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9:00 am

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES *(An usher will bring forward the prayer cards for the pastor)*

OPENING HYMN: "What Child is This?" LSB# 370

What child is this who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping
This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard
And angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud
The babe, the son of Mary

Why lied He in such mean estate
Where ox and lamb are feeding
Good Christian fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me, for you
Hail, hail the Word made flesh
The babe, the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh
Come peasant, king, to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him
Raise, raise the song on high
The virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born
The babe, the son of Mary

CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Galatians 4 reminds us: *you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.*

As we move into this New Year as children of God and heirs of His holy promises, let us meditate on our past life of sin and ask for the pardon of our Lord as we move forward.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we confess,

People: that we have lived in sin and let sin rule over us at different times. For these times and the sins that we have committed, we are sorry and plead for forgiveness as we move forward. Heal us, forgive us, and show the power of a new beginning in Christ.

Pastor: In this New Year, God has continued to honor His promise of new life in Christ. Because He is a God of new beginnings, He has heard our plea for mercy and granted us the forgiveness we seek. As we move into this New Year and this new time, let us remember that we are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "From East to West" LSB# 385 vv. 1, 5

From east to west, from shore to shore
Let ev'ry heart awake and sing
The holy child whom Mary bore
The Christ, the everlasting King

All glory for this blessed morn
To God the Father ever be
All praise to You, O Virgin-born
And Holy Ghost eternally

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Let us pray: Dear Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for this new beginning in Christ. As His name signified the work He would do, may His work live in us always. In the name of Jesus we pray.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING: Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.'

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

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 men 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" LSB# 549 vv. 1,6,7

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

SERMON

Pastor Jesus Morales

OFFERING/PRAYER CARDS - *The offering plate is located on the rear table for you to place your offering in as you enter or leave church. **When the offering is received, an usher will bring it forward, along with any prayer cards, to the altar. If you have any prayers to include, please pass them to the usher as they come forward.** For those who are worshipping at home, you may continue to mail your offerings to the church office, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 0S501 Summit Drive, Winfield, IL 60190. Thank you!*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray,

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for bringing us safely into this new year. We look forward to great things ahead, and we pray that You would answer our prayers for spiritual growth, added disciples, and greater fellowship.

Help us serve our communities, that all would be blessed and seek after You.

Turn the hearts of those who pursue evil. Restore justice in places that persecution has devastated.

Renew those who are returning to school over the next few days. Give them strength for the days ahead.

Be with new marriages, families, and those who have moved.

Guard our neighborhoods from violence and those who seek to steal and destroy.

Heal those who are sick and hurting, (especially...), that their relief would be seen through Your graciousness.

Bless our United States Senate, House of Representatives, and other elected leaders, that this New Year would stir them to recommit themselves to holy work.

For public servants, Lord we pray that You would protect and encourage them in an often thankless time.

For these prayers and all prayers that are lifted to You, Heavenly Father we pray that You would be gracious, loving, and joyous in answering according to Your will. Give us patience as we wait for Your answer, and in the midst of that waiting, call us to continue praying, in Jesus' blessed name. Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose power and salvation transcends the nations and kingdoms of the world. Lead us to Your heavenly kingdom, where in divine glory and freedom from sin His name is worshiped and glorified. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, with the saints gathered before Your throne from every nation, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, singing:

SANCTUS

People: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. Even when creation rebelled against You, You gave Your only-begotten Son into death that we might be saved and set free from the lasting consequences of sin and eternal death. By Your Spirit, prepare our hearts to receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in faith.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray...

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift. As Christ has forgiven us and set us free, we rejoice in our independence from all we ever need fear. Grant Your holy and life-giving Spirit that we may serve You as we seek to end divisions, overcome prejudice, and seek justice. Grant that we live in peace with one another through the peace You have restored in our relationship with You; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May our Lord go with us and bless us in this New Year. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "We Praise You, O God" LSB# 785 vv. 1,3

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing

With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise



WE WELCOME BACK SARAH MAYER, WHO IS OUR GUEST PIANIST TODAY! We thank Sarah for filling in for Sojung, who has traveled to New York to be with her family and welcoming her new baby grandson! Thanks, Sarah! We are delighted you are celebrating Christmas with us at Christ Our Savior! God's blessings to you and your family!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CHRISTMAS FLOWER DECORATIONS!! You helped to make our church beautiful at this joyous time of year as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus! **PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE A POINSETTA PLANT HOME WITH YOU FOLLOWING TODAY'S SERVICE! (*They need a home!*)**

THE OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023 ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP! Please stop by the table on your way out of church to pick up your Offering envelopes for 2023. They are in alphabetical order. For those of you who are worshipping from home, or are unable to pick them up soon, please call the church office at 630-665-5110 to request that they be mailed to you. Thank you!



THE 2023 FLOWER CHART IS NOW ON THE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD! REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS AS A REMEMBRANCE OR ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS

– If you would like to place flowers on the altar to mark a special occasion or give Glory to God, there's a sign-up calendar on the bulletin board in the church entrance to reserve a date. Just sign your name, date and occasion –

and take an envelope for payment of \$30 per Sunday, with checks payable to The Altar Guild. Flowers are yours to take home after the service.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS – Please pray for the following individuals who are in need of your prayers:

Healing or receiving medical treatment:

Donna Klomhaus

June DuBois

Pat Gengler

Charleen Smith, Dawn Wolter's mother

Anne Rumchaks and Joey Basile, Susan Mosteller's friends

Shirley Dring

Edward Dring, Shirley Dring's son

Dianne, Shirley Dring's daughter

Al Arbeiter

Dawn Ziemer

Dave Larson

Monica, Mary Larson's sister

Jeff, Rebecca and Joshua Lasky

In the military:

Randy, nephew of Susan Mosteller

And all cherished members who are currently shut in or resting at home.

