



Community In Christ Lutheran Church

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6th Sunday After Epiphany

February 16, 2025

11 AM

*Welcome to worship at CIC! We are glad you are here today!
Please fill out the black Friendship Pad and pass it down the row.
If you are visiting with us, please let us know if there is anything you would like to
learn about our family of faith.*

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Prelude	<i>“Amazing Grace”</i>	Agape Bell Choir
Welcome & Announcements		
*Confession & Forgiveness		
*Opening Song	<i>“Jesus Shall Reign”</i>	ELW 434
*Greeting		
*Kyrie		ELW p.147
*Canticle of Praise		ELW p. 149
*Prayer of the Day		

Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

5 Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. 6 They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. 7 Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. 8 They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. 9 The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? 10 I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Reading: 1st Corinthians 15:12-20

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; 14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. 17 If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. 19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

***Gospel Acclamation**

ELW p.151

***Gospel: Luke 6:17-26**

The Gospel according to Luke the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

17 [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. 18 They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. 20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 22 "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 25 "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 26 "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Blest Are They"

ELW 728

***Apostles' Creed**

***Prayers of Intercession**

***Peace**

Offering

***Offertory Hymn**

"Sing A Happy Alleluia"

Sing a Happy Alleluia

Offertory

Colin Gibson

Sing a ha-py al - le - lu - ia Sing it out with heart and style, we're the ech - o

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of God's laugh-ter we're the im-age of God's smile. Al - le - lu - ia all cre-a-tion,

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Announcements

Have you joined CIC's new online photo directory yet? The directory is through a program called Church Center, which is also an app. Follow the QR code to get started.



Altar Guild: Volunteers are needed for Altar Guild for the 9:00 and 11:00 services. Preparing the altar for worship is such an honor as we serve our Lord. Contact the church office if you are interested.

Tuesday Morning CIC Bible Study: Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Narthex.

February Grocery Cart: During February we supported Angels and Sparrows through the Souper Bowl of Caring collection. Whether you cheered for the *Philadelphia Eagles, or the Kansas City Chiefs, or the Commercials*, Angels & Sparrows is the winner and an organization we can all get behind! Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday School: If you are interested in teaching Sunday School please contact Pastor Lisa. Classes are for Pre-K thru 5th grade! Each week will begin in the sanctuary with music! Register your child for Sunday School here [2024-2025 Sunday School Registration - Community In Christ Lutheran Church](#)



churchcenter.com

All women of CIC are welcome to The 5:11s. 1st Thessalonians 5:11, we are a women's group that "encourages one another and builds one another up, just as you are doing." We meet monthly between services to discuss ways we can continue to encourage and build each other up and support our church. Check the bulletin and newsletter for meeting dates. Contact Jill Brooks (jlkbrooks@gmail.com) with any questions.

⇒ The Women's Retreat will be March 14th-16th, 2025. Dr. Jacqueline Bussie will be our guest speaker discussing her books "Outlaw Christian" and "Love Without Limits"! Register on Church Center and pay CIC on the "Donate Now" button or by check with "Women's Retreat" in the memo line.

⇒ The next meeting will be Sunday, February 16, between services in the Fellowship Hall.



Happy Times Seniors: We will meet this month on Wednesday, February 19th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Spirit Center at CIC. Linda & Leif Johannesen are our hosts. They are "sharing" their 50th Wedding Anniversary with us! They are providing a luncheon of deli meat wraps and sandwich croissants. Perhaps a pasta salad of sorts and chips. Deserts and provide bottled water and sweet tea (possible substitutions). We provide the FUN Please join us! For more information contact Ron Major at 704-622-0517 or hunterror35@hotmail.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: We meet in the CIC Parlor Room on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join us for some fellowship, idea-sharing, and fun! Questions? Contact Kathy Dutton at mamabissy@gmail.com. Of course, you can also participate in this important ministry at home by crafting items, and bringing them to CIC.

Card Ministry: We will meet Tuesday, February 25th, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome and no experience is needed! Please enter through the doors nearest the Spirit Center. If you would like information contact: Kathy Shugarman at shugs02@gmail.com or 940-300-2290.

Quilting Ministry: We will meet on Thursday, February 27th, at 10 a.m. in Classroom #1. Visitors are welcome. We welcome anyone who can iron, cut or help to tie quilts. Come check us out. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Contact Barbara Eaker at 704-483-2060.

Property News: There will be a Nursery cleaning/organizing day on Friday, February 21st, at 10 a.m. Please contact Stephanie Wheeler in the Church office if you can help out. Swheeler@communityinchrist.net or 704-892-0120.

