

New Year's Day  
**THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
January 1st, 2023



**\*\*Jesus' Escaping into Egypt\*\***

# **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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A recording of Sunday's service will be uploaded to YouTube at:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING\\_TKTi9c\\_OIBbMqGwLw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING_TKTi9c_OIBbMqGwLw)

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**Prayer:** Direct us, O Lord, in all our actions by Your gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Your name, we may glorify Your holy name and finally by Your mercy receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: 1 Pet. 4: 12-19      Wednesday: Josh. 1: 1-9      Friday: Deut. 33: 26-29  
Tuesday: Luke 4: 16-21      Thursday: Jas. 4: 13-17      Saturday: Rom. 14: 7-9

**Musician:** 10 a.m. – Mayumi Munoz

**Reader:** 10 a.m. – Paul Mason

### **January 2023 Worship Schedule**

January 1: Christmas 1/New Years Day – Carol Service of the Word  
January 8: Epiphany/Jesus' Baptism – Creative Communion  
January 15: Epiphany 2 – Divine Service Setting Three  
January 22: Epiphany 3 – Divine Service Setting One Communion  
January 29: Epiphany 4 – Morning Praise

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** will meet Sunday January 15th at 9:00 a.m. and then, in February, resume our schedule of the first 2 Sundays of each month.

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS** Resumes Sunday, January 29th. Please look on the Pastor Todd Youth Catechism Google Classroom for any and all communications.

**PRECIOUS MOMENTS:** Will resume Tuesday, January 10th.

### **EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

Monday 7 p.m. to Tuesday 9 a.m. – Youth Lock-In



**Monday, January 2, 7:00 p.m. to Tuesday, January 3, 9:00 a.m..** Be sure to speak with Louise if you are interested. Friends are welcome!  
**Baking help: We are looking for a few people to bake...a banana bread, cinnamon coffee cake, soft pretzel bites or other for our Youth lock in. If you can help please speak with Louise.**

**SOUL WILL RESUME:** Thursday, January 12th, 10:00 am

**2023 ENVELOPES:** The new 2023 Church Envelopes have finally arrived and you can pick them up at the back of the church.

**NOTE FROM JUDY MASON:** After several years of emailing the bulletin I would like to find a replacement. Please contact Judy if you would like to take over emailing her list of weekly bulletins to: [chairman.outreach@christlutheransc.ca](mailto:chairman.outreach@christlutheransc.ca) or 905-641-7546

**GREETERS:** Christmas blessings and a big thank you to everyone who has assisted with greeting over the last year. A special thank you to Tom Bailey for helping out. A new sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board and we would ask that anyone who is interested in assisting for the coming year to please sign up. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know everyone in the congregation.



