



Christmas

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

December 24, 2025

Clairemont Lutheran Church
Iglesia Luterana Clairemont

Prelude *Christmas Medley* Anna Reynolds (Harp)

Welcome

Opening Prayer *(Please stand)*

P: God of silent nights and shining stars, We gather tonight as shepherds once did—drawn by wonder, hoping for peace. In the hush of this holy night, let Your Word become flesh among us. Let every carol and candle awaken in us a deeper joy. We wait, and You arrive. Come, Lord Jesus. **C: AMEN.**

Call to Worship

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

P: For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.

C: And He shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P: Let us worship the newborn King!

C: AMEN.

Gathering Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* - ELW 283 (vs. 1 - 4)

Lighting of Advent Wreath (The Borbon Family)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - ELW 257 (v.1)

Gracious and Everlasting God,

Tonight, we rejoice in the light that no darkness can overcome. As we light the Christ Candle, we remember that Your Son, Jesus, came to dwell among us — bringing hope to the hopeless, peace to the restless, joy to the weary, and love to the brokenhearted. May this flame remind us that Christ is the true Light of the World, shining in every shadow, guiding every step, and warming every heart that turns toward Him. Fill us with His light, so that we may carry it into the world, reflecting His grace, truth, and compassion in all we do. In the precious name of Jesus, our Savior and King, we pray. Amen.

P: Arise, shine, dear people, for our Light has come!

C: Christ is the World's true Light, on our paths and in our lives.

Hymn of Praise *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* – ELW 270 (vs. 1 - 3)

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray

C: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7 *(please be seated)*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. Word of God, word life. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96 (sing to ELW 249)

1 Sing to the Lord new songs of praise, Let
 2 De - clare his glo - ry far and wide, His
 3 Let heav'ns re - joice, let o - ceans roar, Let

all the earth sing and to the Lord: Sing
 won - drous acts and ho - ly law; For
 earth be glad field filled with mirth; Let

to the Lord and bless his Name, Pro -
 he is great, and to shout be praised More
 all the for - ests shout for joy When

claim good news with one ac - cord.
 than all gods, and held in awe.
 God shall come to judge the earth.

Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Word of God, word of life.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia - ELW p. 151 *(Please stand)*

Dialogue for Christmas

P: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

C: By day and night he shines for all to see.

P: Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty,

C: that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

P: God so loved the world that He sent Jesus,

C: so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

P: Jesus is the light of the world.

C: Jesus is the light of our lives.

P: Sing to God a new song!

C A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

The Gospel Procession O Little Town of Bethlehem - ELW 279 (v. 1)

The Christmas Gospel - Luke 2:1-20

Response after the conclusion of the reading: Glory to you, O Lord

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

***O Little Town of Bethlehem* - ELW 279 (v. 3)**

Sermon Pastor Manuel Borbón *(Please be seated)*

Hymn of the Day *The First Noel* - ELW 300 (vs. 1, 2, & 5)

Apostles' Creed *(Please stand)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

P: Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P: Hear us, O God, **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

We invite you to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.

Offering *(Please be seated)*

Anthem *See Amid the Winter's Snow* – Dan Forrest Sanctuary Choir

The Offering Prayer *(Please stand)*

P: God of glory,
great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow.
Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the
earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (setting 4) ELW p. 152

Holy Holy, Holy (setting 4) - ELW p. 153

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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. Save us from the time of trial, and
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now
and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion *(please be seated)*

The Agnus Dei *Lamb of God* – ELW p. 154

The Communion of Christ's People

Communion Voluntary *Coventry Carol* - Robert Croo, arr. K. L. Phillips
Kailey Shim: violin, Charles F. von Gunten, organ

Prayer after Communion

P Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and
ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the
wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives,
through Christ born in us. **C Amen**

The Service of Light *(Please stand)*

P: Arise, shine, dear people, for our Light has come!

C: Christ is the World's true Light, on our paths and in our lives.

P: Receive the light and let its warmth and glow be in your hearts this night.

C: The glory of the Lord shines around us on this night.

Silent Night - ELW 281 & Peace, Peace - Rick & Sylvia Powell

Sanctuary Choir and Kailey Shim, violin

As the anthem is sung, the light spreads from the Christ Candle to surround the altar in light. While the altar candles are lighted, ushers will light the candle of the congregants at the ends of the rows, and the congregation is invited to pass the flame of faith by lighting the candle of the person next to them and to join in singing the hymn, Silent Night.

