

# *Light of Christ Lutheran Church*

*The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*  
Church Office ~ (949) 786-3326

*February 12, 2023*

*Worship Times: 8:00 am & 10:30 am*  
*18182 Culver Dr. Irvine, CA 92612*

**Worship Christ**

**Grow with Others**

**Serve Christ**



**We are thankful to God that you are here to worship with us this morning. Your presence with us is a gift from the Lord!  
May He bless our worship.**

## CHURCH FOR THE YOUNG CHILD

We rejoice in Christ's invitation: "Let the little children come to me and forbid them not." Our goal is to help parents teach their children how to sit and worship with their family. Infants and young children are always welcome in our worship service, and their occasional unexpected voices simply add "happy sounds" to our praise of God. If a child is making enough noise to interfere with other people's worship, we ask that you walk them out of the main sanctuary, wait for them to quiet down and then return to the sanctuary with them. It is important to show kids that making noise doesn't get them out of church. You may feel awkward leaving a couple of times during the service, but we understand. You may find it helpful to sit in the back, near the doors to make the process a little easier.

# Announcements

Stand

## Opening Hymn "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

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1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My  
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,  
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."

5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word,  
In suff'ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strain  
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

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## Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

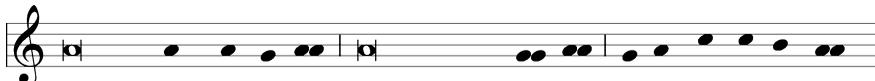
### Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-b-ove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



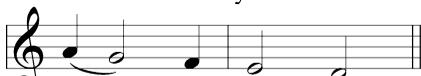
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



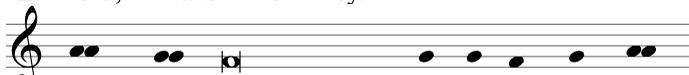
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**A** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the  
Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-  
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## First Reading

**Micah 6:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

**1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:21-27

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Fifth chapter.



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’

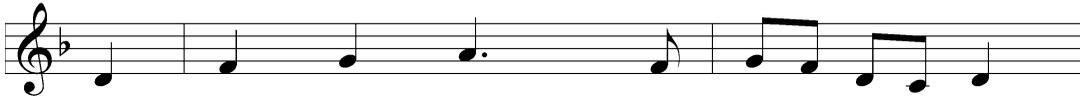
**A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

## Children’s Message



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give,"  
 2 How can Your par - don reach and bless  
 3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals  
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls



You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can  
 The un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and  
 The truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are  
 And bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.  
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 owed to us, How great our debt to You!  
 bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

### 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. 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.**



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!  
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;  
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;  
 4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
 Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.  
 And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.  
 Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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## Prayer of the Church

### Battling Cancer

Ted Paulet (*friend of Barbara Manske*)  
 Sara Gschwendtner (*niece of Gale Paul*)  
 Carl Schubert  
 Lee DeLeary (*brother of Eric Peters*)  
 Sophie Szilagyi (*neighbor of the Voelz*)  
 Tiara Bland (*friend of Pak Family*)  
 Kathy Durocher (*friend of Marilyn Schubert*)  
 Lisa Ciampa (*friend of Tom and Helga Butz*)  
 Mark Haunschild (*cousin of Jan Massmann*)  
 Harlan Brockman (*brother of Ruth Rosenau*)  
 Claire Fu (*preschool family*)  
 Fred Martinez (*friend of Julie Giron*)  
 Al Nelson  
 Cheryl Adamec (*gr-mother of Margo Adamec*)

Lori Stewart (*friend of Julie Voelz*)  
 Marla Lichtsinn (*friend of Tom Butz*)  
 Paul Massmann  
 Don Bayley (*friend of the Voelz/Schuberts*)  
 Tim Cano (*nephew of Dennis Iverson*)  
 Robert Lingenfelter  
 Ken Howe (*neighbor of Sciarani's*)  
 Jerry Rose (*friend of Julie Giron*)  
 Brandon Gekeian (*relative of Irene Iverson*)  
 Debbie Santos (*niece of Lauri Howell*)  
 Marlayne Giron (*sister-in-law of the Giron Family*)  
 Michael Held (*father of Jeff Held*)  
 Bart Jessen (*uncle of Barb Pak*)

