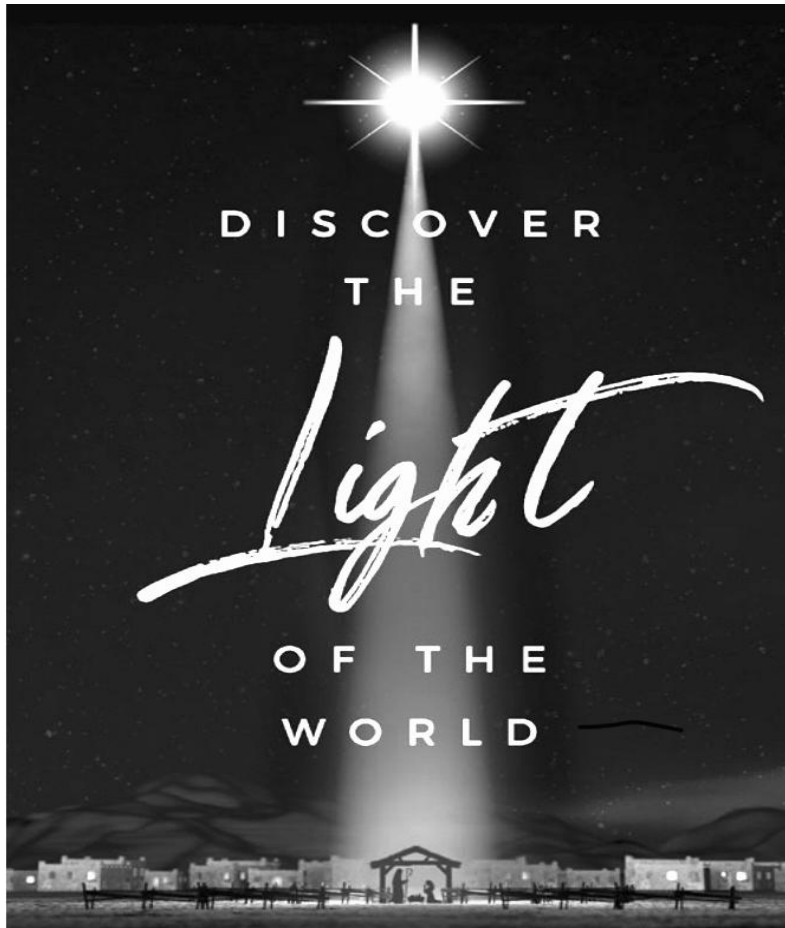


Christ Lutheran Church  
Christmas Day 10 a.m.  
*December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020*



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**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**The Nativity of our Lord**

**Prayer:** O God, because You once caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant that we who have known the mystery of that Light here on earth may come to the full measure of its joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Christmas Day Festive Carol Communion**

Hymn – “O Come All Ye Faithful”  
Confession, Forgiveness & Kyrie  
“Hark The Herald Angels Sing”  
Prayer & Scriptures  
“The First Noel” Gospel Verse  
Holy Gospel  
“O Come All Ye Faithful” verse  
Message  
Creedal Hymn “God’s Gift Descends”  
Prayer & Communion Liturgy  
[sung responsively]  
Responses & Holy Holy Holy [Angels We Have Heard]  
Sung Words of Institution [I Heard The Bells]  
Sung Lord’s Prayer [O Little Town of Bethlehem]  
Lamb of God [I Heard The Bells]  
Communion Hymn – “Joy To The World”  
Song of Simeon [God Rest Ye]  
Sung Benediction & Last Hymn “Good Christian Friends Rejoice!”

**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

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 52: 7-10*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

**The Epistle:** *Hebrews 1:1-12*

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

**The Holy Gospel:** *St. John 1: 1-14*

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

