



**Lessons and Carols Liturgy
December 26, 2021
11:00 am**



Christ Lutheran Church
9212 Taylorsville Rd.
Jeffersontown, KY 40299
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WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS who worship with us today. We are glad you are here and we invite you to worship with us again and often. If you have no church home, we invite you to consider Christ Lutheran Church. Please sign the attendance card or the Yellow Visitor card in each pew and place it in the offering plate.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the host at the table of Holy Communion and invites all to come. Here the real presence of Jesus meets us in the form of bread and wine. In this sacrament he offers himself to us for the forgiveness of sin and the promise of eternal life.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The prelude is a time to prepare for worship. When the prelude begins, please enter the sanctuary prayerfully and reverently. Please silence your cell phones and take this time to quiet your minds and voices.

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Rev. Dr. Bimen Limbong, **Lead Pastor**
Rev. Richard Gianzero, **Associate Pastor**
Ann Colbert Wadg, **Director of Music**

Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Prelude: *What Is This Lovely Fragrance; 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* Ferguson

Welcome

Gathering Song: *Once in Royal David's City*

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Dialogue

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C **The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.

C **We have beheld Christ's glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C **In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

Opening Prayer

P Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lessons and Carols

Reading 1: Isaiah 9:2-7 God promises a king

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness —on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden,

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and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Hymn: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* (stanzas 1 & 2)

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Reading 2: Micah 5:2-5 The king will come from Bethlehem

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Hymn: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (stanzas 1 & 2)

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Reading 3: Luke 1:26-35, 38 The annunciation to Mary

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Hymn: *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

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Reading 4: Luke 2:1-7 The birth of Jesus

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Reading 5: Luke 2:8-16 The shepherds go to see the Savior

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Reading 6: Luke 2:8-16 Jesus receives his name

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Reading 7: Matthew 2:1-12 *The magi follow the star*

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."
⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Reading 8: Matthew 2:13-18 *The slaughter of the holy innocents*

¹³Now 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." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶When 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. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸"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."

Instrumental Response

Reading 9: John 1:1-14 *The mystery of the incarnation*

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

C **Responsive Prayer**

P Glory to God in the highest,
C and peace to God's people on earth.

P Blessed are you, Prince of peace.
You rule the earth with truth and justice.

C **Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

P Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

C **Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.**

P Blessed are you, Son of God.
You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C **Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament
that we may bear your light to all the world.**

Offering: *For on-line worshipers please mail to the office at 9212 Taylorsville Road, 40299 or contact the office for instructions for direct deposit. You may also use our on-line app at [tithe.ly](https://tithely.com) or scan QR code on the right)*



SCAN ME

Organ Offertory: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (Sunday)

Janzer

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray.

A Merciful Father,

C everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your heart.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

The 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.

Distribution

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Post Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you in faith and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P Let us pray...

C God of wonder, we give thanks that you have fed us once again with this foretaste of the feast to come. Strengthen us through this gift to serve our neighbors with joy, that all may come to see your glory reflected in the lives of your people, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Blessing and Dismissal

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph,
the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the determination of the magi,
and the peace of the Christ child.
Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Hymn: <i>Joy to the World</i>	#267
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Postlude: *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

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Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!



CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE CHURCH IN LIFE & WORK

December 26, 2021

Dec 26	11:00am	-Worship In Person and @HomeService w/ Communion
	9:45am	-Sunday School - Youth and Adult
Dec 28	9:30am	-Tuesday Friends

✝ **COVID INFORMATION** - Masks are no longer required but highly recommended in the building for all gatherings. Masks are available for use upon entering the building. We also highly recommend that you maintain social distancing. Your cooperation in keeping us all protected is greatly appreciated.

✝ **LIVE STREAM** - The 11:00am service is live streamed every Sunday. You can join us on our Facebook page, Zoom or YouTube.

✝ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help with live streaming our 11:00am worship service. There is no experience needed as we will train you. Please contact either of our Pastors or Roger Kissing (502-797-0349).

✝ **POINSETTIAS** have been ordered to be displayed Christmas Eve during our worship services. You may pick up your plant(s) after the 9 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Thank you for your generous support. Worship Committee.

✝ **2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are ready to be picked up in the solarium.

✝ **DEVOTIONAL BOOKS** are available to be picked up at church.

✝ **THE LAST DEPOSIT FOR 2021** will be made on **Friday, December 31st**.

Contributions which want crediting to 2021 should be received at the church office by 2 PM that day.

✝ **SPONSOR A SUNDAY FUNDRAISER FOR THE ELCA Youth** Gathering will continue until the end of next July. For \$20 you can Sponsor a Sunday in honor or in memory of someone or something. The sponsor's name and reason will be published in the weekly announcements. There is a sign up sheet and envelopes that will be placed in the Narthex. The envelopes will be placed in the offering plate but are marked that they are for this fundraiser.

✝ **SPONSOR A SUNDAY:** Today in memory of the Ned Metzner given by Mary C. Metzner.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZED, RECOVERY OR ON-GOING TREATMENT

Carolyn Walker, 4578 S. First Street, 40214

Peggy Stephens, 8780 Mt. Washington Rd, Taylorsville, 40071

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Sharon Nix, 7102 Brett Frazier Drive, 40291

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Doug Kull, 6520 Keeling Pl. Rd., 40291

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Doris Henry, 6422 Billtown Road, 40299

Doris Bentley, Forrest Hills Commons, 9107 Taylorsville Rd, 40299

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Earl Breitenstein, 4014 Mulberry Row Way, 40299

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Becky Zibart, 11500 Taylorsville Road, 40299

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Mary Lou Vaughn, Nazareth Home, 2000 Newburg Rd. #262 E. Vaughn, 40205

Mary Lou Miller, 13600 Lagrange Road, Apt. 238, 40245

Mary Lou Peters, Louisville East Post Acute, 4200 Browns Ln., 40220

Pete Peters, 13600 LaGrange Road, Apt. 143, 40245

***Please notify the church or one of the Pastors of any changes.**

Temporary Office Hours:

Monday 8:30–2:30

Tuesday 8:30–3:00

Wednesday 8:30–1:00

Thursday 9:00–12:00

Friday 9:00–12:00

If you wish to contact our Pastors, please call the church at 502-267-5082 or their cell phones:

Pastor Limbong—502-553-6025;

Pastor Gianzero—502-665-2917

Their following scheduled off days are listed below.

(Except during an emergency.)

Pastor Limbong—Friday and Saturday

Pastor Gianzero—Monday and Saturday