat rack just outside the Sanctuary doors. Help yourself - you can return the bags following worship.

**Nursery:** We love to have children with us in worship and their sounds and voices are to be celebrated. We also realize that sometimes the freedom to play is needed and we have a nursery for just those times. Our nursery is unstaffed, but parents may access it any time, while supervising their child/children. The nursery is located down the hallway to the left of the coat closet, the 3rd door on the left, or ask one of our ushers to direct you.

Congregation reads C: bolded text.

▲ = The congregation is invited to stand as able. ▼ = The congregation is invited to sit.

# GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God

#### Welcome

#### ▲ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\oplus$  one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

#### Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who was and is and is to come.

despite our best intentions, even our deepest desires, we find ourselves time and again turning away from you to follow after other gods - possessions, people, comforts - in an effort to fill the hole that only you can. In so doing we have harmed ourselves, others, and your holy creation by what we have said and done, and by the things we have neglected to do. Open our eyes to see that you alone are the source of our wholeness. Forgive us our wrongs and inspire us to the work of making them right, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ.

Beloved of God, like the prodigal son, you are always received with great joy, your sins are forgiven, you are saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior. **Amen.** 

#### ▲ Advent Wreath Song

Blessed is the One - ACS 929



#### ▲ Lighting of the Advent Wreath

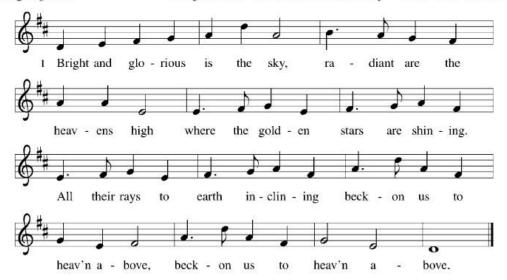
Dear Jesus,

as we light two candles, may we remember you are the Prince of Peace. Fill us with your deep and abiding peace this week and help us to share that peace with everyone we encounter.

Amen.

#### ▲ Gathering Hymn

Bright and Glorious is the Sky - ELW 301 vs 1 & 6



6 And this star, as bright as day, that will never lead astray with its message so appealing, is the word of God, revealing Christ, the way, the truth, the life, Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

# WORD

God speaks in scripture and proclamation

#### Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.

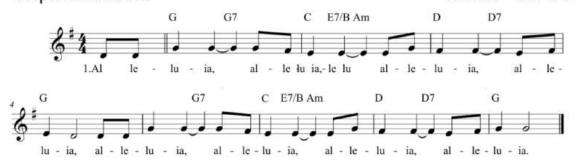
Nurture our faith as people of forgiveness and peace, and may we be witness of Christ's Light in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, now and forever. Amen.

▼ Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 61 will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." 10 prophesied as he commanded me. and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' 12Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



#### ▼ Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-3, 7-8, 13, 16

The Gospel according to St. Matthew the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

#### Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him,

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

<sup>13</sup> Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

<sup>16</sup> When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi.

The Gospel of Our Lord.

#### Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Children's Message

#### Sermon

#### ▲ Hymn of the Day

Christ, Be Our Light - ELW 715 vs 1, 2 & 5



#### ▲ Apostle's Creed

We join together proclaiming our 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.

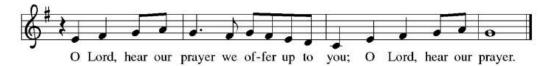
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

#### ▼ Prayers of the People

Trusting in the promise of Jesus' advent among us, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need **as we sing....** 

Lord, hear our prayer - W&P 108



#### ▼ Prayers of the People - Continued

O God, Israel had so lost hope that it was as though they had died. Show us the places where we have given up—on ourselves, on others, on ever seeing peace and justice on earth. Reanimate our hope and motivate us to live into your promises. God who was, and is, and is to come,

