

Light of Christ Lutheran Church

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

January 22, 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

In Thee Is Gladness

LSB 818



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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

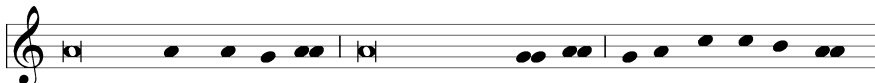
Kyrie



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. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading**Psalm 27:1-9**

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ²When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. ⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. ⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. ⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." ⁹Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading**1 Peter 1:3-9**

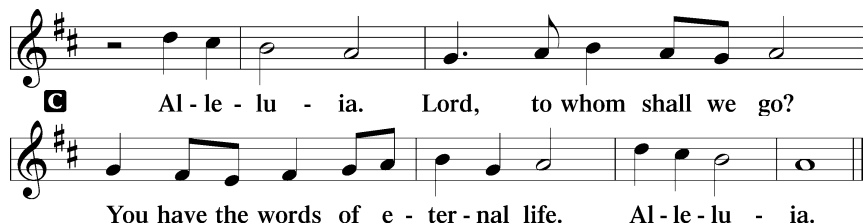
³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

John 1:29-34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the First chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message



1 Re - joice, my heart, be glad and sing, A
5 He on - ly will with pa - tience chide, His



cheer - ful trust main - tain; For God, the source of
rod falls gent - ly down; And all your sins He



ev - 'ry - thing, Your por - tion shall re - main.
casts a - side In o - cean depths to drown.

6 His wisdom never plans in vain
Nor falters nor mistakes.
All that His counsels may ordain
A blessed ending makes.

7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,
And trust His guiding love;
Then like a rock your peace shall stand
Here and in heav'n above.

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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 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near
 2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, Though their weight



With His cheer; Nev - er will He leave me.
 May be great, They will not de - feat me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en That God's Son
 God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sends them; He who knows



For me won When His life was to giv - en?
 All my woes Knows how best to end - them.

5 Now in Christ, death cannot slay me,
 Though it might,
 Day and night,
 Trouble and dismay me.
 Christ has made my death a portal
 From the strife
 Of this life
 To His joy immortal!

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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*)

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*)

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*)

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*)
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*)

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*s)
Ellen Waterstadt (*family of Paul Massmann*)
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*)

Blessings

Birth of Samuel Jacob Couch

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

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 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa-tient-
 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un-der-take To guide the
 3 Be still, my soul; though dear-est friends de-part And all is
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has-t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or-der
 fu-ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con-fi-dence let
 dark-ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet-ter know His
 be for-ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and



and pro-vide; In ev-'ry change He faith-ful will re-
 noth-ing shake; All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at
 love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor-rows and your
 fear are gone, Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n-ly Friend
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 fears. Be still, my soul; your Je-sus can re-pay
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.
 From His own full-ness all He takes a-way.
 All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

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The Sending

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Weekly Announcements

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 Jan 15, 22 and 29, at 9:20am in the Sanctuary, as we look at the Three Divisions of the Old Testament Law.

31 Days of Prayer

We will be joining together to pray for the same things everyday in January. Usually, we would have daily devotions, but you are reading at least one chapter of the bible a day. We will be printing weekly prayers for us to do together. You can use this as part of your five minutes of daily prayer! Plus, we will all be doing it together.

Sun, Jan 22

- For our growth group leaders: Nathan and Kari Barnes, Jeremy Tom, Paul and Jann Massmann, Brenda Ruehs, Aaron and Kellie Puls, Konrad Hack, Carl and Karen Stelling

Mon, Jan 23

- For all the non-Christian families in our preschool that they are brought to faith by the Holy Spirit.
- For all our teacher aides who help in the preschool: Barbara, Tina, Talene, Kelsey, Katia, Sierra, Andria, Hannah, and Laurie

Tue, Jan 24

- Ask God to help Light of Christ members to be constantly growing in their faith.
- Ask God to motivate those at Light of Christ to make God a daily priority.