Christmas Blessing:

P: Go forth in peace and joy. For the Word has become flesh, and God dwells among us. And may the light of Christ guide your steps, the love of God fill your hearts, and the peace of the Holy Spirit rest upon you, now and always. **C. AMEN.**

Sending Hymn *Joy to the World* - ELW 267

Postlude *Postlude on Adeste Fidelis* - Eric Thiman

Charles F. von Gunten

Serving Us Today

Pastor Manuel Borbón & Pastor Elena Enriquez

Choir Director: Katy Lundeen

Organist: Charles F. von Gunten

Harp: Anna Reynolds & Violin: Kailey Shim

Reader: Lynn Ten Eyck

Crucifer: Josua Purba

Banner: Jeremiah Purba

Gospel bearer: Gabriel Munoz

Communion Assistants: Gary & Aida Jaus

Welcome Team & lighting of the candles: The Purba family, Emilie Lauchmen,
Rita Leatherman, Sandra Logan

Offering Couriers: Lewis John TenHulzen & Jeff Archer

AV: Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little

Slides Creator: Lorri Carlsen

All are Welcome! As a community of faith the members of Clairemont Lutheran Church/ Iglesia Luterana Clairemont are called to include all people seeking a relationship with Jesus, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, immigration status or marital status. We gather as one congregation, worshiping in two languages, celebrating many cultures. We affirm that in Christ " There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (Galatians 3:28)

FIRST TIME HERE? Welcome to Clairemont Lutheran Church. For those who are here for the first time we have a welcome gift for you on the table in the Narthex. Please see one of the greeters in the Narthex to receive your gift. Thank you for being with us today.

FOR THOSE IN NEED If you are facing challenges in life, we have cards with prayers for you, located on the table in the narthex on the following subjects. 1. Anxiety 2. Coping with the death of a loved one. 3. Dealing with discouragement and despair. 4. Hope. 5. Loneliness. 6. Need for forgiveness and 7. Patience.

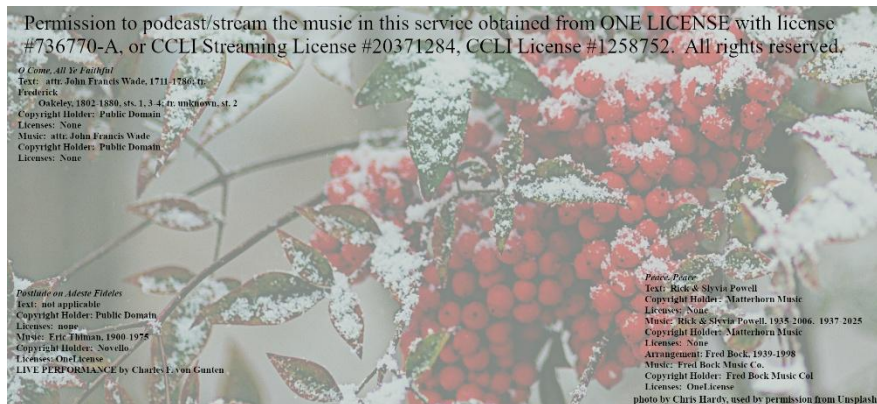
Remember in Prayer: Mark Nickel, Bev Covey, Ruth Andersen, Adrienne Lenhoff, Paul Brown, Ken Hanson, Lee Shigley, Maria Medrano, Clark Carlson, Stella Penyak, Barb Kanneman, LaRae Rabe, Lewis TenHulzen, Emilie Lauchmen, Renée Shepherd, Bob Logan, Peggy Ritchie, Jack & Jean Shirley, Carla Faulk, Maria Luisa Velasquez, Ken Hanson, and all the homebound members.

The Zoom studies for the for the coming Sunday led by Bill Fredericks will be on hiatus for the next few months. You can contact Bill at williamhfedericks@gmail.com.

IFS: We are once again hosting here at CLC/ILC! Our date for this season covers three weeks; 31 Jan - 22 Feb 2026. We will need overnight chaperones and cooking teams for each day. Also, we'll need to rebuild our supply of bed sheets and towel sets (16 - 20 each) and have hygiene kits (M/F) ready. If you are willing to provide any part of these needed supplies or can sign up to support with your time to cook or chaperone, or just need further information please see James Acosta at the back of the church after service. Donations to any of the supplies or food are also needed. Please mark your check with IFS Support and make the check payable to CLC. Your time, talent, treasure and prayers are needed and I thank you in advance! Three weeks is a challenge, and we will need all hands!