#### We lift our prayers to you.

Climate change has turned formerly fertile lands to deserts. Spur us to action, that we might change the tragic course we are on, so that these deserts might one day have new life. God who was, and is, and is to come,

#### We lift our prayers to you.

In war zones, droughts and famines, disaster areas, and places of mass persecution, breathe your spirit of life where hope has dried up. Use your people to minister to one another's needs and to restore a sense of what is possible. God who was, and is, and is to come,

#### We lift our prayers to you.

Inspire the work of healers, caregivers, and all those who work tirelessly to find new treatments and cures for chronic diseases. Hold all with whom they work and all who suffer in your loving arms. We especially pray for those we mention out loud, in our hearts, and who are listed on our long-term prayer list.... (pause)... God who was, and is, and is to come,

#### We lift our prayers to you.

So many of the saints who have come before us have dealt with persecution and other challenges to their faith, yet have remained steadfast. Make us bold to live as they did. God who was, and is, and is to come,

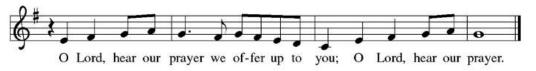
#### We lift our prayers to you.

Other petitions may be offered from prayer journal and others......
WE ARE ASKED TO PRAY FOR: Lois, Bob, Channing, Patty, Heather, Dick, Whitney, and the family of Sharon. God who was, and is, and is to come,

We lift our prayers to you as we sing...

#### ▼ Prayers of the People - Continued

Lord, hear our prayer - W&P 108



Steadfast and loving God, gather these prayers we have offered, both aloud and silent, into your loving arms, for we know that you are faithful and will never abandon us. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

#### ▲ Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

#### ▼ HAND CHIMES

Intro verse by Hand Chine Ringers, after Intro Congregations to sing:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - ELW 257 vs 1 & 2

#### Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

#### Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

#### Verse 2

O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.

#### Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

#### **▼** Announcements

We Care Book Please sign in the We Care book and pass it down the pew.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

#### ▲ Great Thanksgiving

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.

#### ▲ Words of Institution

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.

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

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 the Table

Jesus, who breathes new life into all things, invites you to this holy table, where he offers his own body and blood to give you life—and that abundantly! Come to the meal where our friend and sibling, Jesus Christ, is fully present, and be made new.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION: Communion is a gift of God for the people of God, no matter age, faith tradition or where you are on your journey. Ushers will guide each row to the altar, you may kneel or stand by the communion rail. Pastor will hand out the communion bread, which is gluten free, and the deacon will hold a tray of communion cups (red liquid is wine, white liquid is grape juice), each participant will take a cup. If anyone would prefer a blessing please cross your arms in front of your chest. Empty cup may be discarded in the basket provided as you return to your seats.

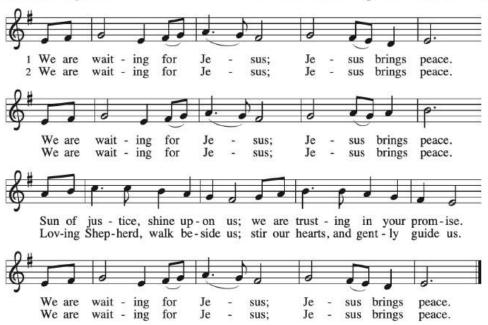
#### ▼ Communion Hymn

#### What Feast of Love - ELW 487



#### ▼ Communion Hymn

#### We Are Waiting for Jesus- ACS 905



#### ▼ Communion Hymn

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper - ACS 901



- 1 Now the heav ens start to whis per, as the veil is grow-ing thin.
- 2 Heav y clouds that block the moon-light now be gin to drift a way.
- 3 Christ, e ter nal Sun of jus tice, Christ, the rose of wis-dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
Dia - mond bril-liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra-grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom-ise, deep-ly plant-ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem! Christ, the morn-ing star of splen-dor, gleams with-in a world grown dim. In the lone-ly, in the strang-er, in the out-cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be-neath the frost-line, hearts grow soft to wel-come him. Heav-en's em - ber fans to full-ness; hearts grow warm to wel-come him. Child who comes to grace the man-ger, teach our hearts to wel-come you.

