

Abba Father

Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

Galatians 4:6

Lord Jesus Save Us

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Christ Lutheran Church

Experiencing Christ's Love

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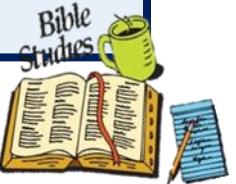
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Organist: Mr. Walter Greenwood



Aloha! We welcome you to worship today in Jesus' name. We pray that your worship will draw you closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you don't currently have a church home, we invite you to explore becoming a part of our family in Christ. If you're ready for more information or have questions, please contact our office at 935-8612. We look forward to connecting with you.

Restrooms are located on the outside of the Fellowship Hall, which is across the lanai to your right as you leave the Sanctuary.



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES EVERY WEEK

The **MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY** is **every Wednesday** in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Dian Mahoney leads a study taken out of LWML Quarterly. This week is '**Gold, Frankincense & Me.**' Attendance is limited to ten and masks are worn in a social-distanced setting.

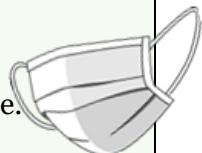
The **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** which normally meets on **Fridays at 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall will resume January 8, 2021. Attendance is limited to ten due to the Pandemic so please contact Dan Kunert at 959-9953 if you are interested in attending.

STEPHEN MINISTERS receive extensive training to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care. They are here to listen, encourage and pray with you. You can also schedule regular ongoing visits with a Stephen Minister. For more information, you may contact the church office or speak with Pastor Mark.

COUNSELING: As a ministry of Christ Lutheran Church, Beth Zier, M.A., is available for scheduling counseling appointments. If you, or someone you know, would like more information about counseling fees and/or would like to schedule an appointment, please contact Beth at: (253) 732-8671 or bethie112@comcast.net.

KEEPING SAFE: Thank you to everyone for following the safety precautions that were set in place to meet this end and we encourage all to keep following the guidelines of gathering responsibly. A general reminder:

- ❖ Hand sanitizers are installed at the entrance portico and also at the entrance to the Sanctuary (twenty seconds is the recommended application).
- ❖ Your temperature will be measured as you come into the Sanctuary. As a precautionary measure, individuals with a fever of 100.4 or higher are invited to return next week.
 - Gatherings on the lanai and the table areas are highly discouraged.
 - Please wear a mask. If you do not have one, we have disposable masks available.
 - Social distancing will be observed. Families are encouraged to sit six feet apart.
 - The Sanctuary will be disinfected between the two services.
- ❖ Printed copies of the bulletin will be available but we encourage people to bring their own copy (The pdf will be emailed out on Friday and can be printed beforehand) or electronic device i.e. phone/tablet/Kindle). This will minimize contact. If you do take the copy provided, please dispose of it as you leave or take it home with you.



Welcome and Greeting

Call to Worship (*Please Stand*)

Pastor: We come to celebrate the good news of a great joy!

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Pastor: Unto us is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

People: Glory to God in the highest!

367 Angels from the Realms of Glory

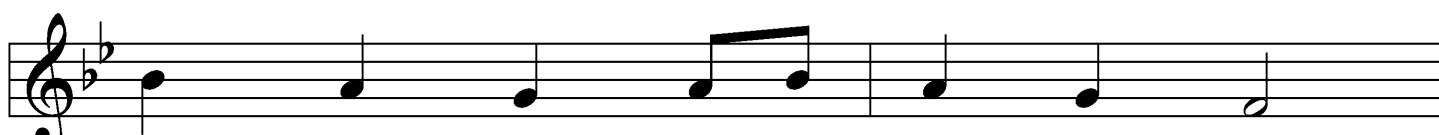
sts. 1, ref, 2, 4–5



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scand - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes si - ah's birth.
Yon der shines the In - fant Light.
In His tem ple shall ap - pear.
To the e - ter nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Confession (Please be seated)

Pastor: Lord God of Christmas, we stand on the threshold of another year. We thank you for giving us another year of life. You have given us many gifts; and yet we realize that we have often failed to use those gifts or our lives as creatively and constructively as we might have. We pause now to silently reflect on our need for your mercy once more today.

