

## Welcome to Christ Lutheran!

Our purpose as a congregation is to worship our Lord and to share the love of God through Jesus Christ. We offer worship services, Bible studies, and a variety of programs and ministries designed to help everyone who comes to Christ grow in their faith.

If you would like more information or would like to get involved, please see one of our visiting ministers, staff, or contact the church office.

### Children are welcome here.

We invite you to bring your children to worship. A Children's Message is included in each service to help engage our young ones. For the times you desire assistance, we offer staffed childcare for children up to age four in the nursery. Ask an usher if you need directions.

### We encourage the use of technology.

We project each service overhead to help us worship and sing our praises as one body and to help hold the attention of our children and youth. Before our late service, we use a countdown timer, viewable from the narthex, to better help us prepare for worship. If you are interested in helping with our audio and visual ministries, please contact our worship director or make yourself known on our registration cards.

### Worship folders are available each week.

A worship folder is updated each week for distribution to inform you of upcoming events and important announcements. These are available from our ushers (or on the table in the narthex). Visit our website at [www.clutheran.org](http://www.clutheran.org) for additional information.

### We welcome visitors and guests.

If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join our church family. New Member classes are offered periodically throughout the year. Please complete a *Welcome Sheet* (you can find these in the burgundy folders in each pew) if you would like more information.

### Please join us for Bible study this morning.

At Christ Lutheran, we greatly value the authority of scripture, and we focus on offering great Sunday morning Bible studies for adults and Sunday School for children during our Family Bible Hour at 9:15 am. A current listing of these classes and their locations is available in the worship folder or in the narthex.

### Sermons available online.

The sermons are available online on the Christ Lutheran Church & School's website at [www.clutheran.org](http://www.clutheran.org). Click on the "Weekly Sermons" box for the list of recent sermons.

## Order of Service – 8:00 AM

December 4th, 2011

Pre-Service *(Please fill out a Welcome Sheet in the burgundy folder in the pew)*

Welcome

Opening Hymn "Prepare the Royal Highway" LW27, sts. 1-4

Invocation

Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast" LW p. 161

Children's Message Lazelle Hutchins

Scripture Readings  
Isaiah 40:1-11  
2 Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8

Sermon Hymn "On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry" LW14, sts. 1-3, 5

Sermon "Preparing the Way" (Mark 1:1-8) Pastor Lyle Muller

Offering

Apostles' Creed

Prayers

Holy Communion  
Lord's Prayer  
Words of Institution

"Come, O Long-Expected Jesus"  
"O People, Rise and Labor"  
"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"  
LW 22, sts. 1-2  
LW 25, sts. 1-4  
LW270, sts. 1-5

Blessing

Closing Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates" LW24, sts. 1-5

Postlude

**Order of Service – 10:30 AM**

**December 4, 2011**

**This Week in Your Prayers, Please Pray for:**

Opening Song "Our God Saves"  
Welcome *(Please fill out a Welcome Sheet in the burgundy folder in the pew)*

Holy Baptism *Lynlee Kate Knoernschild  
Alexander Dilan Welihindha*

Children's Message *Lazelle Hutchins*

Scripture Readings *2 Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8*

Offering "On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry"

Message "Preparing the Way"  
*(Mark 1:1-8)* *Pastor Lyle Muller*

Confession and Absolution "Refiner's Fire"

Apostles' Creed

Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer  
Words of Institution

"None But Jesus"  
"Forever Reign"

Blessing

Sending Song "Revelation Song"

**Health Concerns**

Betty Bass (cancer treatments), Dave Mack (shoulder surgery recovery), Sean O'Donnel, Dennis Kersenbrock (recovery from heart surgery on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Special Prayers**

God's protection for Jeramy Merrill and all our military personnel at home and abroad;  
For the Board of Servant Leaders, the Pastor Call Committee and the church and school staffs for wisdom and knowledge to lead the congregation;  
For God's help and strength for Jonathan Gardner, son of Dan Gardner;  
Thanksgiving for the baptism of Lynlee Kate Knoernschild and Alexander Dilan Welihindha.