Men's group info: The group is going to have a little get together at Ron Gomilla's house on Thursday, February 20th, at 7 p.m. As usual, there will be libations and pizza for your enjoyment as we check-in with one another and discuss future events. Please e-mail Paul Miller for more information: p.k.miller1@gmail.com.

CIC Softball: It is that time of year!! Softball is right around the corner, with our first game being March 9th. We are looking for any players (16 years old or older anytime in 2025) (male and female) who are interested in a lot of fun and fellowship!! If you want to join your fellow CIC team members, (with the greatest fan base in the league), please let Paul Miller, p.k.miller1@gmail.com or Pastor Michael know. The first practice will be held in a couple of weeks. More information about the practice and games will be coming shortly.

Weekly Calendar:

Sunday, February 16— 9 a.m. Worship (Contemporary & Livestreamed), 10 a.m. Sunday School (Begins in Sanctuary), Coffee Cart (Narthex), 5:11's Women's Group (Fellowship Hall), 11 a.m. Worship (Traditional)

Monday, February 17—9:30 a.m. Women's Book Study (Parlor)

Tuesday, February 18—10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Narthex)

Wednesday, February 19— 11:30 a.m. Happy Times Seniors (Spirit Center), 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor Room), 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, February 20—6 p.m. Agape Handbells (Spirit Center), 7 p.m. Carillon Handbells (Spirit Center)

Friday, February 21—10 a.m. Nursery Cleaning/Organizing (Nursery)

Sunday, February 23—9 a.m. Worship (Contemporary & Livestreamed), 10 a.m. Sunday School (Begins in Sanctuary), Coffee Cart (Narthex), 11 a.m. Worship (Traditional), 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class



Preschool Registration for 2025/2026: Priority registration begins on January 27, 2025, for currently enrolled students, siblings, and church members. The remaining spots become open to the public on February 4, 2025. ****Child must be classroom age by August 31st, 2025, or December 31st, 2025, for TK****

Tuitions for 2025/2026: \$320.00 for 2-year-old classes, \$300 for 3-year-old classes, \$350.00 for 4-year-old & PK class and \$360 for TK class. Tuition is due on the 1st of the month, with September's tuition along with the supply fee of \$55, and is due on May 1st, 2025.

- CIC Preschool is not equipped to teach children with special needs.
- All 3-, 4- & 5-year-old children must be toilet trained by the first day of class.
- Scholarships are available for eligible families. Please see the director for details.
- We offer a 10% discount on tuition for families with multiple preschool children.

Summer Camp: Registration for summer camp is now open. Each camp session is \$170 with a \$85 non-refundable registration fee that will hold your child's spot in the camp. This fee will be applied to the total camp cost and the balance of \$85 for each camp is due 2 weeks prior to that camp.

Camp dates & themes are: **June 2-5**—Beach Blast, **June 23-26**—Little Explorers, **July 14-17**—Tiny Picassos and

August 4-7—Disney Adventures. All camps run from 9:05 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please call or email Sharon Fuller (sfuller9546@gmail.com) for more details, refer to our website (communityinchrist.org) for an online registration form or follow the QR code.



*****There are openings in all ages for the remainder of this school year******

Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) is the “boots on the ground” doing the work of welcoming refugees in the Carolinas. Since October, LSC has welcomed 400 refugees who completed years of vetting with the U.S. government to North and South Carolina. LSC is able to continue serving these newly arrived neighbors using donated dollars only. Follow the link to contribute to this ministry or to learn more about legal refugee status and the ways LSC is able to help over 80% of the families become self-sustaining within 6 months of arriving in the U.S. For more detailed information about legal refugee status, LSC, and welcoming our neighbor, please view February's newsletter. For additional information, please see the handouts on the welcome desk.



Agape Day Camp is returning to CIC this summer the week of June 16th for Rising 1st through Rising 8th graders in the summer of 2025! Monday through Thursday 9am-3pm. Friday 9am-noon. Cost: \$100 for one child, \$190 total for two children in same family, \$275 total for three children in same family. Maximum of 32 campers. See full details at the QR Code!



**Please
SAVE THE DATE!**

This is the time of year families begin
to plan their summer activities.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025
JULY 27 – July 31**

Watch for more details and registration information

Help Wanted:

Station Leaders: to lead stations during VBS

Drivers: travel with children to VBS stations

Other opportunities to serve will be announced later

If interested in learning more,
Please contact Suzi Hinrichs or Kathy Shugarman
suzihinrichs@gmail.com or shugs02@gmail.com

