

**CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**

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**January 14, 2024**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

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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

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our rock and refuge,

**C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:**

Here I Am, Lord (ELW 574)

**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. **Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

### Lessons in *Celebrate* Insert

First Reading	1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
Psalmody	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel	John 1:43-51

### First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [<sup>11</sup>Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house

of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]

**Psalm: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

1 Lord, you have | searched me out;

O Lord, you | have known me.

**2 You know my sitting down and my | rising up;  
you discern my thoughts | from afar.**

3 You trace my journeys and my | resting-places  
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

**4 Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it | altogether. R**

5 You encompass me, behind | and before,  
and lay your | hand upon me.

**6 Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.**

13 For you yourself created my | inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

**14 I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well. R**

15 My body was not hid- | den from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.

**16 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were  
written | in your book;  
my days were fashioned before they | came to be.**

17How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!

How great is the | sum of them!

**18If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours. R**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

*Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

*(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. John the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

## **Gospel: John 1:43-51**

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

43The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." 46Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" 48Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." 49Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." 51And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## **Children's Time**

The Reverend 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:**

Jesus, Calls Us; O'er the Tumult (ELW 696)

## **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,  
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

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*A brief silence.*

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Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church (*especially*) be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from



natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of racism or cultural bias, and all who long for respite or restoration (*especially*).

Deborah Frazier  
Jonathan Strong Sr.  
Kathy Connally  
Rabone Goolserran  
Yvonne Grant

James Gumbs  
Juanita Larkins  
Louise Givens  
Sylvia Bishran

Joe Heard, Sr.  
Kate Fauder  
Maggie Graves  
Vernon Goolserran

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints (*especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose faithful advocacy for peace and justice continues to embolden the church*). God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## 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:** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (AAH 463)

### **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:**

Lift Every Voice and Sing (ELW 841)

**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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Kate Fauder	Jersey City, NJ	201-333-5752
Kathy Connally	Jersey City, NJ	201-451-9057
Louise Givens	Jersey City, NJ	201-432-1486
Maggie Graves	Jersey City, NJ	201-434-2251

Rabone Goolserran	Jersey City, NJ	201-432-8215
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Vernon Goolserran	Jersey City, NJ	201-432-8215
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### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Ministers	The People of Christ Our Redeemer
Pastor	Reverend Kimberly Vaughn
Pianist	Kim Norton
Lector	Joan Narain
Counters	Wanda Fluellen and 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.	4 <sup>th</sup>
Grayson Chiatoo	9 <sup>th</sup>
Earl Hart	12 <sup>th</sup>
Allen Reid	13 <sup>th</sup>
Martin Dunbar	19 <sup>th</sup>

#### **January Baptismal Anniversaries:**

#### **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

### **Worship Assistants for 2/11/2024**

Lector: Janasia Carter  
Counters: Carla Parker and TBD  
Usher: Corey Brooks and Joy Griggs

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Congregational:**

- 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.
- *OFFERING ENVELOPES*: We are using only 1 offering envelope this year to replace the 2 used previously. Please note that your envelope number may have changed. See Wanda Fluellen if you don't have your envelope number.
- *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*: Join us each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for study and conversation on "Daily Discipleship". See Pastor Kimberly for details.
- *HOLY BAPTISM and FIRST COMMUNION*: If you or your child are interested in being baptized, the next "Festival of Baptism" dates will be Sunday, February 11 (Transfiguration Sunday) and March 31 (Easter Sunday). If you have a child ready to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion? Please see Pastor Kimberly.
- Happy birthday to Allen Reid, whose birthday was January 13th!
- Please see page 9 of this week's worship bulletin for the list of upcoming worship assistants. We are in need of help for February, March and April!

**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.

***125<sup>th</sup> 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*