**Prayer Requests:**

Would you like to add a prayer request for next week's worship folder? Please submit a prayer request (on the back of a *Welcome Sheet*) today, or call or email the church office before noon on Wednesday at 663-5232 or hlamb@clutheran.org.

**Email Prayer Requests:** Mr. Don McGilvray is in charge of the email prayer list. Prayer requests may be emailed to him for distribution at jdonm@olympia-inc.com. You may also email him with your email address if you wish to be on the email prayer list to pray for those in need.

Please phone the church office, 663-5232, if you are entering the hospital so that we might visit you and keep you in our prayers.

**Altar Flowers** are given today by Eleanor Mitchell in celebration of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) and in thanksgiving for all the women of the church.

**Today is LWML Sunday!**

We praise God for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and all the amazing things they do to support our ministry here at Christ Lutheran and around the world! A door offering will be taken today for Mites. This offering will help pay for all the Grants that were voted on at the LWML Convention in June. Also, don't forget to stop by the bake sale occurring during Coffee Cup this morning to support this wonderful group of women in their missions!

**Flowers Needed – Please note open dates on calendar!** The Flower Calendars are in the fellowship hall so that you may set aside the date you wish to provide flowers for the sanctuary. Please note there are 2 calendars, one for each vase. If you wish to give both vases, please sign both calendars #1 and #2. The cost for flowers is \$40 for one vase and \$80 for two vases. Make your check payable to Christ Lutheran Church, earmarked "Altar Flowers". You may place your payment in the offering plate. Flowers may be taken home following the 10:30 worship service. Return the empty plastic vase(s) to the narthex or church office the following week. Please phone Eleanor Mitchell at 224-0384 or the church office at 663-5232 if you have any questions or wish to reserve your Sunday.

### **Sunday Morning Adult Family Bible Hour Classes at 9:15 AM**

“**What? Me in Charge!**” – Led by Pastor Rollie Schutz in the Music Room

“**Lutheran Divine Service - What Is It and Who We Are?**” – Led by Phillip Wildhirt in the Chapel

**Faith Lessons – “Walk As Jesus Walked”** – Led by Jonathan Hermani in the Science Room

**Lifelight – “Judges”** – Led by Dennis Hackbart in the Library

“**Divine Design**” – Led by Joyce Person in the History Room

### **Sunday Morning Children’s Family Bible Hour Classes at 9:15 AM**

Parents & 2’s in PS-3 Room

PS 3-4 in PS-4 Room

K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade in Kindergarten Room

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade in Multipurpose Room

7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade in Aftercare Room in Elem. Wing

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade in Youth Room

### **Midweek Bible Study Opportunities**

**Young Adult Bible Study** – Sunday evenings at 6:30 PM. Study: “**Crazy Love**” by Francis Chan. Contact: Heidi Guelzow – 227-3862 for location and information

**Men’s Encourager Bible Class** – Every Monday at 6:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Study: “**God’s Word for Today: Exodus**”. Contact: Garry Reinhardt – 225-2489

**Lifelight Bible Study** – Monday evenings, 6:00–7:00 at the home of Dennis Hackbart. Study: “**Prophecy**”. Contact: Steve St. John – 227-6508 or Dennis Hackbart – 225-7488

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** – Meets from 10:15–11:15 Tuesday mornings in the School Conference Room. Study: “**Comfort**”. Contact: Anne Barnard – 847-3942

**Wednesday Evening Women’s Bible Study** – Meets Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 in the Chapel. Study: “**Living Your Life as a Beautiful Offering**”. Contact: Susan Goolsby – 551-1162 or goolsbysl@archildrens.org

**Parents’ Class** – Meets Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Music Room. Study: “**Courageous**”. Contact: Tabitha Wildhirt at twildhirt@clutheran.org.

**High School Girls Small Group** – Meets Tuesdays from 6:15-7:15pm. Study: “**Crazy Love**”. Contact Tabitha Wildhirt at twildhirt@clutheran.org for location.

