



CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Relax. At Cross of Christ, our worship is designed to praise God and enrich faith. We aim to make the service clear and appropriately reverent. For your convenience, the service is printed as well as projected on the screens.

Bring the kids. Our congregation enjoys the worshiping family. In fact, our worship often includes a children's message with little ones in mind. That's why children who act up are never viewed as a bother to the worship service. However, parents who want to calm a restless child may do so by walking them in the lobby. Video & audio of the worship service are available in the lobby to assist families with their worship, as well as in the private parents' room, located in the alcove to your left as you exit the chapel.

Don't feel obligated. Our members give offerings to the Lord as an expression of our thanks and praise for his amazing love. Visitors, please know that you are our guests. We're happy you came today to hear about Jesus and his Word. You are not expected to give an offering; it's your choice.

Make yourself at home. After our services, we join together in the lobby for coffee and conversation. We'd be honored if you would join us!

Restrooms are located to the left and right of the water fountain in the lobby.

Questions? If you'd like to know more about our church or our beliefs, feel free to speak with one of our pastors after the service. More information is also available online at cocidaho.org.

Opening Carol

“Once in Royal David’s City”



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
3 And our eyes at last shall see him through his own re -



cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
deem - ing love, for that child, so dear and gen - tle, is our



man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and mean and
Lord in heav'n a - bove, and he leads his chil - dren



mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
low - ly lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
on to the place where he is gone.

*Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, abr., alt.
Tune: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876. Text and tune: Public domain.*

Celebrating Christmas

with Psalm 98

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

On the first Christmas, the angels shouted, “Peace on earth!” God had come to rescue us—to rescue the world. As a newborn baby, the power of heaven came down to take away all our sins, defeat the devil once and for all, and give us life that never ends!

Glory to God in the highest!

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;

**his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

**He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;**

all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Let’s celebrate Christmas! God himself showed up to save us!

Glory to God in the highest!

Prayer

Almighty God, by the birth of your only Son in the flesh, you have set us free from the bondage of sin. Give us your peace and renewed joy this Christmas; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Carol

“Joy to the World”



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748.

Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759, adapt. Text and tune: Public domain.

God's Word

Exodus 33:18-23; 34:5-7

¹⁸Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

¹⁹And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

²¹Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²²When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. ⁶And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

Carol

“Love Has Come”

Please join to sing as you are comfortable.



1 Love has come, a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high!
name she whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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God's Word

John 1:1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Carol

“To Shepherds as They Watched by Night”



3 O then re - jice that through his Son God is with
4 What harm can sin and death then do? The true God
5 Not one he will or can for - sake; his prom - ise
6 You shall and must at last pre - vail; God's own you



sin - ners now at one; made like your - selves of
now a - bides with you. Let hell and Sa - tan
he will nev - er break. Let ev - 'ry scheme the
are, you can - not fail. To God for - ev - er



flesh and blood, your broth - er is th'e - ter - nal God.
storm and rave, Christ is your broth - er— you are safe.
tempt - er try, you may his ut - most pow'rs de - fy.
sing your praise with joy and pa - tience all your days.

*Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.
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Children's Message

God's Word

Romans 8:31–32

³¹What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Carol

“Sing We the Song of Emmanuel”



1 Sing we the song of Em - man - u - el,
2 Come we to wel - come Em - man - u - el,
3 Go spread the news of Em - man - u - el,



this the Christ who was long fore - told.
King who came with no crown or throne.
joy and peace for the wear - y heart.



Lo, in the shad - ows of Beth - le - hem,
Help - less he lay, the in - vin - ci - ble,
Lift up your heads, for your King has come;



prom - ise of dawn now our eyes be - hold.
Ma - ker of Ma - ry, now Ma - ry's son.
sing for the light o - ver - whelms the dark.



God most high in a man - ger laid;
O what wis - dom to save us all;
Glo - ry shin - ing for all to see;



lift your voices and now pro-claim:
shepherds, angels, before him fall.
hope alive, let the gospel ring!



Great and glorious, love has come to us.
Grace and majesty, what humility.
God has made a way, he will have the praise;



Join now with the hosts of heaven.
Come on bent knee, adore him.
tell the world his name is Jesus.

Statement of Faith

A Christmas Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, who sent his Son as my Savior on Christmas Day.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshiped by the shepherds, adored by the wise men, who lived to suffer, die, and rise again, to free me from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas and whose continuing work in my heart moves me to lay the treasures of my love before the feet of Jesus and to live under him as my King, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Christmas Day Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer follows the prayer spoken by the pastor.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us:

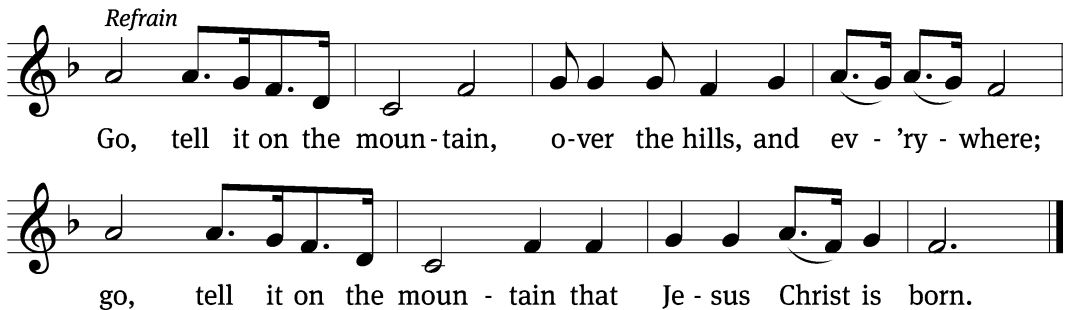
his light to guide us,
his presence to shelter us,
his peace to unite us.

Amen.

Closing Carol

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Refrain



Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills, and ev - 'ry - where;
go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born,



Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

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Merry Christmas!

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Religion and spirituality can sometimes seem like concepts that leave us confused without feeling any closer to God. But knowing God and finding peace in life don't have to be hard.

Cross Connections is a 10-week course where we lay out the message of Jesus and the Bible in a simple, easy-to-follow format to give you everything you need to connect to God, purpose and community. After attending Cross Connections, you will have certainty about your relationship with God and the good news found at the cross of Christ.

Learn more about our next session! Contact us today!

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Sundays @ 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Family Bible Hour @ 9:45 AM

Our Mission: Impacting Lives for Eternity

Offerings

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