



December 14, 2025
Advent 3
11:00 AM
Celebration



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 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. Holy Communion kits are available in the narthex for personal worship. Gluten free Communion Wafers are available, please notify the Pastor.

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.

Rev. Dr. Bimen Limbong, **Pastor**
Ann Colbert Wade, **Director of Music**

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Thank you to today's worship assistants:

	8:30am	11:00am
Communion Assistant	Melissa Turpen	Dale Breitenstein
Lector	Molly Turpen	Steven Sarson
Ushers	Tony & Alita White	Tracy Richardson & Karen Schuette
Crucifer	Ray Peak	Ed Schuette
Liturgist	Jenny Nixon	Steven Sarson

If you are interested in serving, contact Liz Walker at 502-693-7576

Welcome

Stand

Gathering Song: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

#254

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

L God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

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

Stand / Kneel (As you are able) Silence for reflection and self-examination

L Gracious God,

C Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

C Amen.

Stand

Peace

L The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison

Refrain

E G[#]m⁷ A B E G[#]m⁷ A B

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

E G[#]m⁷ A B E G[#]m⁷ *Last time* A B E

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

A B C[#]m

1 For peace in the world, for the the
2 That we may live out your im -
3 For peace in our hearts, for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you

B A E

health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;
cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;

C[#]m B

for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,

A B A B

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the day: *(See Screen/Celebrate insert)*

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L (prayer)

C Amen.

Sit

Children's Sermon - Lighting of the Advent Candle

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

#247

(Stanzas 1 - 3)

The Word

Readings and Psalm: *(See Screen/Celebrate insert)*

End 1st and 2nd readings with:

R The word of the Lord.

The congregation responds with:

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation: Open Your Ears, O Faithful People #519

Gospel: *(See Screen/Celebrate insert)*

P The Holy Gospel according to:

C Glory to you O Lord

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you O Christ

Sit

Sermon

Stand

Song of the Day: Prepare the Royal Highway

#264

The Rite for Holy Baptism for Aurora Casey

P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

Sponsor/s I/We present Aurora for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Aurora baptized into Christ?

Parents We do.

P As you bring Aurora to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that Aurora may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

P Do you promise to help Aurora grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents We do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P Sponsor/s, do you promise to nurture Aurora in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsor/s I/We do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P People of God, do you promise to support Aurora and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

C We do.

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Baptism

P Aurora I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

P Sustain Aurora with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P Aurora, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

Welcome

P Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

P Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Intercessory Prayers *(See Screen/Celebrate insert)*

Sit

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 or scan QR code on the right)*



Offertory Song: *The Gift*

Emi B7 Emi Ami D/F#

1. O Lord, you've given up your life for me; I give my life to
2. O Lord, you've given me the will to live; I give my will to
3. O Lord, you've given me a love for life; I give my love to

G B7 Emi Ami B7 Emi

you. And in the giving I receive the gift of giving, too. / The
you. And in the giving I receive the gift of living, too. / The
you. And in the giving I receive the gift of loving, too. The

Emi Ami D D/F# G B7

gift of giving, too. O Lord, the gift of giving, too; And
gift of living, too. O Lord, the gift of living, too; And
gift of loving, too. O Lord, the gift of loving, too; And

Emi Ami Bsus B7 Emi

in the giving I receive the gift of giving, too.
in the giving I receive the gift of living, too.
in the giving I receive the gift of loving, too.

Stand

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.

Preface

P It is indeed right...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Spanish and Batak are sung as we are in companionship with the churches of Chile and Indonesia

Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P 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.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us how to pray.

C 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.

Communion

Distribution Songs: *Lamb of God*

See below

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

#242

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation:



Lamb of God,

Congregation or Assistant:

you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



world:

have mer - cy on us,

mer - cy on us,

fear:

peace:

love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of

the world:

grant us peace,



grant

us peace,

grant

us

peace.

Blessing

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of His body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A Let us pray.

C We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

C Amen.

Sending Song: *People, Look East*

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Dismissal

A Walking together with Christ, go in peace to love and serve our church and neighbors.

C Thanks be to God!