## **Upcoming Announcements and Events:**

**Guest Pastor** – Pastor Lyle Muller is our guest Pastor in our worship services and the Bible Class this morning. Please welcome Pastor Muller and let him feel at home with us.

**Welcome!** Please extend your warm greetings to those who are visiting with us today and to any unfamiliar faces. A personal connection is the biggest impact of God’s love you can have on the unchurched and our brothers and sisters in Christ who are worshipping with us.

### **Worship Choir to sing for Christmas Eve 6:30 service.**

Two rehearsals: 12/14 and 12/21 following the Advent services. See you there!

**Ministry Needs** - For non-emergency pastoral needs, please call the church office. For pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor James Walter of Grace Lutheran Church at 501-240-7729 and when convenient notify the church office.

**Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity** - The new home is nearly finished and everyone is invited to the dedication event on Saturday, December 10th at the new home location at 5002 Division Street, North Little Rock. Please join other central Arkansas Lutherans to welcome the family to their new home, meet the family, and wish them well. Questions - please contact Carl Kraehmer at 847-5549

### **Advent Services and Suppers**

Our mid-week Advent services at Christ Lutheran Church are held each Wednesday during the Advent Season. Our theme is “Voices from the Edge: Advent Encounters Preparing the Way.”

An informal supper will be held from 5:30 to 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall prior to the Advent services on Wednesdays – December 7, December 14, and December 21. The menu is as follows:

Dec 7 - Taco Night

Dec 14 - Italian Night

Dec 21 - BBQ Night

All proceeds go towards Joplin Mission Trip and the National Youth Gathering. Please make plans to attend this time of food and Advent fellowship!

### **LWML Meeting**

LWML will have our next meeting, Thursday, December 8th at the home of Judy Anderson. 101 Pebble Beach Drive, Little Rock, 72212. It will start at 6:30 with devotions, followed with a potluck. This will be our holiday meeting and there will be a \$10 secret Santa gift exchange. If you have been thinking about visiting one of our LWML meetings we would love to have you attend. For more information call Judy at 219-1043 or 231-5983.

**The 100<sup>th</sup> St. Olaf Christmas Festival Concert Simulcast Live** will be held today, December 4, 2:30 pm at Breckenridge Village Theatre. Make plans to attend this holiday fun!

### **New Bible Study starting in January! James: Mercy Triumphs by Beth Moore**

James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple. Bible scholars compare James to the prophet Amos. In other ways, James more closely resembles the Book of Proverbs than any other New Testament book. Topics in this study include: joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer. We will start this 8-week women's Bible study on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Chapel. Please contact Susan at [goolsbysl@archildrens.org](mailto:goolsbysl@archildrens.org) by December 26<sup>th</sup> if you would like to join us.

**Parent's Night Out - Christmas is coming!** Give yourself some time to prepare or just take a break, and bring your children to Parents Night Out Dec 10th from 3:30p-9p. The CLC Youth Group will be hosting a night of games, Christmas crafts, dinner, and a movie. Ages 1 yr - 6th grade. Cost is \$20 each child, \$30 for two siblings, or \$40 for 3+ siblings. Proceeds will benefit the Youth's Joplin Mission Trip. For more information please contact Mrs. Wildhirt by email [twildhirt@clutheran.org](mailto:twildhirt@clutheran.org).

### **Help decorate the church with Poinsettias!**

Orders for Poinsettias are being taken at \$7.00 each to help decorate the sanctuary and narthex for Christmas. They may be given in memory or honor of a loved one, and an announcement of donors and memorials will be listed on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Order envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. The deadline to order is tomorrow, December 5<sup>th</sup>. You may take your Poinsettia home anytime after the 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service.

### **The Giving Tree**

The items on the Christmas tree in the narthex will be distributed to foster children & teenagers located here in the Central Arkansas Area. Follow these easy steps to bring holiday joy to someone in need:

- Take** a Tag off the tree.
- Buy** the item listed.
- Wrap** the item.
- Attach** the Tag back on the wrapped item.
- Bring** the item back to church and place under the tree.