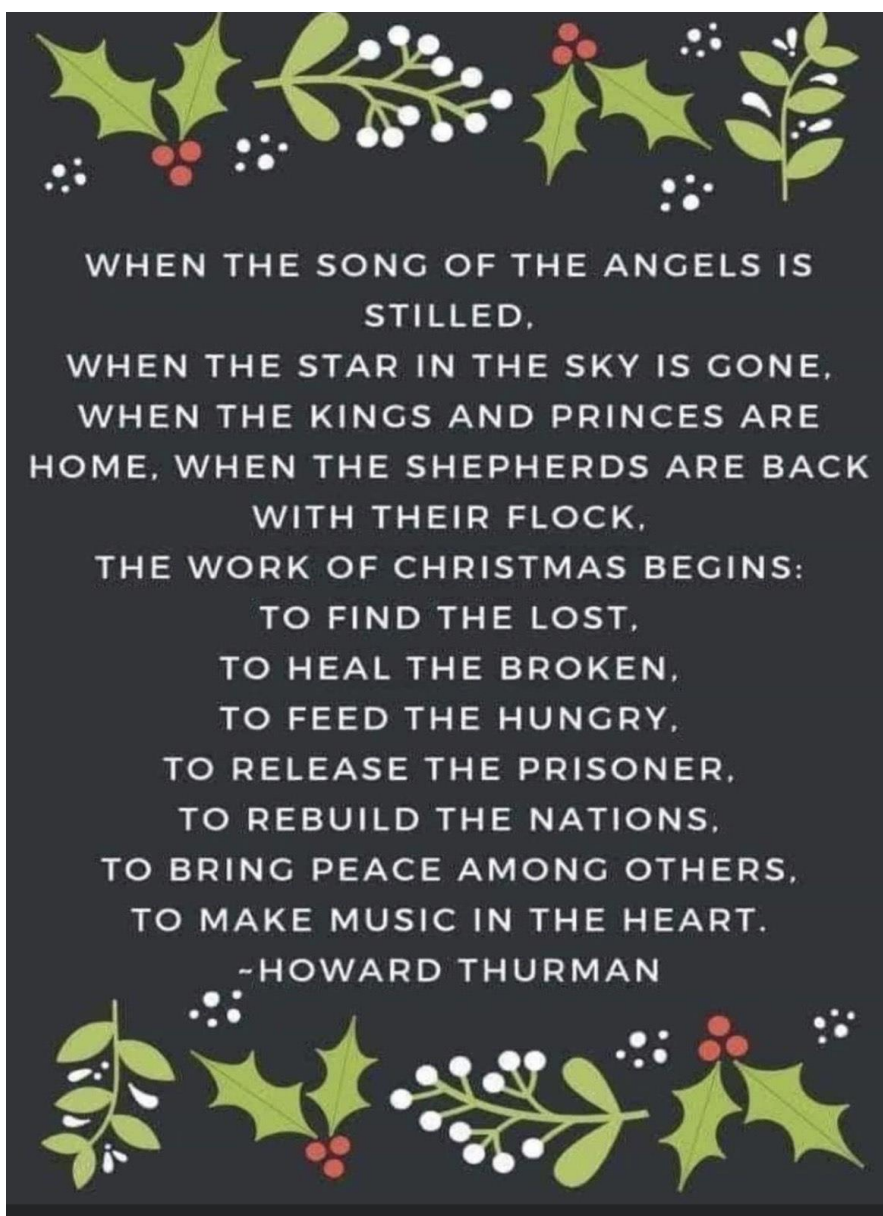
## Tree and Decorations Take Down

*Saturday, January 14, 4:00 p.m.*

**JOIN US AND LEND A HELPING HAND  
SUPPER TO FOLLOW**

*Please sign up in narthex if you plan to attend!*

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**



Christmas Carol Service  
**THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
January 1, 2023 + New Years' Day + 10 AM Worship

**OPENING HYMN:**

*"Away In A Manger"*

*Early American Carol*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the night sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven, to live with Thee there.

*Words: Unknown American, 1883, written for the 400<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Martin Luther*

**INVOCATION:**

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord from the heavens;**

Praise him in the heights above.

**Praise him, all his angels,**

Praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

**Praise him, sun and moon;**

Praise him, all you shining stars.

**Praise him, you highest heavens**

and you waters above the skies.

**Let them praise the name of the Lord,**

for at his command they were created,

**and he established them for ever and ever –**

he issued a decree

**that will never pass away.**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of Almighty God and one another: *(Silence for reflection)*

**Gracious God, Heavenly Father,**

**We acknowledge and admit that we are sinners and confess all of our sins – those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by You. We know that before You nothing remains hidden, and in You everything is revealed. Cleanse us from our sins. Move us away from temptations and want to sin. Free us from guilt and fear. Guide our feet into the way of peace and truth; and work in our hearts and minds all that is pleasing in Your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

God be merciful to all of you and strengthen your faith.

**Amen.**

Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

**Yes.**

Then let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**SUNG KYRIE:**

*Infant Holy tune*

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, on Your people now, we pray.  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, for Your favour, Christ we pray.  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, help Your people, Lord, we pray;  
Give us grace, O Lord, we pray; In Your Light, show us the Way.**

**CHRISTMAS HYMN OF PRAISE:**

*It Came Upon The Midnight Clear*

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heavens all gracious King!"  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

**For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,  
When with the ever-circling years, shall come the time foretold,  
When the new heaven and earth shall own, the Prince of Peace, their King,  
And the whole world send back the song - which now the angels sing.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** We pray: Lord God, help us, in all our dealings with one another, to be subject to you, the Father of all. May we follow the way of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who was faithful to your will, and gave up His life for us. We pray through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE SCRIPTURES**

**The Old Testament:** *Isaiah 63: 7-9*

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle:** *Hebrews 2:10-18*

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.' Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he

himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL VERSE:**

“From Heav’n Above”

**From, Heav’n above to earth I come, to bear good news to ev’ry home –  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring, whereof I now would say and sing.**

*Martin Luther, public domain*

**The Holy Gospel:** *St. Matthew 2: 13-23*

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now after [the Magi] 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.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I have called my son.’ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, 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 wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ‘A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.’ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, ‘He will be called a Nazorean.’ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

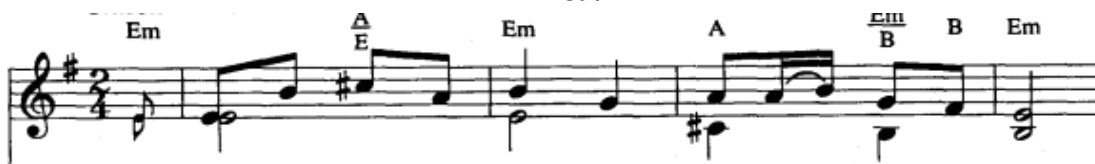
**THE APOSTLES’ CREED:**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN:

"Jesus Entered Egypt"

Sing We Now Of Christmas tune



1. Jes-us ent-ered Egy--pt flee--ing Herod's hand



Liv-ing as a strang--er in a-- for-eign land.



