

A photograph of a field of pink flowers, possibly cherry blossoms, with a bright sun in the background creating a lens flare effect. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, and the ground is covered with fallen petals. The overall scene is warm and hopeful.

THE JOY OF REDEMPTION

ISAIAH 35:1-10

Sunday ~ December 14th, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Litany

(L) For the saints who founded this congregation 150 years ago...

(C) We give You thanks, O God.

(L) For the generations who worshiped, taught children, sang, prayed, served, and sacrificed...

(C) People: We give You thanks, O God.

(L) For the mission You entrust to us today and the ministry still before us...

(C) Fill us with Your Spirit and send us with Your joy.

Opening Song *"Agnus Dei/King of Kings*

A 150th Celebration Responsive - From Psalm 100

(L) Shout for joy to the LORD, Christ Lutheran. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

(C) Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture, the church of his calling. And a congregation he has shepherded for 150 years.

(L) Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him for the saints who came before us and for the mission he sets before us.

(All) For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations. And by his Spirit we will continue to love God, love others, and serve the world for the next 150 years!

Choir *"Find Us Faithful"*

Prayer of the Day

Readings Matthew 11:2-15
James 5:7-11

Advent Candle Children's Moment -
Pastor Ron Boettner

Song *"Light of the World"*

Sermon Text Isaiah 35:1-10

Message

Choir *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

Prayer of God's People

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution Songs
"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"
"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

Prayer of Blessing

Announcements

Roll Call of Saints

A 150th Celebration Service!

Benediction

"May the God who has been faithful for 150 years strengthen you for the work ahead...and keep you in His joy until the day of Christ's return."

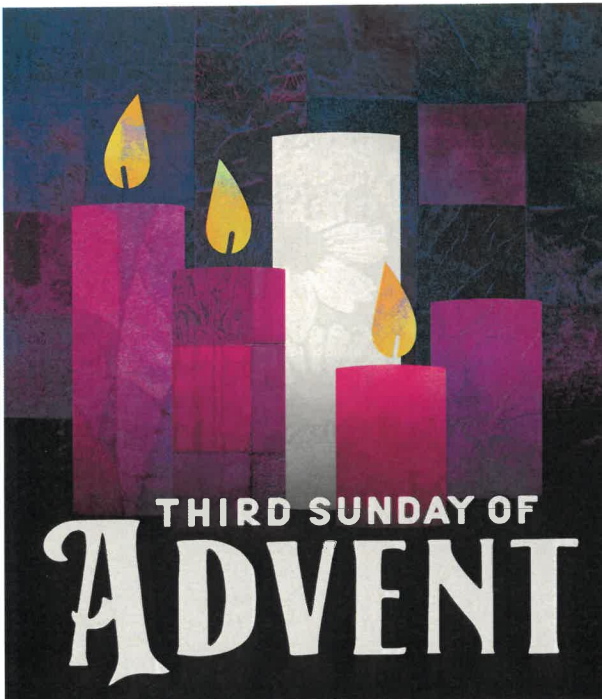
Closing Song *"The Blessing"*

Congregational Photo!

Postlude

Please pray for the following people:

Healing: Dolores Peterson, Millie Snyder, Mary Betterman, Ron Wipf, JoEllen Horazuk, Sue Pedersen



This Week at Christ Lutheran:

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| Sunday | 9am - 150th Celebration
Worship Service
10am - Coffee & Cake
10:15am - Sunday School |
| Monday | 9am - Quilting
10am - Coffee Fellowship |
| Wednesday | 6:15pm - Men's & Women's
Bible Study
7:30pm - Choir Practice |
| Thursday | 10am - Charis Christmas
Brunch |
| Friday | Office Closed |
| Sunday | 9am - Worship Service & SS
Christmas Program
10am - Wes & Anya
Recognition Celebration
10:15am - Kids Christmas
Party! |

Sunday Servants:

Greeter: Dale Anderson & Pam Farmer
Reader: Dale Anderson
Coffee: Sharon Michael & the Mickschl's
Communion Prep: Brenda Anderson
Sound Board: Gene Snyder
Video: Brian Warzetha



Acts 1:8 Missions @ Christ Lutheran

Christ Lutheran is actively engaged in mission work, following the model Jesus gave his followers before his ascension in **Acts 1:8**:

“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

At Christ Lutheran, we carry out this commission by partnering with mission organizations in four areas:

† **Jerusalem** – *Our Front Step*

Serving people in need in our communities with **Love INC Heartland**

† **Judea** – *In Our Area*

Supporting faith based addiction services with **MN Adult & Teen Challenge**

† **Samaria** – *Nearby, Different Culture*

Fighting trafficking by partnering with **Rising Hope and A.C.T. United**

† **The World** – *International Missions*

Feeding God's starving children around the world with **Feed My Starving Children**

Join us as we share the love of Christ locally and globally!

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THE PROMISE OF LIGHT

Christmas Eve Service - 4:30pm

150 Years of Memories



December 2016 these CLC Bell Ringers shared their musicianship with us. Pictured are in the first row: music director Hannah Schendel, Vicki Burlet, Christina Ramirez, Val Homuth. In the 2nd row: Sharon Michael, Jean Lemmerman, Karen Pennaz, Dale KenKnight and Danielle Thomas.

Weekly Bible Reading Guide (NT in 1 Year)

Week 50 (Dec 15 – Dec 19): Revelation 9 – Revelation 13

Monday – Revelation 9

- What are the two other places in the Bible where a swarm of locusts is a form of judgment? (vv. 1–11)
- What do Abaddon and Apollyon mean? (v. 11)
- Why do people still not repent, though the existence of God and their impending doom are obvious at this point? (vv. 20–21)

Tuesday – Revelation 10

- What is the “mystery of God” referred to in verse 7?
- Who else is told to eat a scroll in the Bible? (v. 9)
- What is the purpose of John eating the scroll? (vv. 10–11)

Wednesday – Revelation 11

- Was there a temple in Jerusalem when John wrote the Book of Revelation?
- Which prophet previously stopped the rain? Which brought plagues? (v. 6)
- What will happen once Christ’s kingdom comes to earth? (v. 18)

Thursday – Revelation 12

- Who is the woman in verses 1–17?
- What are the different ways that Satan is described in this chapter?
- How is Satan conquered? (7–12)

Friday – Revelation 13

- What are the parallels between this chapter and Daniel 7?
- What does John say is the purpose of this section? (vv. 9–10)
- What does it mean that the beast's mortal wound was healed? (v. 12)