The items need to be back by **next Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon**. If you have any questions about the item on the Tag or about the "giving Tree", please contact Melinda Ware.

### **We love our college students!**

The Outreach Committee would like to send occasional treats, cards and words of encouragement to our college students, both out of town and in town. Parents, please send the name, address (and any food allergies) of your college students to Angel Herrera at [angelikos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:angelikos@sbcglobal.net) or text or call at 501-993-0502. We are also taking donations of goodies or money for care packages.

**Thank you!** Thanks to all the people that provided a Health Kit for the World Relief. These will be greatly received and given out to the needs of the world. The large bath towel is even used for covering for some people.

**Youth News:** *Fall/Winter Schedules* available on the Youth Board!

**Jr. High: Advent Prep!-TODAY!** Meet in the Youth Room from 11:45a-2:00pm. Bring \$3 for lunch and a friend! Come enjoy some fun Advent fellowship!

**Jr. High & High School- Cookie Night-** Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> 4:00p-7:30p at the Wildhirt's house! Sign up on the Youth Board!

**Jr. High & High School-Parent's Night Out-** Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> from 3p-9p in the Fellowship Hall.

**Jr. High & High School Christmas Progressive Dinner-** Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Meet at CLC at 4:30 for a night of fun! Wear your best Christmas sweater and bring a gift to exchange!

**Support CLS Athletics** CLS has volunteer opportunities to support the Falcon Athletic Program. During basketball season, in addition to parents of the players, additional volunteers are needed to help man the concession stand and admissions; operate the scoreboard/clock and keep the scorebook. Home games are on Monday, Thursday and Saturdays this season beginning November 29. Contact Athletic Directors Mark Carter at [markcarter58@gmail.com](mailto:markcarter58@gmail.com) or 680-7542, or Greg Warren at [gwarren@spp.org](mailto:gwarren@spp.org) or 307-9065 if interested in volunteering.

### **Technology Lab**

Kindergarteners used WORD to create projects for Johnny Appleseed Day as well as Red Ribbon Day. First graders wrote spelling word sentences along with clipart in WORD. First grade also learned Wordle, a web based tool, to practice their spelling words and create a collage. Second graders created an island using Paint, inserted it into WORD, labeled the nine landforms using textboxes and outline and fill tools, and typed a paragraph describing their island. Second grade also created a web documenting their internet research about the Wampanoag. Third graders used SmartArt Basic Radials in WORD to organize "five senses" facts for their descriptive paragraphs. Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders used PowerPoint to create professional looking title pages saved as jpegs. They imported these and other images into PhotoStory to document what they learned on their field trips. Several students have learned to use Screencast-o-matic, a web based tool to record and create tutorials, and some students have begun using Dropbox for projects and collaboration. Junior high students continued work on PowerPoint, Glogs, and Prezi, a web based presentation tool. Eight graders reviewed Scratch, a fun programming language written by MIT, and created programs that drew the x and y axes as well as other lines and shapes. Several students learned Alice, a 3D programming environment. Watch for our Wallwisher Christmas card, and more Web 2.0 Tools coming soon! For project samples and links, see our Tech Blog at <http://blogs.clutheranschool.org/tech/>. For more detailed project specifications see our Tech Wiki at <http://cls-tech.wikispaces.com/>. Links to the web based tools are available on the Tech Wiki and also on Faculty Favorites under Technology at <http://www.clutheranschool.org/student-life/cls-favorites/faculty-favorites/> (click the CLS Blogs link on the right side of our homepage).