Far from a home, and with his fa—mi--ly



was there room and wel -- come for this Ref--u--gee?



WORDS and MUSIC: French carol, 15th c.

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2. **Jesus was a trav'ler, living as a guest  
with the friends and strangers who could offer rest.  
Do we hold wealth so we can help and share  
comfort with the needy, and abundant care?**
3. **Jesus crosses borders with the wand'ring poor,  
searching for a refuge, for an open door.  
Actions and words, that answer Jesus' plea:  
"Give the lowly welcome, and you welcome me"?**

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## **MESSAGE**

**THE OFFERINGS** *are gathered.*

### **THE PRAYERS**

*God's Son grew up knowing the joy and pain of a human family. Let us pray to our Father in heaven that he would enrich our families and every family on earth.*

We thank you for your gift of people to the church. We thank you for those who teach the word of God, who work to serve and care for people, for everybody who serves in the church in any capacity, however small. We pray that through all these people the work of the church may continue.

*Lord in Your Christmas joy:* **hear our prayer and bless us.**

We pray for all those people who live on the fringes of society, like the shepherds who worshipped Jesus. Keep us from prejudice; teach us to put aside our fears and discomforts and to open our hearts to all people, regardless of who they are or where they come from.

*Lord in Your Christmas joy:* **hear our prayer and bless us.**

We pray for all the children of the church. Watch over them at all times so that they may grow in God's wisdom. We pray that you would give guidance to Christian parents so that they may have love and wisdom in caring for their children and teaching them to walk with you.

*Lord in Your Christmas joy:* **hear our prayer and bless us.**

We pray for all people in situations of conflict or hostility. We pray for all those whose marriage is in difficulty or for families who are hurting in other ways. Bring them the true peace, which you alone can bring, so that they may continue to live with each other in the love of Christ.

*Lord in Your Christmas joy:* **hear our prayer and bless us.**

We pray for congregations and churches who are struggling with conflict and division. Bring them closer together, heal hurts and bitterness, help them to forgive each other and work together again, reflecting the true unity they have in Christ.

*Lord in Your Christmas joy:* **hear our prayer and bless us.**

Bless our nation, Canada, as a new year begins. Help us find reconciliation and true appreciation between the diverse peoples of this land, including the indigenous peoples. Protect all newly arrived refugees and migrants. Keep our country from discriminatory unrest and help us live in peace as we acknowledge the needs of all people, and strive for the future together.

*Lord in Your Christmas joy:* **hear our prayer and bless us.**

Father, continue to walk with us and give us guidance and direction as we face the challenges and joys you are preparing for us in the year ahead. In everything we do, keep us faithful to you with our eyes fixed on Christ Jesus our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



## **SUNG LORD'S PRAYER:**

*O Come Little Children tune*

**Our Father in Heaven all praise to Your name!  
Your kingdom among us, Your will done the same  
By humans and angels. Come, Lord reign alone;  
Oh, hear us and bless us from Heaven's high throne.**

**The Bread that we yearn for provide us each day;  
As we forgive others, our sins take away;  
In times of temptation, oh help us; be near.  
From evil deliver Your children most dear.**

**For Yours is the kingdom, o'er all things You reign.  
And Yours is the power; all things You maintain.  
To You be the glory, resounding again  
from all of creation, forever! A-men.**

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## **CHRISTMAS SEASON PRAYER:**

**Lord Jesus Christ, we come to your cradle with joy and wonder! We adore you  
for your loving-kindness. We thank you for making yourself small and meek,  
that we might approach you gladly and without fear. Make the Church your holy  
manger. Bless it with your dear presence, your great goodness, and your holy  
love. Like herald angels, let she always announce your mercy and favour to any  
who will receive you in faith. Amen.**

## **GREETING & BLESSING:**

Let us praise the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with us  
all. **Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN:**

*"O How Joyfully"*

*Sicilian Mariner's Hymn*

- 1. Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily,  
Christmas comes with its grace divine!  
Grace again is beaming, Christ the world redeeming,  
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas time.**
- 2. Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily,  
Christmas comes with its peace divine!  
Peace on earth is reigning, Christ our peace regaining,  
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas time!**
- 3. Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily,  
Christmas comes with its life divine!  
Angels high in glory, Chant the Christmas story:  
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas time!**

*"O Sanctissima", O. Hardwig, ed., The Wartburg Hymnal (Chicago: Wartburg Publishing House, 1918), #91*