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Christ Lutheran Church

Experiencing Christ's Love

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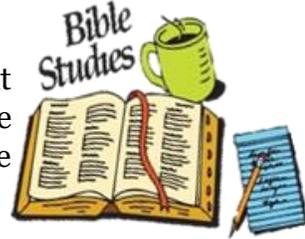


Aloha! We welcome you to worship today in Jesus' name. We pray that your worship will draw you closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you don't currently have a church home, we invite you to explore becoming a part of our family in Christ. If you're ready for more information or have questions, 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 for the Epiphany is '**Gold, Frankincense & Me.**' Attendance is limited to ten and masks are worn in a social-distanced setting.



ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: The Bible Study on **Paul's Missionary Journeys** continues on Wednesday at 6:00PM on Zoom with Pastor Mark. Watch for an email with the link or email Pastor Mark at mziero1@aol.com directly. Everyone is welcome.

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*)

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

C **Glory to God in the highest!**

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

C **Glory to God in the highest!**

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

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1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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P 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.

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

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 you 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

P 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!**





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 the storm.
 And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

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Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings *(Please be seated)*

First Reading - 1 Kings 3:4-15

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst

of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading - Luke 2:40–52 *(Please Stand)*

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

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

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day’s journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so?

Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

850 God of Grace and God of Glory

sts. 1-3



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
days, For the liv - ing of these days.
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.

SERMON:
SEEKING WISDOM
LUKE 2:40-52

A Word About Our Offerings for Mission & Ministry

Prayer of the Congregation

P 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.**

(Please remain standing)

Words of the Institution

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.)

Thank the Lord

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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

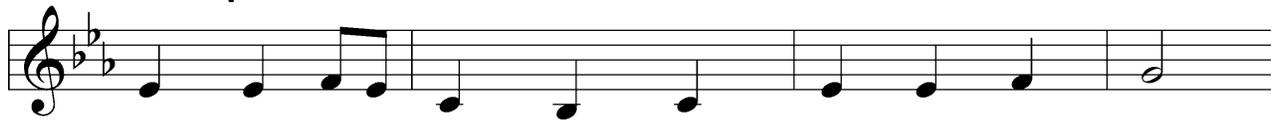
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.



738 Lord of All Hopefulness

sts. 1-3



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

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Dismissal

P Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Peggy Hamano - Jan. 5
A.J. Robertson - Jan. 6
Lori Breitbarth - Jan 6
Carol Weir - Jan 8



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

J.D. & Maria Wacker - Jan. 7

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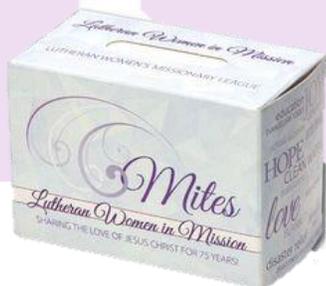
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Read ahead: In order to help you prepare for next week's service, here is the scripture passage and title for the message next Sunday. Take some time to read ahead and invite the Holy Spirit to start bringing God's Word to life for you.

"Death & Life United"

Romans 6:1-11

Pastor Mark Zier can be Reached at (253) 307-4541 or by email at mzier01@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

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 at the back of the Sanctuary. Checks are accepted and should be made out to "Mary Martha LWML". Thank you for supporting our Missions families in Africa.