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9:00 am

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING HYMN: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" LSB# 340

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring;
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise
Your joyful songs of praise.

A righteous Helper comes to thee;
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings;
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise
Your grateful hymns of praise.

How blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He
Who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise
Your happy shouts of praise.

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in
And new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise
For word and deed and grace!

Redeemer, come and open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine;
Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to Thy name.

CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Jesus says in His parable of the lost sheep: *I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.* As we prepare our hearts to worship our Triune God, let us consider our unworthiness and confess our sins to our Heavenly Father.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we confess,

People: that we have not consistently kept Your Word. We have sinned in many ways, especially in thought, word, and deed. We plead for mercy over punishment and pray that You would restore us through Your mercy. Forgive us our sins as we humbly submit ourselves before You.

Pastor: God has examined us, and through our humility and confession, He has chosen to have mercy on us this day. Though we deserve punishment and death, He has instead forgiven us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce God's grace to you this day, that you are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" LSB #347

"Comfort, comfort all my people;
speak ye peace," thus saith our God.
"Comfort those who sit in darkness,
mourning 'neath their sorrows load.
Speak to all Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that their sins I cover,
that her warfare now is over."

Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
blotting out each dark misdeed;
all that well deserved his anger
he no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day;
now her griefs have passed away.
God will change her pining sadness
into ever-springing gladness.

Hark, the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,
calling sinners to repentance
since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
let the Valleys rise to meet him
and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked;
make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is spread abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that his word is never broken.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for the guilt and shame we feel over our actions or lack thereof, in times where we did or did not, Lead us to remove the guilt of these moments and may you replace our shame with courage and strength.

In Jesus' name we pray.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

18 Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. **19** Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. **20** For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

SECOND READING: 2nd Corinthians 7:8-12

For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. **9** As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us.

10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. **11** For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal,

what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter. **12** So although I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the one who did the wrong, nor for the sake of the one who suffered the wrong, but in order that your earnestness for us might be revealed to you in the sight of God.

GOSPEL READING: St. Luke 15: 1-7

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. **2** And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

3 So he told them this parable: **4** "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? **5** And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. **6** And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' **7** Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "O, Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB #357, vv. 1-3

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
Shall come to thee,
O Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. *[Refrain]*

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe. *[Refrain]*

SERMON

Pastor Jesus Morales
“A No Regret Advent: Week Two”

OFFERING/PRAYER CARDS - *The offering plate is located on the rear table for you to place your offering in as you enter or leave church. **When the offering is received, an usher will bring it forward, along with any prayer cards, to the altar. If you have any prayers to include, please pass them to the usher as they come forward.** For those who are worshipping at home, you may continue to mail your offerings to the church office, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 0S501 Summit Dr. Winfield, IL 60190. Thank you!*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, You stir the hearts of Your faithful to prepare us for the advent of Your Son. We implore You, feed us continually with Your Word and Sacraments as we look for His return. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, by the ministry of Your Holy Church prepare the way for Your Son's return in glory. Send forth faithful pastors to proclaim Your Law and Gospel, and grant hearers ears to listen and hearts to receive their words in faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You preserved Jesse's faithful line by the incarnation of Your Son. Give families and individuals strength to faithfully fulfill their vocations to love and forgive one another, that we may be trained up in Your fear, love and trust. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, Your Son rules over creation with justice and righteousness. Endow those in authority with the desire and ability to protect the innocent, punish the wicked and work for the common welfare. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate Lord, as we await the day when the wolf will dwell alongside the lamb and pain and destruction are no more, grant us patience, comfort and healing, according to Your will. Hear our prayers for all the sick, *[especially _____,]* and give wisdom and skill to all medical professionals who care for them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, and make ready the way of Your only begotten Son, who comes to us this day in His true body and precious blood for the forgiveness of our sins. May all who feast upon Him do so in repentance and faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, grant that we may be kept in joy and sustained in hope through every trouble and trial of this mortal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose power and salvation transcends the nations and kingdoms of the world. Lead us to Your heavenly kingdom, where in divine glory and freedom from sin His name is worshiped and glorified. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, with the saints gathered before Your throne from every nation, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, singing:

SANCTUS

People: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. Even when creation rebelled against You, You gave Your only-begotten Son into death that we might be saved and set free from the lasting consequences of sin and eternal death. By Your Spirit, prepare our hearts to receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in faith.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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.

