



# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

December 30, 2018



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The congregation is invited to stand*

### BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

**“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” ELW 288**

### GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

# KYRIE



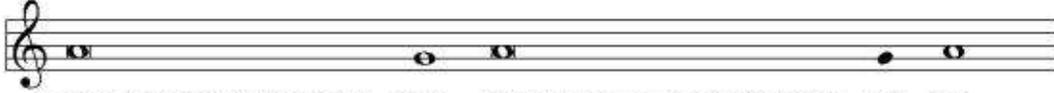
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



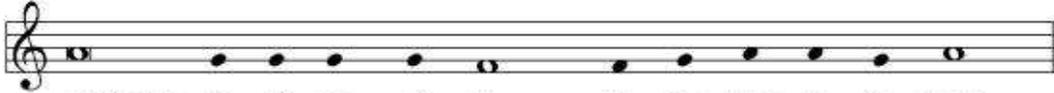
**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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



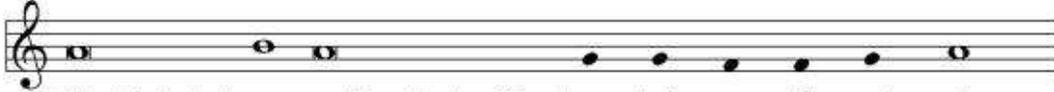
**A** For the peace of the whole world, For the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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



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

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE



**A** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



**G** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and  
strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.  
Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the  
hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and  
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al-so with you.

P: Let us pray,

**C: Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. We pray that his birth as a human child will set us free from the old slavery of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## FIRST LESSON

## 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

L: The first lesson is from 1 Samuel, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

<sup>18</sup>Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup>His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup>Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord”; and then they would return to their home. <sup>26</sup>Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

L: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM 148

### TONE



### REFRAIN



The splen - dor of the LORD is o - ver earth and heav'n.

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord | from the heavens;  
praise him | in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise him, all you an- | gels of his;**  
**praise him, | all his host.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, | sun and moon;  
praise him, all you | shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>**Praise him, heav- | en of heavens,**  
**and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name | of the Lord;  
for he commanded, and they | were created.

<sup>6</sup>**He made them stand fast forev- | er and ever;**  
**he gave them a law which shall not | pass away. R**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the Lord | from the earth,  
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, | snow and fog,**  
**tempestuous wind, do- | ing his will;**

<sup>9</sup>mountains | and all hills,  
 fruit trees | and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup>**wild beasts | and all cattle,**  
**creeping things and | winged birds;**  
<sup>11</sup>kings of the earth | and all peoples,  
 princes and all rulers of the world;  
<sup>12</sup>**young | men and maidens,**  
**old and | young together. R**  
<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name | of the Lord,  
 for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over | earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup>**He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his | loyal servants,**  
**the children of Israel, a people who are near him. | Hallelujah! R**

**SECOND LESSON                      Colossians 3:12-17**

L: The second lesson is from Colossians, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

L: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

**GOSPEL VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL LESSON            Luke 2:41-52**

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>41</sup>Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

P: The gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**PASTOR JEFF STEEBER**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Once in Royal David's City"**

**ELW 269**

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of**

the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The congregation is invited to stand*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in any need.

*A brief silence*

A: God of wisdom, open our ears to hear your grace through the words and deeds of children. Inspire the youngest and oldest in our midst to learn from one another with humility and patience. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of creation, praise to you for hills and mountains, fruit trees and forests, animals wild and tame, sea monsters, birds, and reptiles. Spark delight in our hearts for all that you have made. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of hope, call us to peace and bind us together in perfect unity. Make wars to cease. Guide the leaders of the nations in your way of wisdom, compassion, and tolerance. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of healing, mend the broken hearts of those who suffer this day. Treasure everyone who struggles with addiction, loneliness, hunger, unemployment, mental illness, or sickness *especially those we say aloud or silently in our hearts...* Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of life, draw us into the body of Christ and make us grow in faith and hope. Fill us with hearts of thanksgiving made visible in our words and actions for the sake of the whole world. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of delight, fill us with songs of praise and hope even in the midst of despair and death. Comfort the grieving. Strengthen our faith until the day we will be gathered around your throne singing in eternal praise. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

