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**Sunday, July 18, and Monday, July 19, 2021**  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

## ***Christmas in July***

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

***O Come, All Ye Faithful* – ELW 283 (vv. 1 and 3)**

- 1 O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him,  
born the king of angels:

*Refrain*

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

- 3 Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
in the highest: *Refrain*

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. unknown, st. 2

### **GREETING**

L: For to us a child is born; to us a son is given.

**C: And his name will be called “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”**

L: And his name will be called Jesus.

### **O Come, Little Children (vv. 1, 3, 4)**

*Christoph von Schmid (1768-1854), 1840*

- 1 O come, little children, O come, one and all. To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small. God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night to be your redeemer, your joy and delight.
- 3 He's born in a stable for you and for me, draw near by the bright gleaming starlight to see, In swaddling clothes lying so meek and so mild, And purer than angels the heavenly child.
- 4 See Mary and Joseph with love beaming eyes Are gazing upon the rude bed where He lies, the shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love, While angels sing loud hallelujahs above.

### **PRAYER**

**L:** Let us pray. Almighty God,

**C:** **you made the holy night of your birth shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Friendly Beasts (vv. 1-6)**

*Robert Davis (1881-1950)*

- 1 Jesus our brother, kind and good Was humbly born in a stable rude and the friendly beasts around Him stood, Jesus our brother, kind and good.
- 2 "I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown, "I carried His mother up hill and down; I carried her safely to Bethlehem town." "I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.
- 3 "I," said the cow all white and red "I gave Him my manger for His bed; I gave him my hay to pillow his head." "I," said the cow all white and red.
- 4 "I," said the sheep with curly horn, "I gave Him my wool for His blanket warm; He wore my coat on Christmas morn." "I," said the sheep with curly horn.
- 5 "I," said the dove from the rafters high, "I cooed Him to sleep so He would not cry; We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I." "I," said the dove from the rafters high.
- 6 Thus every beast by some good spell, In the stable dark was glad to tell Of the gift he gave Immanuel, The gift he gave Immanuel.

### **SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 9:2-7**

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty

God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

***(Light first candle)***

***What Child Is This – ELW 296 (v. 1)***

1 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!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

**SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

***(Light second candle)***

***O Little Town of Bethlehem – ELW 279 (v. 1)***

1 O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

**SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:5-7**

<sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her

child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

***(Light third candle)***

***Away in a Manger – ELW 277***

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

**SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

***(Light fourth candle)***

***Angels We Have Heard on High – ELW 289 (v. 1)***

- 1 Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

## *Refrain*

Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

## **SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:15-18**

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

## ***(Light Christ candle)***

## **SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:19-20**

<sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## **CHRISTMAS MEDITATION**

### ***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly – ELW 276***

- 1 Infant holy, infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging, angels singing,  
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child is Lord of all!
- 2 Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story,  
tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you!  
Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885-1933, alt.

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (*Sunday*)**

### **APOSTLES' CREED (*Monday*)**

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Petitions end: "Lord, in your mercy." Please respond: "**Hear our prayer.**"*

### **OFFERING**

*Our offering is simply a reflection of the offering God gave to us in Jesus Christ. As God lavished His gifts of love and grace upon us, so we are invited to share our abundance through the mission and ministry of Jesus at Christ Lutheran. Thank you, Lord God, for the gift of Christ. Thank you, people of God, for your gifts. A special offering today is for the Luther Park Capital Campaign.*

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **LORD'S PRAYER (*Monday*)**

**C** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

## COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Let us pray. Great God of gifts: Thank you! You feed us in many, many ways, and we are grateful to receive! We look to you, we look to each other, and we praise your name. As you've fed us, now make us food for the world. Thank you, great God of gifts!

**C** Amen.

### CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONY

*(The candle represents Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.)*

**P** And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. Arise, shine; for your Light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

### ***Silent Night, Holy Night! – ELW 281***

- 1 Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2 Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3 Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from your holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

## **BENEDICTION**

P Jesus is the Word made flesh in our midst. May his birth fill your hearts with joy and peace!