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray...

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift. As Christ has forgiven us and set us free, we rejoice in our independence from all we ever need fear. Grant Your holy and life-giving Spirit that we may serve You as we seek to end divisions, overcome prejudice, and seek justice. Grant that we live in peace with one another through the peace You have restored in our relationship with You; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the God of peace, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bring peace, calm, and hope to your week.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "O Sing of Christ" LSB# 362 vv. 1,3,4 (sung to LSB# 366)

O sing of Christ, whose birth made known, the kindness of the Lord
Eternal Word made flesh and bone, so we could be restored
Upon our frail humanity, God's finger chose to trace
The fullness of His deity, the icon of His grace

He came to that which was His own, but He was not received
Yet still through Him God's glory shone, and some His name believed
To these He gave the right to be, the heirs of Heav'n above
Born not of human ancestry, but born of God in love

Lord Jesus Christ, You deigned to dwell, among us here on earth
As God with us, Emmanuel, to bring this holy birth
Though rich, You willingly became, One with our poverty
That we might share Your wealth and name, for all eternity



REMINDER TODAY – A FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED FOR OUR CHRISTMAS FLOWER DECORATIONS. Thank you for your generosity in making our church beautiful at this joyous time of year as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus!

DON'T MISS THIS – MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES WILL BE POSTED ON THE CHRIST OUR SAVIOR YOUTUBE CHANNEL. This year, the pastors in our partnership from Christ Our Savior, Word of Life and New Song churches will record the mid-week Advent Worship services, and they will be offered for your convenience to watch when your schedule permits. *The next Mid-Week service will be posted at 7:00 pm this coming Wednesday, December 7.* You can find our YouTube Channel on the Christ Our Savior home page at www.coslwin.weebly.com



CAN YOU BE AN ANGEL THIS CHRISTMAS FOR A NEEDY FAMILY? Our giving tree is now located at the back of the church with gift tags for children of needy families in Winfield Township. We also are supporting last year's Christmas Angel family with five children, as they still struggle with economic and health issues.

The tags will list the age of a child with gift suggestions, including sizes. If you are able, please take a gift tag and purchase a gift, wrap it, enclose the gift receipt, and bring it back to church with the gift tag

attached, **no later than December 18.**

We are also collecting gift cards, or cash contributions to purchase gift cards, for the families for food, clothing, or other Christmas gifts to put under their tree. **Please designate "Christmas Gift" on your check with any cash contributions.** A separate basket will be near the offering plate on the table at the back for your gift cards, checks or cash. Please help brighten the holidays for these needy families in our local area! If you have any questions, you may contact Dawn Wolter at (630) 738-9942. Thank you for your generosity, and sharing the Christmas spirit of giving in a very special way!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! – On Saturday, December 17th at 4 pm, we will be having a Christmas Concert and Sing-a-Long featuring the JUA Ensemble, "Eight Hands and Four Pianos" at Christ Our Savior! The program will also include adult choir members from Tensae Church bringing you an Ethiopian Christmas carol, as well as the Spanish Christmas music from our own Spanish worship team! Cookies and hot cocoa will be served. You won't want to miss this!! Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors!!



THE 2023 FLOWER CHART IS NOW ON THE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD! REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS AS A REMEMBRANCE OR ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS – If you would like to place flowers on the altar to mark a special occasion or give Glory to God, there's a sign-up calendar on the bulletin board in the church entrance to reserve a date. Just sign your name, date and occasion –

and take an envelope for payment of \$30 per Sunday, with checks payable to The Altar Guild. Flowers are yours to take home after the service.

PASTOR JESUS IS NOW HOLDING A NEW MEMBER CLASS FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING CHRIST OUR SAVIOR. The class currently meets at church on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, and it features a 12-week course titled "God Connects." It helps to answer questions such as, *Why Jesus?... Why the Bible? ...Who is the Holy Spirit?*, as well as provide valuable information about our church doctrine and the Christian life. If you are interested in becoming a member, please see Pastor Jesus and he will give you more information about joining this class, or tell you when the next class may be scheduled. *Note: if you are transferring membership from another LCMS church, your attendance at this class is not mandatory, but would be a great refresher and chance to have your questions answered! Pastor Jesus will be very happy to facilitate the transfer for you.*

HELP SPREAD THE NEWS!....CHRIST OUR SAVIOR'S SPANISH WORSHIP SERVICE IS OFF TO A GREAT START! Our service in Spanish for our Spanish-speaking friends in Christ is on Sundays from 11 am to Noon. This is an important ministry and Christ Our Savior wants to reach out to Winfield and our neighboring communities to meet the growing need. Please pray for the success of this new ministry, and help spread the word to those who may be interested! Be sure to say hello to our Spanish friends and make them all feel welcome at Christ Our Savior!