### Strength and Healing

George Beaty (*cousin of Marlene Eich*)  
 Arlene Tom (*mother of J Tom*)  
 Noel Hill (*preschool family*)  
 Ted Pawloski (*preschool family*)  
 Jane Kum (*gr-mother of Jeremy Tom*)  
 Simon Rosenau (*gr-nephew of G Rosenau*)  
 May Fynaardt (*wife of Nathan Fynaardt*)  
 Alma Rich (*mother of Leigh Ann Unger*)  
 David Ambler (*brother of Jan Massmann*)

Kris Cosain (*cousin of Marco Adame*)  
 Janet Brewer (*friend of Paul Massmann*)  
 Dan Armstrong (*friend of Marlene Eich*)  
 Eli Lee (*friend of Siekmann family*)  
 Nancy Nash (*mother of Julie Giron*)  
 Mario Gonzales (*uncle of Jose Lizarraga*)  
 Dorothy Schmidt (*mother of Debbie Wienert*)  
 Ed Wathen (*family friend of Giron*)  
 Ellen Waterstadt (*family of Paul Massmann*)

Shirley Vogel  
Marilyn Schubert  
Eva Albes (*preschool family*)  
Shadman Shaker (*son of Niloo Rad*)  
Eric Bauhofer (*friend of the Giron*s)  
Deborah Floor (*sister of Pastor Rosenau*)  
Andria Butz  
Linda Bradley (*gr-mother of Hacks*)  
Galina Chtcherbak (*mother of Oksana Hack*)

Jerry Wednt (*friend of Tom Butz*)  
Pastor Graeme Rosenau  
Ruth Rosenau  
Mark Shurtleff  
Michael Beltran (*family friend of Adames*)  
Melissa Thomure (*sister of Andria Butz*)  
Jane Johnson (*sister of Ruth Rosenau*)  
Judy Rainey (*sister of Nancy Shurtleff*)

## **Military**

Mateo Casas (*cousin of Steve Giron*)  
Michael Lamb (*cousin of Eric Peters*)  
Alexandra Crosswait (*family of Rosenaus*)  
Gregory Spaulding (*nephew of Stellings*)  
Matt Grobelch (*cousin of Michael Grobelch*)  
Rob Bryant (*Preschool Family*)  
Jason Lizarraga (*brother of Jose Lizarraga*)

## **Persecuted Church**

All those suffering persecutions for their faith in Jesus Christ

## **Mental Health**

All those struggling with mental health issues

## **Mission Field**

Light of Christ Preschool Ministry and Missionary-Teachers

## **Relief and Mission Organizations We Support**

Lutheran World Relief; O.C. Rescue Mission; Jesus Love Lutheran Church; Pacific Southwest District; Kobon Ministry; Lutheran Social Services, Salvation Army

## *Stand*

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people, according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## 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

## Bible Blessing

### Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**People: Amen**



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

## The Sending

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# *Weekly Announcements*

**Elders Meeting February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm**  
**Council Meeting February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**  
**Building Team Meeting February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm**

**Upcoming Baptism**  
**February 19<sup>th</sup> – Samuel Jacob Couch**

**Ash Wednesday Worship Service** February 22nd at 7pm in the Sanctuary (no dinner).

## **Wednesday Lenten Schedule**

Lent services are held at 7:00pm each Wednesday evening in Lent. March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 6:00pm, prior to each service, a Lenten supper will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

## **Adult Ed: Why do we follow some OT laws but not others?**

There are certain laws that God gave in the Old Testament that we don't follow anymore. Do we get to pick and choose which ones to follow or are there scriptural reasons why some are not followed or enforced anymore??? Join us at 9:20am in the Sanctuary, as we look at the Three Divisions of the Old Testament Law.

## **Paint & Praise Update**

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Paint-N-Praise fundraiser last Friday for The Divine Child Care Orphanage building fundraiser. It was a great evening spent painting & praising. Special thanks to JoAnn Johnson for her artistic teaching talents she shared with all of us!