#### Prayer after Communion

God, you gathered us at your table and we receive your grace. You have spoken into being all that is, all we have and all we are.

Accept now our time, talents and financial treasures, that they may be abundant blessings for the mission of Christ the Servant and beyond. Amen.

## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

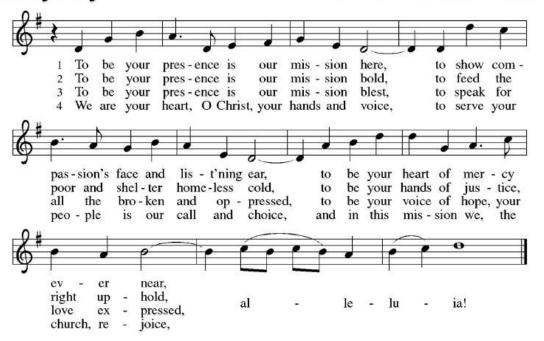
#### ▲ Benediction

So, let the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus and the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, now and forever.

Amen.

#### ▲ Sending Song

To Be Your Presence - ELW 546



#### **▲** Dismissal

Go in peace as:

We welcome all people to grow in faith and serve in Jesus' name. Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

Join us in supporting Christ the Servant Lutheran Church's mission and ministry! Scan the QR code to the right to give securely online. Your gift helps sustain our worship, faith formation, and serving in our community. This also helps us continue to be a welcoming community to share God's love and make a difference in the lives of our neighbors around us.



# THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVERS Sunday, December 7, 2025 - Hand Chimes

Presiding: Pastor Karen Pahl

Lois and Paul Wegner

Accompanist: Mary Johnson Vocal Lead: Abbi Monfre Worship Assistant: Jo Pirlott Acolyte: Torsten Redetzke

Altar Guild: Marlys Swanson Counters: Patti Marti, Chris Tralongo

Ushers: Linda Lind, Sarah Beck, Joyce Hinojosa, Bob & Marlys Swanson, Kim Dutelle

Tech Team: Amy, Dave, Maddy Mulqueen

Plant Sponsorship: Linda Gatlin - In Memory of Bruce

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." - Max Lucado

If you would like to include someone, or yourself, on our prayer list, you may visit the website at: www.christtheservant.org to fill out a prayer request form.

Or you can send an email to CTSprayerchain@gmail.com.

Those currently on our long term prayer list:

Marilyn Schlei Patty Jehn Dawn Yellen Midge and Bob Bennett
Dan Williams Arlene Stewart Jerri Simmert Marty Monfre
Jon Williams Bob Swanson Jan Cavett Charlotte Winger
Shirley Haugse Gordon Nowakowski Joe Frederick

Jim & Linda Saladin

We pray for, and thank, all who are currently serving our country and for all veterans who have served.

Chris Tralongo

# NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVERS Sunday, December 14, 2025 - Children's Program

Presiding: Pastor Karen Pahl Vocal Lead: Erin Johnson, Maddy Mulqueen

Accompanist: Mary Johnson Trombone: AJ Johnson Worship Assistant: Mike Dutelle Acolyte: Emmy Peterson

Altar Guild: Chris Tralongo Counters: Patti Marti, Jerri Simmert

Usher Team: Youth Participants, Larry Bornemeier, Wesley & Channing Brown, Jessi Braun

Tech Team: Jeff Pahl, Adam Johnson, Mitzi Keadle

Plant Sponsorship:

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# Christmas Poinsettias

#### There are a few sign up slots still available!

The beautiful Poinsettia's that adorn the Sanctuary during the Christmas Season can be donated in memory of a loved one, family, or friend.

A total of 15 potted flowers will be purchased from Waukesha Floral with10-14 blooms per pot.