WELCA collected \$1,676 for Thankoffering back in October; thank you for your heartfelt support year after year. If you need a charitable tax receipt, please contact Janet Wood at atjanmich6@aol.com

Music Notes; The choral anthem, *See Amid the Winter's Snow*, is a magical setting of a traditional English Christmas carol by contemporary composer Dan Forrest. The gathering hymn, *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, despite being known by its Latin name, *Adeste Fideles*, is a product of the 18th century. One writer thought the tune's composer 'knew the music the light operas which became fashionable in the years around 1730'. The text for *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* was written by Charles Wesley under the heading "Hymn for Christmas Day". The tune with which we indelibly associate the text was written by Felix Mendelssohn. It was adapted from a piece Mendelssohn wrote for a Gutenberg festival celebrating the 400th anniversary of the printing press.



Monday December 29

4:00pm Gospel Study on zoom

5:30-6:30pm Glee Choir,

6:30-7:30pm Esperanza Youth Choir,

7:30-9pm Sanctuary Choir

Wednesday December 31

New Years Eve office closed at 12pm

Thursday January 1

New Years Day Office closed

Happy New year!!

Friday January 2

8am-12pm Food Distribution



Poinsettia Donation

Rita & Paul Leatherman	In memory of family members who have passed away.
Harriet Carmona	In celebration of friends at CLC / ILC.
Bob & Pam Allen	In memory of Percy & Tess Allen & Dean & Betty Kifer.
Curtis Cline	In memory of my parents Barbara & Ernie Cline.
Carol & Emilie Lauchmen	In memory of Ian McGain & William Lauchmen.
Emilie Lauchmen	In celebration of my life.
Chuck & Peggy Ritchie	In memory of Ludia Ritchie Miles.
Ray & Ardell Skoglund	In memory of David Skoglund.
Tere Plascencia	En Celebración de del cumposleaños de la Pastora Elena.
Jim Brown	In memory of Cayla C. Brown
James and Heidi Acosta	In memory of Matthew Loutsenhizer In honor of Janet Tucker & Celso Acosta.
Bill Huston	In memory of Dolores, John & Sally Ann.
Jim & June Anderson	In memory of our sisters & brothers Irene, Laura, Clifford, Ralph, Delano, Darlene, Donald & Delores. In honor of our sisters and brothers Virgil, Dennis, Leroy, Mary & Della.



Bonita Martinez	In memory of Thomas & Betty Perry, Kenny and Maria Martinez, & Ronald Terry.
Miller Family	In memory of Ken Miller.
Lynn & Linda Ten Eyck	In memory of Ross & Irene TenEyck, Severn & Peg Swofford.
Arlene Riordan	In memory of my son Michael John Riordan.

***Thank you also to John & Nancy Procsal, Bev Covey,
The Wilfong Family, Itha Yost, Mark Onstad, Kathy Olson,
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for their flower donations.***



Bill & Pat Fredericks Ruth Shreffler.	In memory of Harold & Eva Fredericks, Robert Fredericks & Gerald & Ruth Shreffler.
Josua & Rohany Purba	In honor of Jesus Christ our savior.
Grace Kilpatrick	In memory of Mimi Mitchell. In celebration of Advent. In Honor of Leslie Kilpatrick.
Mark Onstad	In memory of Reuben and Gertrude Onstad.
Lewis TenHulzen	In memory of my late wife Judy.
Bonita Martinez	In honor of Nelson Martinez, Gloria Terry & Harry Perry. In celebration of Quintin, Odera, Jaden, Xavier, Maria Martinez, K.B, Gabriella, Isabella, Catalaya, & Emilliano Martinez.
Carol Lauchmen	In honor of Emilie Lauchmen.
Paul & Rita Leatherman	In honor of those who help others. In celebration of our family.
Jim Brown	In honor of Brent & Brian.
The Wilfong family	In memory of beloved parents & grandparents. In honor of our wonderful family & dear friends.
Anna Bailey	In memory of my late husband Lindsay.
Jim & June Anderson	In memory of Kay Jacobson.

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