**C Amen.**

P Jesus is the promised Savior, born of Mary. May his birth among us renew your hope!

**C Amen.**

P Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. May the gift of his presence bring forth rejoicing!

**C Amen.**

P Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## ***Joy to the World – ELW 267***

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sin and sorrow grow  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

## **DISMISSAL**

P Love

**C Jesus.**

P Grow

**C Together.**

P Serve

**C Others.**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

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Youth Director: Josie Wilterdink

Audio Visual Specialist: Darrin Falk

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## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of July 18, 2021

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** “Love Jesus, Grow Together, Serve Others.”

**VISION STATEMENT:** “Christ Lutheran is where God’s promise of love and forgiveness is for all.”

**PRAYER CONCERNS (listed alphabetically):** Sharon Becker; Sue Dahm; Peyton Rae Danovsky; Jeremy Eckert (Joel’s brother); Gay Evenson; Kathy Falk; David Faust (Robin Nelson’s brother); Barb Frey; Jonelle Gideo; Paul Haviland; Gordy & Carolyn Hemming; Lexyn Holt; Nikki and her parents Randy & Sally (friends of Don & Deb Johnson); Joan Labs; Sharon Larson; Andy Meser (Barb’s great-nephew); Grace Nelson (Vickie Kuester’s mother); Bill Neverdahl; Lorraine Norrish; Rita (Arla Falk’s sister); Frank Smith; Shawn Stary; Martha Stewart; Cassandra Tye; Libby Wallace; Joe Warland (Sue Dahms’ brother); Jacque Wilman (Tracy Wellington’s mother); our companion congregation in Malawi (Balaka Parish); all those who serve in our military and their families; and all our members and friends residing in care facilities or confined to their homes.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!** Today we celebrate “Christmas in July” in the church parking lot (weather, permitting). A special offering is for the Luther Park Capital Campaign.

**AT THE BAPTISMAL FONT** this morning is Callen John Arthur Kennedy, son of Mike & Erin Kennedy. Callen’s sponsors are Courtney Kennedy and Megan Abel.

Welcome to Christ’s family, Callen!

**IT’S A SCAM!** If you receive an email that appears to be from Pastor Randy asking you to purchase Google cards or use your credit card to provide gifts for staff or other seemingly legitimate requests, it is a scam! Delete the email immediately and do not respond in any way to the email!

**VBS NEEDS YOU!** Vacation Bible School is right around the corner, but we are still in need of your support! There is a sign-up for food items in the narthex. We are also still looking for adult and youth volunteers for leading worship, guiding a group, and working in the kitchen. If you can give of your time, please contact Josie directly. And, as always, we truly appreciate monetary donations. They help tremendously toward the purchase of craft supplies, food not donated, and other needed materials. Lastly, we ask for prayers for a wonderful VBS week of July 25 through 29. Youth ministry doesn't exist without the continued support of our congregation! Thank you so much!

**PLEASE--NO MORE BAGS!** We have a good supply of plastic bags on hand, thanks to your help. We will let you know if more plastic bags are needed in the future.

**PLEASE FILL OUT** a pink communion card at every worship service! The pink cards are located in the racks on the back of the pew in front of you. (One pink card per family is fine as long as all present at the service are listed on the card.) Thank you!

**COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE NIGHT:** Administration, Congregational Life, and Outreach Committees will meet the same night for a three-month trial period— July 20, August 10, and September 14. The committees will meet individually from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Then from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. the committees and council will meet as one group in the sanctuary. Council will meet from 7 pm. to 8 p.m.

**A RESIDENT AT** American Lutheran Home who makes cards would appreciate stickers, “used” greeting cards of all kinds, and any color cardstock. Please drop off these items at the church office. Thank you!

**CHRIST, PEACE AND OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN CHURCHES** are in partnership with American Lutheran Communities to provide housing and care for the elderly and disabled. ALC is primarily self-supporting and governed by its Board. It is currently in very good fiscal and programming shape (despite the pandemic!). There were five vacancies for the Board of Directors this cycle, filled by three elected at the May 25 meeting. Two more are needed (two-and three-year terms), hopefully from Menomonie congregations, since Menomonie has two of five ALC facilities. Please consider nomination for one of these positions and call Dick Tyson at 715-235-4967 or Linda Larson, Board President, at 715-673-4873.

