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**The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 19, 2021 – 9:30 am**



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***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 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday's)

### ***Tuesdays***

10 am, Women's Group (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays)

7 pm, Men's Bible Study

6 pm, Vestry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

### ***Wednesdays***

6:30 pm, Youth Group

### ***Thursdays***

5 pm, Women's Bible Journaling on Zoom

5:30 pm, Young Adults (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays)

6 pm, Second Thursday Dinner

### ***Saturdays***

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

# *The Gathering*

## *The Processional*

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People: **Amen, come Lord Jesus!**

Celebrant:

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

## *Lighting of the Advent Wreath*

Leader: God our Father,  
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary  
that she was to be the mother of your Son.  
Though Mary was afraid,  
she responded to your call with joy.  
Help us, whom you call to serve you,  
to share like her in your great work  
of bringing to our world your love and healing.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world.

People: **Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;  
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.  
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;  
and bless us your children, who long for your coming. Amen.**

*Silence*

## *Confession of Sin*

Celebrant: Turn to us again, O God our saviour, and let your anger cease from us:  
Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Show us your compassion, O Lord, and grant us your salvation:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your salvation is near for those that fear you, that glory may dwell in our land:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. In humility, we repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to Himself and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*You may now stand.*

***Song***

***Kyrie***

***The Collect***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself, 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 Micah.***

***(Micah 5:2-5a)***

<sup>2</sup>“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

<sup>3</sup>Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

<sup>4</sup>He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. <sup>5</sup>And he will be our peace.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### *Psalm 30*

### *The Gospel Anthem*

### *Gospel Reading (Luke 1:39-45)*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>39</sup>At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, <sup>40</sup>where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup>In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! <sup>43</sup>But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### *The Christmas Pageant*

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## *The Response*

### *Prayers of the People*

We come with confidence in prayer before our Maker and Redeemer.

Lord, your church waits in expectancy. Revive us again.

Stir us in the places we have become complacent,  
and enable us to live in the light of your coming.

**Amen. Revive us, Lord Jesus.**

King of all, the world reels in brokenness and injustice. Come to our deliverance.  
Establish your scepter of righteousness among the nations.  
and may your Kingdom come with justice and mercy.  
**Amen. Deliver us, Lord Jesus.**

Great Healer, we lift the suffering and struggling among us. Heal us.  
Heal our bodies, minds, relationships and finances.  
Above all, restore and sustain us in spiritual health.  
**Amen. Heal us, Lord Jesus.**

Great Shepherd, our hearts break for relatives who have gone astray. Have mercy.  
Go after them, Lord, and bring them back by the power of the Gospel that they,  
like us, may rejoice in your salvation.  
**Amen. Reach them, Lord Jesus.**

Let us raise our individual petitions and thanksgivings to the Lord.

Deacon:  
Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Break into our lives  
with your brightness. Lift us up to meet you, that we may live our lives in you and  
in the promise of your new creation.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### *The Peace*

Celebrant:       The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People:         **And also with you.**

### *Announcements*

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### *The 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*

### *The Eucharist*

Celebrant: Is the Father with us?

**People: He is.**

Celebrant: Is Christ among us?

**People: He is.**

Celebrant: Is the Spirit here?

**People: He is.**

This is our God.

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

We are his people.

**We are redeemed.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world, Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. From a wandering nomad you created your family; for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, and remaking your people for yourself. Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors, and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing:

*~Sanctus~*

Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank you for giving up your only Son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember him in the way he commanded, through these gifts of your creation. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ.

On the same night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave 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."

**Amen. His body was broken for us.**

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave 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."

**Amen. His blood was shed for us.**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

**We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.**

This is the feast of victory.

**The lamb who was slain has begun his reign.**

As our Savior, Jesus, taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

Christ is alive forever.

**We are because he is.**

We are one body.

**We share one bread.**

Draw near with faith.

**Christ is the host and we are his guests.**

*(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 alcove on the left-hand side of the sanctuary (when facing the altar).*

### ***Post Communion Prayer***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### ***The Sending***

Celebrant: All our problems

**People: We send to the cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All our difficulties

**People: We send to the cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All the devil's works

**People: We send to the cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All our hopes

**People: We set on the risen Christ.**

*Celebrant:*

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; 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***

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS – DEC. 19, 2021

**Cocoa & Carols, tonight**, 6 pm to 8 pm at TLC, enjoy singing, cookies, warm cider & hot cocoa. Meet in the East parking lot.

## **Karen TLC Family Christmas Party, Sunday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **Our Giving**

As we observe the season of Advent, we celebrate God's unreserved Gift to us, His only Begotten Son, and by whom He blesses us in all kinds of ways. Through the offering of our lives, talents, and treasure, we express thankful hearts to Him. Thank you for your service to God through your generous giving. It makes a difference in the ministry at TLC and His Kingdom. As we close the year, we encourage your continued faithfulness. This will enable us to close this year in a strong position as we go into 2022.

Offering received last week - \$11,337.38

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

TLC's Deficit as of November 30th is **\$19,354.19**

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](mailto:jeanie@tlcdenver.org), when you set it up.
- Through our secure, easy-to-use online page at [www.onrealm.org/TheLightChrist/Give](http://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! 2022 Diocesan Gathering – Feb. 7 – 9 2022**

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

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## Christmas Season Service Times

### **Friday Dec. 24: Christmas Eve**

4:30 pm – Christmas Carols

5 pm – Christmas Service

**Sunday, Dec. 26: 1 service @ 9:30 am** (Karen dinner following the service)

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

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