**CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**
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**January 7, 2024**

Baptism of Our Lord/1st Sunday after Epiphany

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We are delighted that you are worshipping today at Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. May your experience with God here be a blessing!

ACCESS FOR ALL: While we stand often during the service, please assume a posture of reverence which you are able or comfortable. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located in the Parish Hall through the kitchen. If you’d like Communion brought to your seat, our Pastor will gladly assist you. Activity bulletins are available for young worshippers (see ushers or Pastor).

***How do I find worship music?***

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red book in your pew)

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (the green book in your pew)

AAH - African American Heritage (the beige book in your pew)

Find us online at:

**Website: https://www.christourredeemerjc.org**

**Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ChristOurRedeemerJerseyCity**

**Instagram: www.instagram.com/cor.jc**

Have questions? Interested in baptism or membership? Please speak with our ***Pastor Kimberly Vaughn*** after service Or, call 201.433.1836.

P-Pastor **C-Congregation**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**GATHERING**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

 We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

 We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:** God, Whose Almighty Word (ELW 673)

**Apostolic Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**Kyrie**

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C**: **Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen**

**Hymn of Praise**

A: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Salutation**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day** Front page of the *Celebrate* Insert

P: Let us pray. **Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.** **Amen.**

**WORD**

**Lessons in *Celebrate* Insert**

First Reading Genesis 1:1-5

Psalmody Psalm 29

Second Reading Acts 19:1-7

Gospel Mark 1:4-11

*(In honor of God’s Good News to us in Jesus, we stand or assume a posture of reverence to receive the reading of the Gospel.)*

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Children’s Time** TheReverend Kimberly Vaughn

*(Children are welcome to come forward for a special message.*)

**Sermon** The Reverend Kimberly Vaughn

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**Hymn of the Day:** Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters (ELW 445)

**The Apostles’ Creed**

P: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

**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,**

**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** Back page of the *Celebrate* Insert

**MEAL**

**Greeting of Peace**

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

**C: And also with you.**

*(We share a sign of Christ’s peace—a wave, handshake, smile, hug—however you are comfortable!)*

*Please be seated.*

**Offering & Offertory Music**

(*In response to hearing God’s Word, we respond with joy in our offering.)*

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C**: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God**.**

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C**: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of pow’ r and might: Heav’n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

**C. Amen**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

P: Let us pray as Jesus taught…

**C: 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**

P: At Jesus’ table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

*Please be seated.*

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**Communion Hymn:** Wade in the Water (ELW 459)

**Distribution of Communion**

*(Please bring the communion back to your seat to eat and drink. Someone will collect the cups afterwards.)*

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**Post-Communion Canticle:** God is So Good

*GOD IS SO GOOD, GOD IS SO GOOD, GOD IS SO GOOD, HE’S SO GOOD TO ME.*

*HE CARES FOR ME, HE CARES FOR ME, HE CARES FOR ME, HE’S SO GOOD TO ME.*

*HE’S ALL I NEED, HE’S ALL I NEED, HE’S ALL I NEED HE’S SO GOOD TO ME.*

P: Giver of every gift, Christ’s body is our food, and we are Christ’s body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**Announcements**

*(Please see the last page.)*

**SENDING**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**Benediction**

P: The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit ☩ remain upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**: Shall We Gather at the River (ELW 423)

**Closing Anthem**: Jesus Remember Me

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Please Remember Our Sick and Shut-Ins:**

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Pianist Kim Norton

Lector Bai-Eyse Pugh

Counters TBD

Usher Wanda Fluellen and Ed Price

Thank you to those who assisted with today’s worship.

**Our Parish Calendar**

**January Birthdays:**

Joe B. Heard Jr. 4th

Grayson Chiatoo 9th

Earl Hart 12th

Martin Dunbar 19th

**January Baptismal Anniversaries:**

**Worship Assistants for 1/14/2024**

Lector: Joan Narain

Counters: Wanda Fluellen and TBD

Usher: Wanda Fluellen and Ed Price

**Worship Assistants for 1/21/2024**

Lector: Joy Griggs

Counters: Joy Griggs and TBD

Usher: Wanda Fluellen and Ed Price

**Worship Assistants for 1/28/2024**

Lector: Corey Brooks

Counters: Corey Brooks and TBD

Usher: Wanda Fluellen and Ed Price

**Worship Assistants for 2/4/2024**

Lector: Joan Narain

Counters: TBD

Usher: Corey Brooks and Joy Griggs

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Congregational**:

· COUNCIL MEETS this Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 5:30 p.m.

· On Friday, January 19 @6:00 pm, the British Swim School will be here to present on the importance of swimming for adults and children. Refreshments will be provided.

· *Good news*! The installation service for Pastor Kimberly Vaughn will be Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 11 am here at Christ Our Redeemer. All are welcome. Refreshments will follow the service.

· For those participating in the Sight & Sound bus trip on March 16, 2024, please remember that final payment is due no later than January 15, 2024. Please see Timekia to make a payment.

· *BIBLE STUDY:* Beginning Thursday, January 11, join us weekly at 6:30 p.m. for study and conversation on “Daily Discipleship”. See Pastor Kimberly for details.

· *HOLY BAPTISM:* If you or your child are interested in being baptized, the first “Festival of Baptism” will be Sunday, January 14th, the week we celebrate the baptism of Our Lord. We will meet after church ***today*** for preparation. The next dates will be Feb. 11 (Transfiguration Sunday) and March 31 (Easter). Please see Pastor Kimberly!

· *FIRST COMMUNION:* Do you have a child ready to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion? Please see Pastor Kimberly about upcoming classes.

· Please see page 9 for the list of upcoming worship assistants.

**NJ Synod and Community:**

· The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering will take place July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans. Registration fee is $425 through February 14th. Late fee (Feb. 15—April 15) is $475. MYLE and tAble registration fee is $190 (Waived restriction apply). A $150 nonrefundable and registration fee are due at sign-up.

 ***125th YEAR OF WITNESS AND SERVICE TO CHRIST***

***THROUGH GOD’S WORD,***

***THE LIGHT AND THE TRUTH,***

***WE INVITE ALL TO GROW IN CHRIST***

*† Connected to Christ † Connected to Each Other † Connected to Community*