

Worship

January 19, 2025 | 12PM
Service of Prayer & Peace



Christ the Servant
LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time guest, your presence is a blessing to us!
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Let us know you are worshipping today
Request prayers or share your care needs
Explore upcoming ministries and RSVP
Respond with generosity and give to our mission and ministry

TO THOSE WITH YOUNG ONES

We embrace all the wiggles and giggles that the youngest in our midst might make!
The noise of children is the sound of a church that is full of life and is welcome here!

Here are some helpful tips:

-  If they need a break, take it!
There is a room just past the bathrooms where little ones can play, parents can relax, and the service can still be heard.
-  Let them pick out activities from the Activities Cart!
They can go back to it as much as needed!
-  Sit where your children can easily see what is happening.
-  Sing and respond loudly! Children learn by copying you.
-  Explain the parts of worship and teach them how to use the hymnal.

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NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ DATE: _____

EMAIL: _____ I'D LIKE TO RECEIVE WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES: YES

PRAYER REQUEST: _____

PUBLIC PRAYER TEAM ONLY PRIVATE

HOW LONG WOULD YOU LIKE US TO HOLD THESE IN PRAYER?

1 WEEK 2 WEEKS 3 WEEKS 1 MONTH UNTIL OTHERWISE NOTIFIED

WELCOME

GREETING

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

And also with you.

***OPENING LITANY**

Holy God,
out of your great love for the world,
your Word became flesh to live among us
and to reconcile us to you and to one another.
Rekindle among us the gift of your Spirit
that we might live as one new humanity in Christ,
dismantling the walls that divide,
ending the hostility between us,
and proclaiming peace to those who are near
and to those who are far away.

Let the words of Martin Luther King Jr. ring true:

"God, help us as individuals and as a world to hear it now before it is too late:

'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's justice and all these other things shall be added unto you.'"

Amen.

YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN

Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Aaron Keyes

1. Your la - bor is not in _____ vain though the
 2. Your la - bor is not un - known though the
 3. The vine - yards you plant will bear fruit; the fields
 4. The hou - ses you la - bored to build will

3 ground un - der - neath you is cursed and _____ stained. Your
 rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan. The
 will sing out and re - joice with the _____ truth, for
 fin - ally with laugh - ter and joy be _____ filled. The

5 plan - ting and rea - ping are ne - ver the same, but your
 place of your toil may not seem like a home, but your
 all that is old will at last be made new: the
 ser - pent that hurts and de - stroys shall be killed, and

7 la - bor is not _____ in vain. For I am with you, I am with you. I am
 la - bor is not _____ un - known
 vine - yards you plant _____ will bear fruit.
 all that is bro - ken be _____ healed.

11 with you I am with you for I have called you called you by _____

14 name. Your la - bor _____ is not in vain.

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1, 6-11, 28-31

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

God of all people, your ways are higher than any earthly ruler, and your righteousness is truer than any worldly judge. Align our hearts with your justice, committing us to making decisions based on the needs of the poor and oppressed in our midst and on our stewardship of all that you have made. Open the minds of our leaders, that they too will show concern for the needy and compassion toward those in distress. Unite us all around the cross, pledging our utmost allegiance to the slaughtered lamb, your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN – Come and Fill Our Hearts #528 (in the spirit of Taizé, the English verse will be sung multiple times)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia!

***GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-36**

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

***HYMN - CANTICLE OF THE TURNING #723**

PRAYER

Let us pray,

Dearest Jesus, come and sit with us today. Show us the lies that are still embedded in the soul of America's consciousness. Unmask the untruths we have made our best friends. For they seek our destruction. And we are being destroyed, Lord.

Reveal the ways the lies have distorted and destroyed our relationships. They break your shalom . . . daily.

Jesus, give us courage to embrace the truth about ourselves and you and our world.

Truth: We are all made in your image.

Truth: You are God; we are not. You are God; money is not. You are God; jails, bombs and bullets are not.

And Jesus, give us faith to believe:

Redemption of people, relationships, communities and whole nations is possible! Give us faith enough to renounce the lies and tear down the walls that separate us with our hands and with our feet!

Amen.

LITANY OF RESISTANCE AND PRAYER (ELW #751)

Refrain:

O Lord, hear my prayer, o Lord, hear my prayer: when I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, o Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

L: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

C: Have mercy on us

L: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

C: Free us from the bondage of sin and death

L: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

C: Hear our prayer. Grant us peace.