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE 9 AM SERVICE ARE NEEDED! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED TO BRING TREATS! If you would like to help with our fellowship of coffee and treats on Sunday morning after our 9 am service, we would love to have you bring a treat for our members! The coffee and water is provided, but we need volunteers who can provide a sweet treat (coffee cake, cookies, muffins, breads, etc.) to share with everyone. Interested? There's a sign-up sheet on the back table where you can sign up for the date you want to help. Thank you!!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS – Please pray for the following individuals who are in need of your prayers:

Healing or receiving medical treatment:

June DuBois

Pat Gengler

Charleen Smith, Dawn Wolter's mother

Anne Rumchaks and Joey Basile, Susan Mosteller's friends

Shirley Dring

Edward Dring, Shirley Dring's son

Dianne, Shirley Dring's daughter

Al Arbeiter

Dawn Ziemer

Dave Larson

Monica, Mary Larson's sister

Jeff Lasky

In the military:

Randy, nephew of Susan Mosteller

And all cherished members who are currently shut in or resting at home.

PLEASE NOTE PASTOR JESUS' CONTACT INFORMATION – Pastor Jesus is available to minister to our congregation's needs at any time and welcomes the opportunity to serve you. He is available 24/7 to provide pastoral care, prayer, or information. He also makes congregation home visits or visits members in the hospital or nursing facility, or administers Holy Communion at home. If you have a need or want to request a visit, please contact him at 1-630-518-1517 or jesusmorales466@yahoo.com.

OUR BENEVOLENT FUND provides confidential emergency assistance to members who are in need of financial, spiritual or other temporary support, such as housing assistance, help paying for medical or prescription expenses, or help during hard times due to lack of employment. Please contact Pastor Jesus in person to discuss your needs, or you may contact him by phone at 1-630-518-1517.

PLEASE NOTE OUR SPECIAL FUNDS ARE CONTINUING IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP.

We thank our members for their generosity in supporting our various special funds that are helping us in our ministry at Christ Our Savior. Donations in any amount are gratefully accepted – just indicate the fund and the amount of your donation on your check or offering envelope when you place it in the offering plate. The funds include:

PARSONAGE FUND
PARKING LOT FUND
BLESSING BOX FUND
BENEVOLENT FUND

We sincerely appreciate your support and generosity!

WITH WINTER APPROACHING – OUR BLESSING BOX CONTINUES TO BE A BLESSING TO OUR COMMUNITY!

If you are able, please consider picking up a few items during your regular shopping trips to help those less fortunate and dropping off items for our Blessing Box. *The most needed items currently include all kinds of paper products, disposable baby diapers, feminine products, personal care items, and detergents and sanitizers. Non-perishable food items, including pasta, rice, beans, baking items, tuna, canned meats and sauce are also appreciated.* With winter approaching, gloves, mittens, socks and hats can also make a difference. Please keep in mind that during extreme temperatures, freezing may occur. Cash contributions are also welcome. Thank you all for your generosity and support!

REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR POP TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE! The aluminum tabs you pull to open soda, soup and other cans are recycled by United Scrap Metal, who buys the pop tabs at a market rate and makes an additional contribution to Ronald McDonald House. There's a large collection bottle on the back table for your convenience. Thanks so much for your help in collecting tabs and making a big difference!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PRAYER CARDS ARE LOCATED IN THE CHURCH PEWS AND CAN BE USED FOR PRAYERS ON SUNDAY MORNING. An usher will collect these cards during the service, and they will be presented to Pastor Jesus during our offering, when they will be added to our congregation prayers. If you would like a prayer shared with all members via email or on the "Prayer Corner" church website, contact Deb Odefey (1-630-209-9918) for the "Prayer Chain" and she will make sure your prayer request is communicated to our church family.