\$28.00 each.

They may be picked up after the Christmas Eve services.

There is a signup sheet at the Welcome Center.

Thank you!

If you have any questions please contact Lynda Schmidt by text or call: 414-732-4656



The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grader Confirmation class meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:45am.

Today - Sunday, December 7th. We invite the youth to attend the Christmas Program rehearsal.



#### Jesse Trees still Available

If you were unable to attend Sunday, for the Advent Intergenerational Event, there are a few Advent Jesse Trees Jesse Trees still Availableavailable.

Stop by Pastor Karen's office to pick one up.



The holidays are a season of giving, and patients in our hospitals still urgently need blood. Cancer patients, trauma victims, and those living with sickle cell disease rely on donors every day, even as donations typically drop this time of year. If you are looking to make a real impact this season, donating blood is one of the most meaningful gifts you can give.

Tuesday December

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm



#### LOCATION:

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MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT: Visit the link below or call 877.232.4376 to secure your spot today:

tinyurl.com/CTS1215





# **Christmas Clearing House Families.**

## REMINDER! - Gifts are due this Wednesday - Dec. 10th!

#### Please be sure to:

Bring the gifts unwrapped and LABELED with a tag. Listing family number, gender and age of child. I.E. Family 2 Boy 9. Please attach a gift receipt with each package. If you have a box for each item that is also appreciated. I have put some tags on the board for your convenience - help yourself to them.

Bring gifts to church **on or before Wednesday Dec 10** and place them in the office with Diane or take them back to the Sunday school room labeled Christmas families.

Finally, we will be **wrapping gifts in the Ark on Saturday Dec 13** starting at 9 AM. You can contact Patti Marti if you would like to help out that day. We will have an opportunity for 9 families to deliver the packages following our event. Let us know if you are interested in helping in these ways.

Thank you all for helping our local Waukesha families have a wonderful Christmas season!

## **Baking Spirits Bright!**



The CTS Jail Ministry will once again sponsor a COOKIE DRIVE for inmates. The cookies need to be homemade (with love!) and our goal is 84 dozen. Cookies can be dropped off at the CTS kitchen and are due by December 18th! Bake and Freeze is a great plan! The cookies will be packed on December 19th and distributed on December 20th. **Thank you for participating!** 

You can contact Linda Pischke at 262-506-8366 or authorlinda1945@gmail.com. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to share the "taste" of Christmas...

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Hope Center collection will end December 14th Bring in your socks, undies, and winter essentials. Tables are set up in the SS room.
- 2 December 10<sup>th</sup> will conclude the bible Study "An Unlikely Advent"
- 3 December 14th Children's Christmas Program
- 4 December 16th CTS Blood Drive 2:00 pm 6:00 pm
- Christmas Eve Worship Services Wednesday, December 24, 2025 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm

See all details in Thursdays email blast - sign up at http://www.christtheservant.org/stay-in-touchcontact-us

CTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS - DECEMBER	
7 SUN	Worship - 9:30 AM - Hand Chimes 10:45 AM - Sunday School, 6th, 7th, 8th Confirmation Program Rehearsal
10 WED	Christmas Clearing House Gifts Due! BIBLE STUDY - An Unlikely Advent - Chapter 4 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM
12 FRI	Joyful Souls 6:30 PM
14 SUN	Worship - 9:30 AM - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 10:45 AM - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - Fellowship and Treats to follow Program
15 MON	Book Discussion Group - Christmas Celebration 6:30 PM
16 TUE	Blood Drive - CTS Sanctuary 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

SERMON NOTES
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#### WHO ARE WE

At Christ the Servant we embrace people for who God created them to be, including those from all backgrounds, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, abilities, and economic status. We commit ourselves to advocating for social and environmental justice, racial equity and serving others. We will strive to create a space where everyone feels loved and invited to fully participate in our mission.

Connect with Us

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