PASTOR JESUS IS NOW HOLDING A NEW MEMBER CLASS FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.

The class currently meets at church on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, and it features a 12-week course titled "God Connects." It helps to answer questions such as, *Why Jesus?... Why the Bible? ...Who is the Holy Spirit?*, as well as provide valuable information about our church doctrine and the Christian life. If you are interested in becoming a member, please see Pastor Jesus and he will give you more information about joining this class, or tell you when the next class may be scheduled.

Note: if you are transferring membership from another LCMS church, your attendance at this class is not mandatory, but would be a great refresher and chance to have your questions answered! Pastor Jesus will be very happy to facilitate the transfer for you.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE 9 AM SERVICE ARE NEEDED!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED TO BRING TREATS! If you would like to help with our fellowship of coffee and treats on Sunday morning after our 9 am service, we would love to have you bring a treat for our members! The coffee and water is provided, but we need volunteers who can provide a sweet treat (coffee cake, cookies, muffins, breads, etc.) to share with everyone. Interested? There's a sign-up sheet on the back table where you can sign up for the date you want to help. Thank you!!

PLEASE NOTE PASTOR JESUS' CONTACT INFORMATION – Pastor Jesus is available to minister to our congregation's needs at any time and welcomes the opportunity to serve you. He is available 24/7 to provide pastoral care, prayer, or information. He also makes congregation home visits or visits members in the hospital or nursing facility, or administers Holy Communion at home. If you have a need or want to request a visit, please contact him at 1-630-518-1517 or jesusmorales466@yahoo.com.

WITH WINTER HERE – OUR BLESSING BOX CONTINUES TO BE A BLESSING TO OUR COMMUNITY! If you are able, please consider picking up a few items during your regular shopping trips to help those less fortunate and dropping off items for our Blessing Box. *The most needed items currently include boxed cereals, all kinds of paper products, disposable baby diapers, feminine products, personal care items, and detergents and sanitizers. Non-perishable food items, including pasta, rice, beans, baking items, tuna, canned meats and sauce are also appreciated.* Now that winter is here, gloves, mittens, socks and hats can also make a difference. Please keep in mind that during extreme temperatures, freezing may occur. Cash contributions are also welcome. Thank you all for your generosity and support!

OUR BENEVOLENT FUND provides confidential emergency assistance to members who are in need of financial, spiritual or other temporary support, such as housing assistance, help paying for medical or prescription expenses, or help during hard times due to lack of employment. Please contact Pastor Jesus in person to discuss your needs, or you may contact him by phone at 1-630-518-1517.

PLEASE NOTE OUR SPECIAL FUNDS ARE CONTINUING IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP.

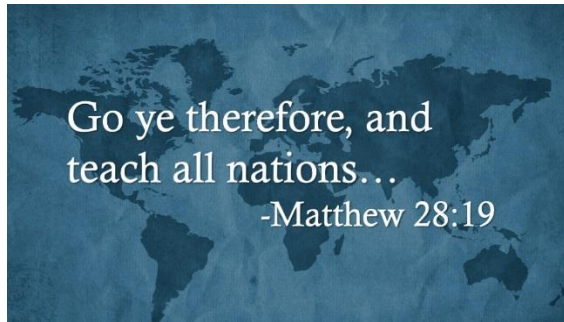
We thank our members for their generosity in supporting our various special funds that are helping us in our ministry at Christ Our Savior. Donations in any amount are gratefully accepted – just indicate the fund and the amount of your donation on your check or offering envelope when you place it in the offering plate. The funds include:

PARSONAGE FUND
PARKING LOT FUND
BLESSING BOX FUND
BENEVOLENT FUND

We sincerely appreciate your support and generosity!

REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR POP TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE! The aluminum tabs you pull to open soda, soup and other cans are recycled by United Scrap Metal, who buys the pop tabs at a market rate and makes an additional contribution to Ronald McDonald House. There's a large collection bottle on the back table for your convenience. Thanks so much for your help in collecting tabs and making a big difference!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PRAYER CARDS ARE LOCATED IN THE CHURCH PEWS AND CAN BE USED FOR PRAYERS ON SUNDAY MORNING. An usher will collect these cards during the service, and they will be presented to Pastor Jesus during our offering, when they will be added to our congregation prayers. If you would like a prayer shared with all members via email or on the "Prayer Corner" church website, contact Deb Odefey (1-630-209-9918) for the "Prayer Chain" and she will make sure your prayer request is communicated to our church family.



NOVEMBER MISSION AWARENESS UPDATE –
Thank you to everyone for helping to sponsor our missionaries who are hard at work bringing Christ to unchurched nations of the world! In November, over \$1,600 was collected in our mission offerings. Thank you so much for your generosity and support!

Feyissa Muleta, the Ethiopian Missionary from Tensae Church, wrote a note of thanks to Christ Our Savior members for their support of his important missionary work:

Dear family at Christ Our Savior,

I confirm receiving the gift you sent me through CRU (Crusade for Christ International). I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to every person and family (brothers and sisters in Christ) who have made a generous and sacrificial contribution during the month of November toward my ministry in Ethiopia. As a missionary dependent on raising financial support, your kindness and generosity have encouraged me. Such moments are great reminders of what it truly means to belong to God and His family. It is heartwarming to see people who never saw my face investing their God-given money by faith for God's glory and the blessings of His Church. Thank you, brothers and sisters, for your love, prayers, and support.

May God continue to bless you and your loved ones. I will keep in touch,



Blessings,
Feyissa