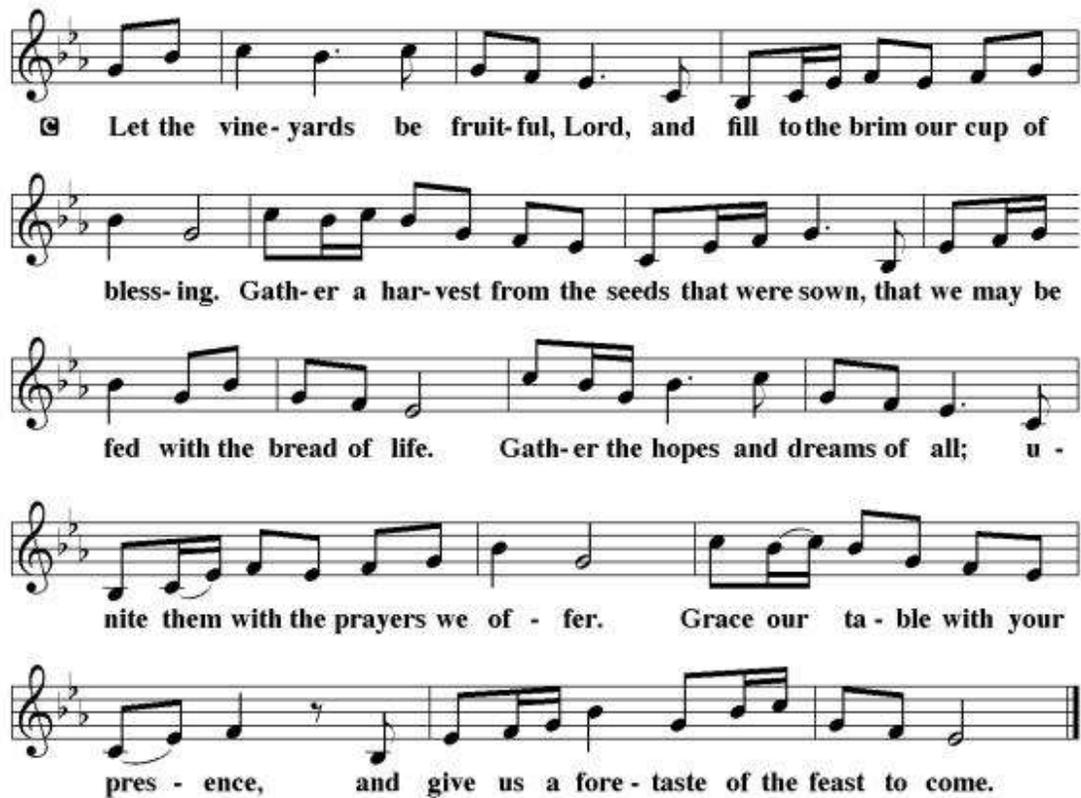
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## OFFERING

*The congregation is invited to stand*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

**C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and gave it for all to eat, saying, “This is my body, given for you, do this for remembrance of me”.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sins, do this for the remembrance of me”.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## LAMB OF GOD



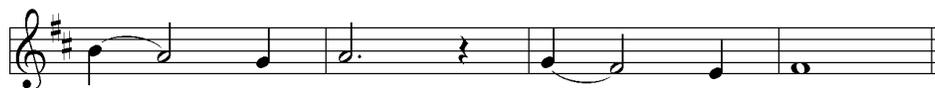
☞ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## COMMUNION

**COMMUNION HYMNS “Let All Together Praise Our God”  
“Love Has Come”  
“Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”**