## **Blood Drive Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> 11:30am – 5:30pm**

We will be hosting a Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall with the American Red Cross. To schedule an appointment, sign up on-line at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), Use the sponsor code: LOClrvine, for more information contact the church office or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).

If you can volunteer to help for a few hours during the event, please contact Eric in the church office at [churchoffice@locirvine.com](mailto:churchoffice@locirvine.com) or (949) 786-3326.

## **Online Giving**

Back in August, we started using a new online giving company. The new company is called Rebel Give and replaces Tith.ly. If you have automatic payments scheduled with the old company, you can stop those and use the new company. The reason for the switch is to save on the fees being charged. This new company has lower fees and will benefit the ministry with this change.

## LOC Ministry Update

*Encouraging members to be doing the things that lead to Spiritual growth: Hear the Gospel and read God's Word and pray daily.*

### February Reading Challenge

We want to challenge you to read at least one chapter of the bible each day, pray for at least five minutes each day and to record your readings/prayer, every day in February. To have fun with this challenge we have chosen the shortest month of the year to do this. In addition, we will have suggestions for your readings. Those readings will be the shortest ones in the bible. None of them will be over 20 verses long and some will be three verses long. If there was ever a time to read the bible every day, THIS IS IT!

Wednesday	February 1	James 3	Wednesday	February 15	Matthew 28
Thursday	February 2	James 4	Thursday	February 16	1 Thes. 2
Friday	February 3	Psalms 131	Friday	February 17	1 Thes. 4
Saturday	February 4	Psalms 125	Saturday	February 18	Psalms 15
Sunday	February 5	Psalms 127	Sunday	February 19	Psalms 23
Monday	February 6	Malachi 4	Monday	February 20	1 Timothy 1
Tuesday	February 7	Isaiah 53	Tuesday	February 21	1 Timothy 2
Wednesday	February 8	Psalms 100	Wednesday	February 22	2 Timothy 2
Thursday	February 9	Psalms 123	Thursday	February 23	Titus 3
Friday	February 10	Jonah 1	Friday	February 24	Philemon 1
Saturday	February 11	Jonah 2	Saturday	February 25	2 Cor. 4
Sunday	February 12	Jonah 3	Sunday	February 26	1 Peter 4
Monday	February 13	Jonah 4	Monday	February 27	Psalms 134
Tuesday	February 14	Psalms 93	Tuesday	February 28	Psalms 117

# Sunday Youth Announcements

## Winter Sunday School

Preschool-5th grade meets on Preschool Playground

6th-8th grade meets in the Upper Room with Autumn & Charles

9th-12th grade meets in the Fellowship Hall with Margo, Carrie & Hannah

College meets on the Picnic Tables with Ben

## High School Winter Small Groups

*The Final Four!* Join DCE fieldworker Margo on Sunday Morning's at 9:15 and Wednesday Evenings from 6:3–8:00 pm at church for an in depth dive into the final four books of the Old Testament. We meet Wednesdays until February 19th and we will explore the attributes of God and look at how Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi prepare us for Easter. Can't wait to see you there!

## Save the Date: High School Laser Tag on Friday March 24th

## Save the Date: Middle & High School Paintball on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

\$45 per person included 3 hours of play, Soft-Paint Ball Gun & 500 paintballs. Please respond to the Evite.

## CollegeLampLight Bible Study

Meets every 2nd & 4th Saturday in our Fellowship Hall

## Faith Milestone #3 – First Bible

By second grade, children have begun to read well enough to start using their own Bibles. In this milestone, parents are invited to a special class to help parents fulfill their baptismal promise to place the Scriptures into the hand of their child and teaches them about the importance of the Bible in their child's faith development. Parents/guardians and sponsors take part in a special service and have the opportunity to present the Bible to their child and speak a word of blessing over their child. If you would like more info on this Milestone, please contact our Director of Children's Ministry Joann Johnson at [childrensministryjoann.loc@gmail.com](mailto:childrensministryjoann.loc@gmail.com). Our next class is on **Feb. 12th at 9:15 am with the Bible Blessing at both services on February 26th.**

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