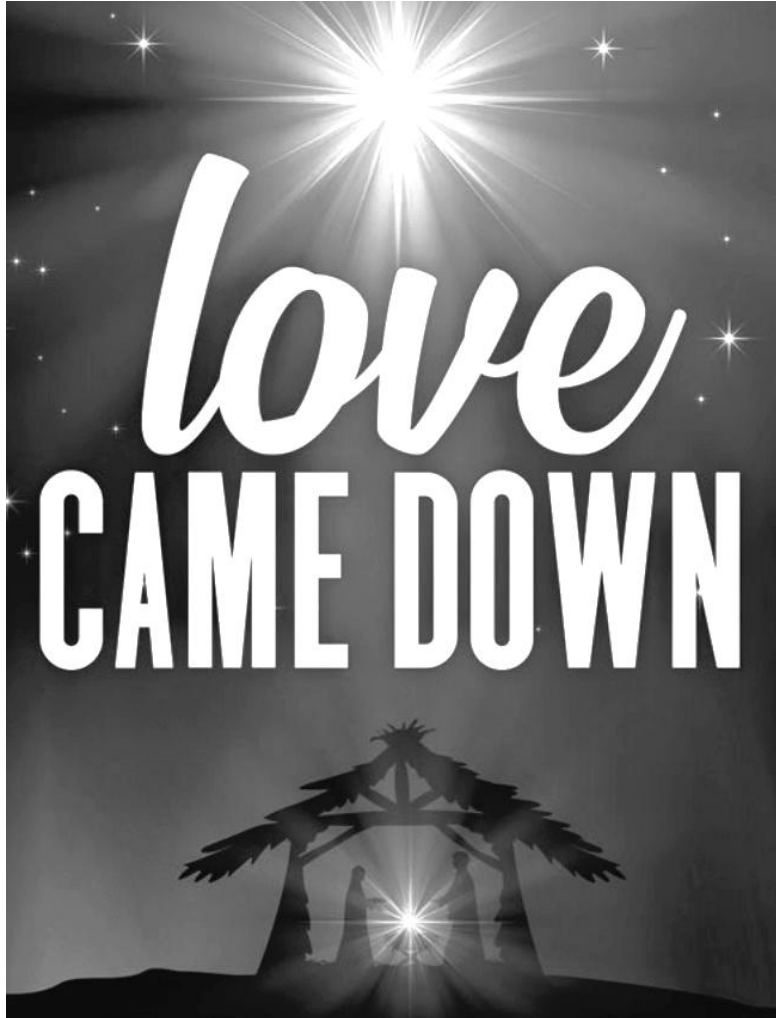


Christ Lutheran Church  
Christmas Eve 7 p.m. & 11 p.m.  
December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020



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## **Christmas Eve 2020**

**Prayer:** O God, as You make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, grant that we, who joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold Him when he comes to be our judge; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **7 PM – Festive Christmas Evening Prayer**

Hymn – “O Come All Ye Faithful”  
Service of Light  
“O Little Town Of Bethlehem”  
Prayer & Choir Anthem  
Psalm 96 & “Joy To The World”  
Scripture Readings  
Hymn --“I Wonder As I Wander”  
Gospel Verse “Go Tell It On Mountain”  
Gospel Reading  
Hymn—“Twas In The Moon Of Winter”  
Message  
Choir Anthem  
Song Of Mary  
Prayers & sung Lord’s Prayer  
Blessing  
Last Hymn—“Silent Night”

### **11 PM – Christmas Compline**

Hymn – “On Christmas Night”  
Confession & Forgiveness  
Psalm 96 & “Joy To The World”  
Prayer & Choir Anthem  
Scripture Readings  
Hymn --“I Wonder As I Wander”  
Gospel Verse “Go Tell It On Mountain”  
Gospel Reading & Responses  
Hymn—“O Come All Ye Faithful”  
Message  
Choir Anthem  
Song of Simeon  
Prayers & sung Lord’s Prayer  
Blessing  
Last Hymn—“Silent Night”

## **Christmas Greetings!**

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church.

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us this very holy day.

We value your presence and treasure the fellowship we share in the glory of our new born king.

As your new pastor, with our first Christmas celebration together, worshipping in song and Scripture holds new excitement and familiar comfort in these trying times.

On behalf of all our leadership and those who serve us, my family and I wish you a joyous Christmas season and a new year filled with hope, health and peace.

Blessed Christmas to all,

Pastor Todd, Jennifer, Jonah, Nick and Georgia Hoeffs

## Christmas Season 2020

Christmas Day worship is at 10 AM with a special Christmas Carol Holy Communion service.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas, December 27, is a 10 AM Blended service with familiar carols live-streamed on our church Facebook page.

Sundays in our provincial lockdown period of 28 projected days will be offered at the 10 AM Blended Worship style via livestream. More details and communication will be forthcoming in the days and weeks ahead.

**COVID 19 – PROTOCOL:** Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ Lutheran Church:

As the number of cases of Covid are beginning to rise in the Province, let us not be complacent; we cannot let our guard down. Kindly continue to follow the safety measures and protocols that are currently in place. If you have any of the symptoms outlined by Public Health, please remain at home. Sermons are available online. If attending worship please:

\*\* Wear a mask (covering both your mouth and nose) at all times

\*\*Sanitize your hands frequently.     \*\*Practice social distancing – 2 metres or 6 feet apart.

\*\*Ensure you have a temperature check before entering.

\*\*Ensure that your attendance is noted at the entrance doors



**The Old Testament:** *Isaiah 9: 2-7*

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou has multiplied the nation and not increased the joy; they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as when men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior *is* with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but *this* shall be with burning *and* fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

**The Epistle** *Titus 2: 11-14*

[St. Paul writes:] For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

**The Holy Gospel** *St. Luke 2:1-20*

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (*And this taxing was first made when Qyrenius was governor of Syria.*) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