Wed, Jan 25

- That God's Will be done with the building project. This is God's Church. Let us be faithful to do what God wants us to do.
- Ask God to provide finances for the building project.

Thu, Jan 26

- Thank God For providing financially to Light of Christ.
- Thank God For your baptism and ask God to help you remember this valuable truth.

Fri, Jan 27

- Please ask God to strengthen and take care of the widows and widowers in the congregation.
- Ask God to bless our singles, widows, and widowers.

Sat, Jan 28

- Help Light of Christ be welcoming to those who have no faith.
- That God would bring non-Christians to services tomorrow

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.

January 2023 Reading Plan

Based on Sermon topics for the month

Sunday	January 1	Hebrews 1	Tuesday	January 17	Galatians 4
Monday	January 2	Hebrews 2	Wednesday	January 18	Galatians 5
Tuesday	January 3	Hebrews 3	Thursday	January 19	Galatians 6
Wednesday	January 4	Hebrews 4	Friday	January 20	1 Peter 1
Thursday	January 5	Hebrews 5	Saturday	January 21	1 Peter 2
Friday	January 6	Hebrews 6	Sunday	January 22	1 Peter 3
Saturday	January 7	Hebrews 7	Monday	January 23	1 Peter 4
Sunday	January 8	Hebrews 8	Tuesday	January 24	1 Peter 5
Monday	January 9	Hebrews 9	Wednesday	January 25	1 John 1
Tuesday	January 10	Hebrews 10	Thursday	January 26	1 John 2
Wednesday	January 11	Hebrews 11	Friday	January 27	1 John 3
Thursday	January 12	Hebrews 12	Saturday	January 28	1 John 4
Friday	January 13	Hebrews 13	Sunday	January 29	1 John 5
Saturday	January 14	Galatians 1	Monday	January 30	2 John 1
Sunday	January 15	Galatians 2	Tuesday	January 31	3 John 1
Monday	January 16	Galatians 3			

Bunco Night: Thank You

Thank you to everyone that came out on Friday to play Bunco and help raise money for the building program for Divine Child Care Orphanage in Uganda. We had a great time and were able to help raise funds for the orphanage. God bless you for caring & sharing!

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!

Paint-N-Praise Friday February 10th 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Come join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fun evening of painting! Our Director of Children's Ministry Joann Johnson will be instructing us on how to make a lovely painting! Reservations are required and will fill up quickly. Please call or text to RSVP to Julie Voelz ASAP at 949-933-9170. All proceeds will be going to the Divine Child Care Orphanage building program in Uganda. Come and learn more about this Christian orphanage and their director Ssemanda Yusufu. For more info visit their website at: www.divine-orphanage.org. God bless you for caring & sharing.

Blood Drive Thursday February 16th 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, 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 or (949) 786-3326.

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 & Hannah

College meets on the Picnic Tables with Ben

High School Winter Small Groups Start Jan 29th

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. Starting January 29th and going to February 19th 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!

Sr High Winter Blast Retreat is TODAY, please keep us in your prayers.

Save the Date: High School Paintball on Saturday, February 4th

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

Please respond to the Evite.

Confirmation Progressive Dinner on January 28th from 5-8 pm

Appetizer, Salad Bar, Main Dish and Dessert will be served at 4 different locations.
Respond to the Evite.

Faith Milestone #2 – Picture Bible

In this milestone, parents attend a class on the importance of having family devotions and the significance of "Blessing" your child with a written and spoken blessing. At the end of this class, families take part in a special service to commemorate this important milestone and speak a word of blessing over their child. At this time the children will receive their picture bible. This is also a time for parents/guardians to renew their commitment to be faith mentors for 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. Our next class is on **Jan. 22nd & 29th at 9:15 am with the Bible Blessing at both services on February 12th.**

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. Our next class is on **Feb. 5th & 12th at 9:15 am with the Bible Blessing at both services on February 26th.**

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