L: For the victims of war

C: Have mercy

L: Women, men and children

C: Have mercy

L: The maimed and the crippled

C: Have mercy

L: The abandoned and the homeless

C: Have mercy

L: the imprisoned and the tortured

C: Have mercy

L: The widowed and the orphaned

C: Have mercy

L: The bleeding and the dying

C: Have mercy

L: The weary and the desperate

C: Have mercy

L: The lost and the forsaken

C: Have mercy

Refrain

L: O God – Have mercy on us sinners

C: Forgive us for we know not what we do

L: For our scorched and blackened earth

C: Forgive us

L: For the scandal of billions wasted in war

C: Forgive us

L: For our arms makers and arms dealers

C: Forgive us

L: For our Caesars and Herods

C: Forgive us

L: For the violence that is rooted in our hearts

C: Forgive us

L: For the times we turn others into enemies

C: Forgive us

Refrain

L: Deliver us, O God

C: Guide our feet into the way of peace

L: Hear our prayer.

C: Grant us peace.

L: From the arrogance of power

C: Deliver us

L: From the myth of redemptive violence

C: Deliver us

L: From the tyranny of greed

C: Deliver us

L: From the ugliness of racism

C: Deliver us

L: From the cancer of hatred

C: Deliver us

L: From the seduction of wealth

C: Deliver us

L: From the addiction of control

C: Deliver us

L: From the idolatry of nationalism

C: Deliver us

L: From the paralysis of cynicism

C: Deliver us

L: From the violence of apathy

C: Deliver us

L: From the ghettos of poverty

C: Deliver us

L: From the ghettos of wealth

C: Deliver us

L: From a lack of imagination

C: Deliver us

L: Deliver us, O God

C: Guide our feet into the way of peace

Refrain

L: We will not conform to the patterns of this world

C: Let us be transformed by the renewing of our minds

L: With the help of God's grace

C: Let us resist evil wherever we find it

L: With the waging of war

C: We will not comply

L: With the legalization of murder

C: We will not comply

L: With the slaughter of innocents

C: We will not comply

L: With laws that betray human life

C: We will not comply

L: With the destruction of community

C: We will not comply

L: With the pointing finger and malicious talk

C: We will not comply

L: With the idea that happiness must be purchased

C: We will not comply

L: With the ravaging of the earth

C: We will not comply

L: With principalities and powers that oppress

C: We will not comply

L: With the destruction of peoples

C: We will not comply

L: With the raping of women

C: We will not comply

L: With governments that kill

C: We will not comply

L: With the theology of empire

C: We will not comply

L: With the business of militarism

C: We will not comply

L: With the hoarding of riches

C: We will not comply

L: With the dissemination of fear

C: We will not comply

Refrain

L: Today we pledge our ultimate allegiance... to the Kingdom of God

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To a peace that is not like Rome's

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the Gospel of enemy love

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the Kingdom of the poor and broken

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To a King that loves his enemies so much he died for them

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the least of these, with whom Christ dwells

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the transnational Church that transcends the artificial borders of nations

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the refugee of Nazareth

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the homeless rabbi who had no place to lay his head

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the cross rather than the sword

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the banner of love above any flag

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the one who rules with a towel rather than an iron fist

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the one who rides a donkey rather than a war-horse

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the revolution that sets both oppressed and oppressors free

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the Way that leads to life

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the Slaughtered Lamb

C: We pledge allegiance

Refrain

L: And together we proclaim his praises, from the margins of the empire to the centers of wealth and power

C: Long Live the Slaughtered Lamb

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The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.**

***BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord makes his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord looks upon you with every favor and gives you peace.

In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***HYMN – Great Are You Lord**

Verse

You give life, You are love

You bring light to the darkness

You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken

And great are You, Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise

It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise to You only

Verse

Chorus x2

Bridge

All the earth will shout Your praise

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing

Great are You, Lord

All the earth will shout Your praise

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing

Great are You, Lord

All the earth will shout Your praise

Our hearts will cry, these bones will say

Great are You, Lord

Chorus x3

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

O God of peace, you have taught us that Your power and love extends beyond our imagination. By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God.

Silence

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet each other with the peace of Christ!