

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Invitation

We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. You may partake at the table or take it back to your seats to partake there. Gluten-free bread is available on the table.

Communion Songs: "What Child Is This/What Feast of Love" LUYH 95 & 96:1
"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.***

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*The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4

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**Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.**

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

LUYH 328:2,3

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Kyle Dieleman ♦ Piano: Jill Friend ♦ Worship Leader: Bob DeSmith

Vocalists: Corrie DeVries, Terry Friend

Sound: Doug DeBoer ♦ Video: John Stevenson ♦ CCLI #493458 ♦ OneLicense #A-721171

Hearing Assistance

A telecoil hearing-loop system sends a signal into the sanctuary. If your hearing aid is t-coil equipped, try switching to the t-coil receiver. An FM hearing assistance system is also available for ears without hearing aids. Consult the sound operator for assistance.



Epiphany of our Lord

January 5, 2025



Matthew 2:1-2

But In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east, and have come to pay him homage."

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Gathering

Prelude: “Appalachian Christmas Carols” arr. Vincent Persichetti

Welcome

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 98:1-6) p.935

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

**The Lord has made known salvation;
has shown justice to the nations;
has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.**

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

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

*Song: “You Are Holy” LUYH 598

*Prayer of Invocation

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: “As with Gladness Men of Old” LUYH 105
st.1,2—all; st.3—women & children; st.4—men; st.5—all

Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: I John 1:7 p.1899

Song: “Jesus, the Light of the World” LUYH 100:1,2

Invitation to Giving

Offering our gifts is an important part of our response to God—connecting our worship with a life of discipleship—and is a way to participate in the ministry of Covenant CRC here in this building and around the world. Offering boxes are available, or check your bulletin announcements for more ways to give.

Prayers for the Church and World

Word

Children In Worship Dismissal: “Arise, Your Light Is Come” LUYH 102:1

Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to a time of worship designed especially for young children and can gather in the fellowship hall with the helpers. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2 p.1497

Message: “Looking for the Child” Dr. Kyle Dieleman

*Song of Response: “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” LUYH 109

Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Song: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” LUYH 538:1

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Dying he destroyed our death. Rising he restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.