(Moment of Silence)

Prayer of Confession

P: Let us pray:

C: We confess, honestly and sadly, our great lack of love. We fail to love the unlovely and forget that, in your sight, none of us is lovely. We confess that we aren't always the best children. We grab for what we want but fail to let go of what is wrong. We need your help to be more like Jesus. Forgive us our failures, our weaknesses, our fears and our doubts. By Your Spirit that lives in us, shape the moments of this next year into tender, gentle expressions of your love. Help us love you with our whole hearts and our neighbors as much as ourselves. As Mary, Joseph and Jesus settled in Nazareth, help us, God, to let you take up residence in our hearts with renewed joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: Almighty God, in his love and power has transformed Word into flesh, death into life, despair into hope, lifeless stumps into tender shoots, and a tiny baby into the Prince of Peace. Through his mercy to us in his only begotten son, Jesus, God forgives us all our sin. We are loved as his children! Amen!

C: Worship the King and sing of his praise! Alleluia!

Please stand

804 O Worship the King

sts. 1–2, 4

1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
 2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?

 O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,

 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,

 Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 And dark is His path on the wings of storm.
 And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

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Prayer of the Day

Please be Seated

First Reading

Galatians 3:23—4:7

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until

the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon

him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now you are letting your

servant depart in peace,
according to your word;



for my eyes have seen your salvation
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 there 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.

Please be Seated

358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

sts. 1, 3–4

1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good
3 "This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your
4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow Pre - pared by

news to ev - 'ry home; Glad tid - ings of great
sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self your
God for all be - low, That in His king - dom,

joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:
Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.
bright and fair, You may with us His glo - ry share.

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**Message:
“Just In Time”**

Galatians 3:23-4:7

A Word About Our Offerings for Mission & Ministry

Prayer of the Congregation

A Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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.**

Words of the Institution (*Please remain standing*)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Please be Seated

Continuous Distribution by Pastor

(*Family units come forward to receive the elements and take them to their seats. Please wait to eat and drink until instructed.*)

All Receive the Sacrament together

(*Pastor will indicate when to take the wafer and then the cup.*)

Table Blessing (*Please Stand*)



C 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.

Benediction

- P 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.
- C Amen.

924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling
 joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,

Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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Dismissal

Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Please be seated and wait for the ushers to dismiss you.



May the faith of God
 be with you this year.
 May the peace of God
 surround you,
 and may you be blessed
 each day!

Happy New Year

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Elizabeth Hipsher - Dec. 28

Walter Greenwood - Dec. 29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Bert & Janis Hamersma - Dec. 27

Ted & Siu Ying Shaneyfelt - Dec. 27

Jaq & Ani Bilagot - Dec. 29

Read ahead: In order to help you prepare for next week's service, here is the scripture passage and title for the message next Sunday. Take some time to read ahead and invite the Holy Spirit to start bringing God's Word to life for you.

"Seeking Wisdom"

Luke 2:40-52

Pastor Mark Zier can be Reached at (253) 307-4541 or by email at mziero1@aol.com.

Services are posted to our Facebook account at **Christ Lutheran Church Hilo**. Recordings of the services as well as the bulletin are also available at www.ChristHilo.org


A big mahalo to everyone who gave generously to the Angel Tree Project! Not only were we able to raise enough money to buy Shora and her family of six a washing machine, but we also were able to provide a dryer! Praise God through Whom all things are possible!

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LWML Christmas

Stocking

Christmas stocking money may be turned in until mid-January to Dian Mahoney in first service, Nancy Kunert in second service, or dropped off at the office. Please put any monies in a ziplock bag and keep your stocking for 2021's mission.

If you need a stocking, please take one from the cart. Checks are accepted and should be made out to 'Mary Martha LWML'. Thank you for supporting our Missions families in Africa.

