



LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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The First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 26, 2021

9:30 a.m.



“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

~ Isaiah 9:6



Welcome to The Light of Christ Anglican Church (TLC)

God's Kingdom is not just a promised future but also a present reality within our world even now, ushered in by Christ. This reality shapes our worship and life together. It speaks into the way we embrace community in our multi-ethnic, multi-generational context as one big family.

Worship is the core that brings all aspects of our identity together. In worship we celebrate the King who loves us and has redeemed us, and who invites us to join in His Redemptive story within the world.

A Note to Our Guests

If you are visiting TLC for the first time, it is our hope that you would feel very welcome. Here are a few thoughts on how to make that happen.

- *Everything you need to follow the service is in this bulletin, the responses for you are in bold. Lyrics are projected on the screen.*
- *Are you new to liturgy? Please do not be bothered. We are not about perfection. We are ordinary people gathered to worship.*
- *If you are comfortable doing so, we encourage you to let an usher know it's your first time. They can help make your experience smoother. For example, you may find it helpful if you sat next to a member who knows their way around here and can answer any questions for you.*

Sundays

8:15 am, Worship Service

9:30 am, ESL, Adult & Children's Education

10:15 am, Worship Service & Livestream

Mondays

10 am, Women's Group (1st & 3rd Monday's)

Tuesdays

10 am, Women's Group (1st & 3rd Tuesdays)

7 pm, Men's Bible Study

6 pm, Vestry, 2nd Tuesday

Wednesdays

6:30 pm, Youth Group

Thursdays

5 pm, Women's Bible Journaling on Zoom

5:30 pm, Young Adults (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

6 pm, Second Thursday Dinner

Saturdays

8 am, Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (2nd and 4th Saturdays) at TLC

The Gathering

The Processional

Celebrant: Alleluia! For unto us a Child is born.

People: To us a Son is given. Alleluia!

Celebrant and People:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Song

The Gloria

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word

A reading from Galatians.

(Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7)

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

A Psalm (Psalm 147:13-21) Read responsively by whole verse.

¹³ Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

¹⁴ **For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.**

¹⁵ He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁶ **He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.**

¹⁷ He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

¹⁸ **He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?**

¹⁹ He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

²⁰ **He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

²¹ He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel Anthem

Gospel Reading

(John 1:1-18)

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Mrs. Katy Eggeman

Prayerful reflection as we prepare our hearts to come to the Lord in corporate prayer.

The Response

Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvelous light.

Leader: Wonderful counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom:
help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love and fill her
with the Spirit of truth ...
Lord, in your mercy

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the
leaders of the nations and bring in your kingdom of justice and
righteousness ...

Lord, in your mercy

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Everlasting Father, you call us to live together in unity:
protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families and
renew our communities ...

Lord, in your mercy

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Prince of peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross:
by your healing power give to all who suffer your gift of
wholeness and peace...

Lord, in your mercy

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, full of the Spirit,
People: hear our prayer, receive our praises, fill our lives. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Deacon: Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: 'You shall call his name
Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the
Saviour of the world. (*Matthew 1.21*)

**People: God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you created us from nothing and gave us life. You give your
faithful people new life in the water of baptism. You do not
turn your face from us, nor cast us aside. We confess that we
have sinned against you and our neighbor. We have
wounded your love and marred your image in us. Restore us
for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you all your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. (*Isaiah 9.6*)

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory

Doxology

Eucharist

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

People: His Spirit is with us.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you with this song:

~**Sanctus**~

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; **by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People: Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Celebrant: God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**People: Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father**

(We have gluten-wheat-yeast-dairy-egg-soy-nut-and-corn free communion wafers available for anyone who needs it. Please let the Clergy serving communion know if you prefer to receive those.)

(All baptized Christians are welcome to take communion. The ushers will direct the people down the center aisle. After receiving bread, please take a cup from the tray, then dispose of your cup in the basket.)

Communion Songs

Prayer Ministers are available to pray with you during communion. If you would like to pray with a minister, please come to the back of the church or in the alcove on the left-hand side of the sanctuary (when facing the altar).

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sending

Celebrant:

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Recessional

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DEC. 26, 2021

Karen TLC Family Christmas Party, Sunday, Dec. 26th

There will be one service that day at 9:30 am and the dinner will follow.

Next Sunday, Jan 2: 1 service @ 9:30 am (No ESL classes or Sunday School)

Our Giving

We are grateful for your faithful giving and various acts of service in the Lord's House. As we come to the end of the year, we encourage your continued faithfulness. Please prayerfully consider ways that you can also give specially, no matter the size, to help us finish the year in a strong position.

Offering received last week - \$8,351.68

Average needed each week to meet Budget – \$8,200.00.

TLC's Deficit as of November 30th is **\$9,950.00**

There are multiple ways available to send your offerings to the church if you missed a church service.

- Through Zelle which acts like a bank transfer. Please use our admin's email, jeanie@tlcdenver.org, when you set it up.
- Through our secure, easy-to-use online page at www.onrealm.org/TheLightChrist/Give
- By texting TLCgiving to 73256. (Standard text message and data rates may apply)
- By mailing a check to The Light of Christ Church (4000 W. Yale, Ave., Denver, CO 80219)
- And of course, through the offering baskets at the Sunday morning services.

Save the Date! TLC's Annual Meeting – January 30, 2022 – 1 Service @ 9:30 am.

Save the Date! 2022 Diocesan Gathering – February 7 – 9 2022

Wellspring Church. There will be several events for lay people to attend.

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