Connecting Technology to **THE WORD** (and to prayer), Linnea Weed

The LORD Will Answer (prayer - page 38)

And **whatever** you do, whether in **word** or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. [Colossians 3:17](#)

## Calendar of the Week

### Sunday, December 4, 2011

#### LWML Sunday

8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion  
 9:00 AM Coffee Cup Fellowship & LWML Bake Sale, Fellowship Hall  
 9:15 AM Family Bible Hour  
 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Communion  
 11:45 AM Jr. Youth Advent Prep!, Youth Room  
 3:00-5:00 PM Family Advent Fair  
 7:00-9:00 PM Men's Basketball, Gym

### Monday, December 5, 2011

12:00 PM Deadline for Ordering Poinsettias  
 6:15 AM Men's Encourager Bible Class, Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 PM Lifelight Bible Study at the home of Dennis Hackbart

### Tuesday, December 6, 2011

10:15AM Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class, School Conference Room  
 3:05-3:55 PM 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Christ Kids Choir, Music Room  
 6:15-7:15 PM High School Girls Small Group

### Wednesday, December 7, 2011

8:00 AM Church Bulletin Announcements Deadline  
 5:30 PM Advent Supper, Fellowship Hall  
 6:30 PM Advent Worship Service

### Thursday, December 8, 2011

10:00 AM Concordia Seminary Recruitment Session, Fellowship Hall  
 4:30-7:00 PM Jr. & Sr. High Cookie Night  
 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal  
 6:30 PM LWML Meeting at the home of Judy Anderson

### Saturday, December 10, 2011

3:00-9:00 PM Christmas Parent's Night Out: Hosted by Jr. & Sr. High Youth

### Sunday, December 11, 2011

8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service  
 9:00 AM Coffee Cup Fellowship  
 9:15 AM Family Bible Hour  
 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
 4:30 PM Jr. & Sr. High Progressive Christmas Dinner  
 7:00-9:00 PM Men's Basketball, Gym

## Serving in Worship This Sunday – December 4, 2011

	<u>8:00 AM Service</u>	<u>10:30 AM Service</u>
Organist	Leann Hatley	
Reader	LWML	LWML
Sound Technician	John Mathis	Adam Wierciak
Projection	Jonathan Hermani	Savannah Herrera
Head Usher	Paul Jilg	Tom Brocious
Greeters	LWML	LWML
Acolyte	Hailey Helberg	Megan Brocious
Nursery	Audra Maxwell	Laurel Woods
Coffee Cup	Landers & Valentine Families	
Welcome Committee		Bob & Linda Hermani

## Serving in Worship for Advent Service- December 7, 2011 6:30pm

Head Usher	Tom Brocious
Acolyte	Megan Brocious
Sound Technician	John Mathis
Projection	Jonathan Hermani
Lay Reader	Rhonda Landers

## Serving in Worship Next Sunday – December 11, 2011

	<u>8:00 AM Service</u>	<u>10:30 AM Service</u>
Organist	Leann Hatley	
Reader	Henry Noor	Tabitha Wildhirt
Sound Technician	John Mathis	Mike Mueller
Projection	Hannah Ware	Mitch Bueche
Head Usher	Paul Jilg	Tom Brocious
Greeters	Lou Cockman Family	Koss Family
	Kersenbrock Family	Phillips Family
Acolyte	Rachel Phillips	Jessie Trevino
Nursery	Sarah Ware	Hunter Herrera
Coffee Cup	Brocious Family	
Welcome Committee		Jeanine Brocious

**Christ Lutheran Staff:**

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**Websites:**

Church - [www.clutheran.org](http://www.clutheran.org)  
School - [www.clutherschool.org](http://www.clutherschool.org)

**Our Understanding of Holy Communion:**

The Bible teaches that we should examine ourselves before we approach the altar to receive Holy Communion. Believing that the Lord's Supper is Christ's gift to us, which provides the assurance that our sins are forgiven, and is offered to us for the strengthening of our faith, we ask that you share in this sacred meal with us only if you share this understanding:

1. I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness and am sorry for my sins;
2. I desire to amend (change) my sinful life;
3. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that He died and rose for the forgiveness of sins;
4. I believe that we are receiving the body and blood of Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

If you share this understanding, we invite you to receive the Lord's Supper with us today. If you have any questions or concerns, please see the pastor.

**Would You Like a Prayer?**

Fill out a Prayer Request on our *Welcome Sheet* and hand it to an usher –  
We will be happy to pray for you!

**Office Hours for Christ Lutheran Church and School**

Church Office: 7:30-4:00 Monday-Friday  
School Office: 7:45-4:00 Monday-Friday