**OUR YOUTH ARE** still trying to plan to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next summer. Please--prayerfully, financially support our youth this summer with continued giving to this ministry. Thank You!

**WEDNESDAY’S TABLE** menu for July 21: Hotdish. The menu is also posted on Facebook. *[Menu items subject to change.]*

**OUR WEDNESDAY FOOD MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!** To sign up to help with either Wednesday’s Table or CLC FoodShelf, call the church office at 715-235-5573; use the following link: <https://www.welcome2clc.com/volunteer-signup.html>; or sign up on the church website: [welcome2CLC.com](http://welcome2CLC.com). Thank you!

**CLC FOODSHELF NEWS!** Each week we are serving up bags filled with several meals of healthy, non-perishable food to several families in need. Once a month, we order approximately **\$1,000 (!)** worth of food from Feed My People Food Bank. You can help in two ways: Donate money to the FoodShelf Fund or donate food items. We need: canned peaches, pears, oranges, and applesauce; canned green beans, corn, peas, and carrots; spaghetti pasta and noodles; canned soup; canned chicken or tuna; minute rice and mashed potatoes; and peanut butter and jelly. Please place all food donations in one of the collection carts at the church.

**MATERIAL AND FILLERS** for making quilts may be picked up on Mission Work Days between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. The next Mission Work Day is July 20. *[Note that this is a week earlier than the usual schedule.]*

**THE CHURCH HAS A DROP BOX** for placing offering envelopes after office hours. The box is located outside the office wing entry door.

**FOR MY BOY SCOUT EAGLE PROJECT**, I am planning on building a gaga pit at Christ Lutheran Church. This project would benefit the youth, the church, and in general the community. This project will benefit Christ Lutheran Church by being a fun resource for the youth. This will also be an additional resource for outdoor fellowship for Sunday School and VBS youth. I am looking for as many donations as possible to accomplish my goal of \$650.00; any amount will help and every single donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time, and I hope you consider donating to help me with this project. - Nick Madsen, Troop 103

**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE AND FUNDRAISER –**

**PACK THE PARK: WHERE MINISTRIES COLLIDE! FIND OUR EVENT ON FACEBOOK!**

Join us on August 1 for our annual Outdoor Worship Service with the three local ELCA Lutheran churches. Worship will begin at 10 a.m. at Wilson Park. Lutheran Campus Ministry to UW-Stout will be hosting a picnic lunch following the service. This year we will be having brats and hotdogs with sides for our meal. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids. In addition to the lunch, we will also be offering many events and activities for ALL AGES! We will be having a Bucket Raffle fundraiser with items donated from local business! Proceeds from the Bucket Raffle and picnic lunch fundraisers will go to support Lutheran Campus Ministry to UW-Stout. We will also offer an opportunity for families and community members to come together to enjoy yard games, a BOUNCE HOUSE, and much more! This will be a fun day for all! After our year being apart, we are looking forward to gathering safely outside and gathering in person as a family in Christ. Event goes from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are also looking for volunteers to help with set-up, tear-down and clean-up; dinner service; and during the event as well! All interested volunteers will be asked to complete a registration form. Forms will be collected until July 8! You will also receive a FREE Pack the Park T-Shirt to wear on the day of the event if you volunteer! If you have any questions or are interested in helping out or donating an item to the raffle, please contact Katie Wagner, LCM Director, at 715-308-3393 or [lcmstoutdirector@gmail.com](mailto:lcmstoutdirector@gmail.com). We look forward to having you with us and making this event successful! Blessings to you all!

**HEART FOR LUTHER PARK** is the annual quilt auction fundraiser for Luther Park Bible Camp. Join us for a day of fun, food, and beautiful quilts and artisan pieces on Sunday, August 8. Browsing opens at 11 a.m. with the live auction at 12:30 p.m.