**ELW 287  
ELW 292  
ELW 286**

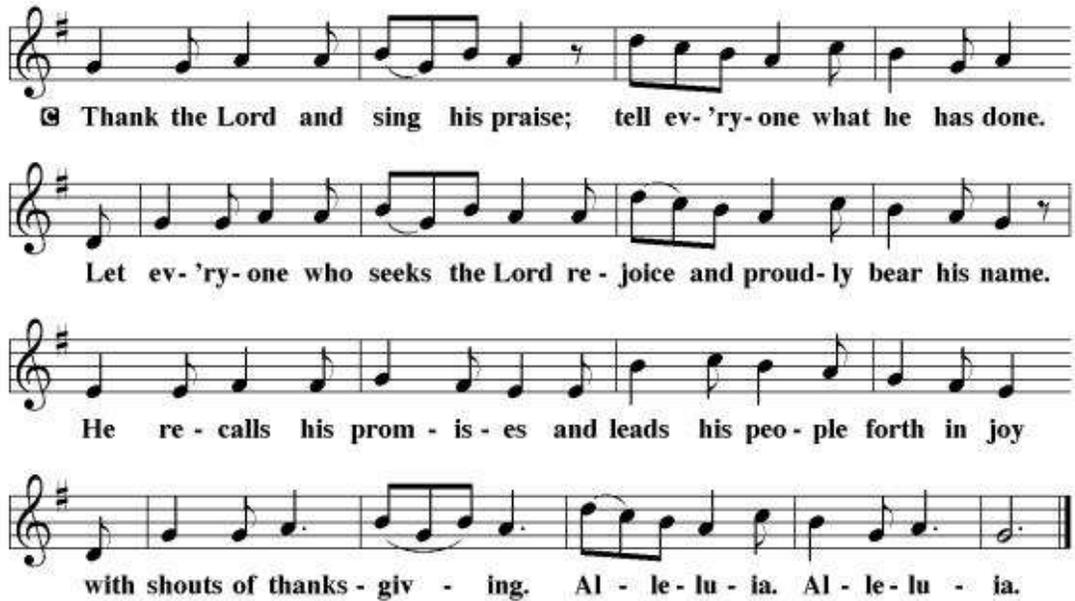
*The congregation is invited to stand*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



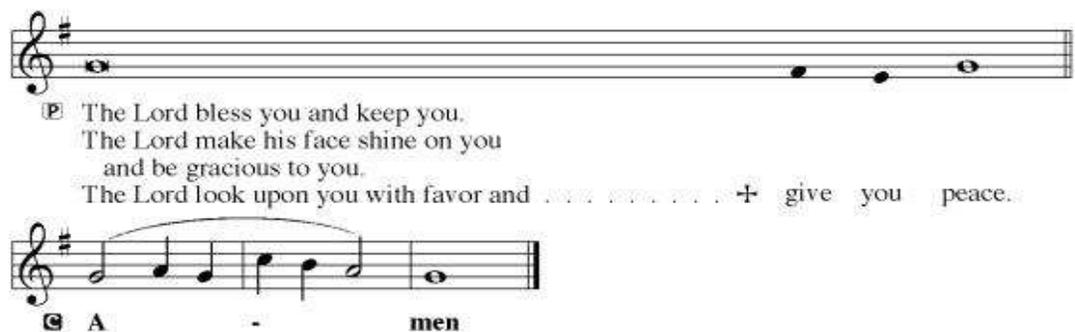
☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.  
He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy  
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

C: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING



☞ 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.  
☞ A - - - - - men

## SENDING HYMN

“Let Our Gladness Have No End”

ELW 291

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Celebrate the birth of Christ!

C: Thanks be to God!

## **WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to worship** - Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) is a congregation of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a part of the worldwide Lutheran community. Our order for worship is printed on the following pages of this bulletin. We invite you to join us regularly for worship and in a variety of activities and opportunities in our congregational life. If you are new here, we welcome you; if you are a member of long standing, we celebrate your gifts and ministry.

**New to CELC** - We are happy to have you with us and we wish you a warm welcome. If you would like more information about our church and its ministries, please look for a member of the Welcoming Team by the TV after the service for information and a gift. Please take a few minutes to view the announcements displayed on the TV in the gathering area.

**For those with children** - We encourage you to have your children participate in worship. They learn about worship and faith by being involved. If you or your children need a break, we have a nursery room available with your supervision. If you need assistance, an usher will happily direct you to the nursery. Coloring and activity bags are available just outside the sanctuary doors.

**Holy Communion** - The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week at CELC. All are welcome to receive this gift of God's grace, love, and forgiveness. All who hunger to know the love of God are welcome to commune with us. The table of our Lord is now set for all those who need grace, forgiveness, strength, and wisdom for ministry and mission to the world. If you are unable to come forward, Holy Communion can be brought to your seat. If you wish to come forward to receive a blessing, you are encouraged to do so. Gluten-free crackers and grape juice are available for those with dietary needs. If you have questions about the sacrament, or if you wish to receive instruction on the Christian faith, you are invited to speak with Pastor Jeff following the service.

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church  
32747 Lake Road  
Avon Lake, Ohio 44012  
Phone: (440) 933-6263

Celc.mainoffice@gmail.com      www.christlutheranavonlake.org

**Pastor: Jeff Steeber**      revsteeber@gmail.com

**Office Administrator: Heather Nordman**

**Organist: Randi Smarsh      Custodian: Bill Higgins**