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE CHURCH IN LIFE & WORK

December 14, 2025

December 14	8:30 AM	- Worship In Person w/Communion
	9:45 AM	- Sunday School - Adults 1 - Room 1; Adults 2 - Room 9
		- Young Adults - Room 5
		- Holy Heroes (6th through 12th) - Room 8
		- Whirl Lectionary (preK through 5th) - Room 7
	11:00 AM	- Worship In Person and at Home w/Communion
	12:15 PM	- Social Hour in Hall near Solarium
	2:00 PM	- Forest Hills Commons Caroling
December 15	12:00 PM	- Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
December 17	9:30 AM	- Wednesday Friends
	6:00 PM	- Light Supper
	7:00 PM	- Midweek Advent Service
	7:45 PM	- Choir Rehearsal
December 21	8:30 AM	- Worship In Person w/Communion
	9:45 AM	- Sunday School - Adults 1 - Room 1; Adults 2 - Room 9
		- LIFT Christmas Party - Room 5
		- Whirl Lectionary (preK-5th) - Room 7
	11:00 AM	- Worship In Person & at Home w/Communion
	12:15 PM	- Social Hour in Hall near Solarium

†**Congratulations to Aurora Casey** - Please join us in congratulating and welcoming Aurora Casey to our Church Family! Aurora is the daughter of Dustin and Alex Casey.

†**Tuesday Friends** - Tuesday Friends will not meet for the remainder of 2025 but will resume in January.

†**Gift Cards for JAM** - The Social Ministry will begin collecting \$50 gift cards for children to donate to JAM beginning mid-December. Preferred gift cards include Target and Meijer. Please consider picking up a gift card or two to help those in need during the holiday season. Gift cards can be placed in the offering collection or dropped by the office.

†**Liturgist Volunteers** - We're looking for additional volunteers to serve as Liturgists for our Sunday services. If you'd like to be involved in an integral part of worship, please reach out to the office by phone or email.

†**Confirmation Class** - Confirmation classes will continue Sunday, February 1st at 1:15 PM in Room 1. If you're joining virtually, scan the QR code to join the zoom meeting or reach out to the office for a link.

†**JAM Donations** - (December) Any items plus gifts or gift cards

CONTINUED PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZED, RECOVERY OR ON-GOING TREATMENT

Rod Hester, 2015 Roberts Road, Taylorsville, KY 40071
Anne Hernandez, 10116 Cedar Crest Court, 40291
Beverly Kelly, 7603 Endecott Place, Prospect, 40059
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***Please notify the church office or the Pastor of any changes.**

***Prayer box and request forms are located in the Narthex to be used or feel free to contact Pastor Limbong or the office.**

**“Walking Together with Christ, We Love and Serve
Our Church and Neighbors”.**

UPCOMING EVENTS SUMMARY

Please mark your calendars:

- ✓ Join us on Sunday, December 14th at 2:00 PM as we continue our caroling tradition at Forest Hills Commons. Please join us as we fill the halls with holiday cheer singing some of our favorite Christmas carols.
- ✓ Kentucky Kingdom Winter Event is scheduled for Saturday, December 20th from 5-9. Youth are invited to ride the rides and check out the Christmas lights at Kentucky Kingdom. Dinner will be provided at church and then everyone will bundle up to head to the park. Kentucky Kingdom season pass holders will not be required to pay admission. Please contact Liz Dawson (502-541-2223) or Kyle Fletcher (502-309-6500) if you are interested in attending.
- ✓ The CLC Property Committee invites you to come and join the fun as they clean up our Sanctuary following all the holiday festivities on Saturday, January 3rd from 8:30 to noon.

This Week's Birthdays

12/8 - Heather Rush

12/8 - Rebecca Zibart

12/9 - Berlianna Limbong

12/11 - Kyle Mertz

12/12 - Tyler Murphy

12/13 - Larry Glenn

12/14 - Donna Heinicke

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Preferred gift cards include Target and Meijer. Please consider picking up a gift card or two to help those in need during the holiday season. Gift cards can be placed in the offering collection or dropped by the office.



Do you know of anyone in the church that you have seen go above and beyond? Well, now is your chance to reward them with the "Servant of the month".

There are ballots and a voters box in the Narthex, feel free to cast your vote anytime. If you have any questions feel free to contact the office.

Church Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

If you wish to contact Pastor Limbong
please call the church at (502-267-5082)
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His scheduled days off are Friday and Saturday

Except during an emergency

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