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**1st Sunday of Christmas**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH** | Lodi, California

*December 27, 2020*

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news about God’s grace, love, and forgiveness given to us. If you would like to learn more about our church, please speak with our pastor or one of our members after the service.

**WORSHIP THEME**

The world celebrates Christmas after Thanksgiving and then the decorations come down after the 25th. Christmastide is just getting started. This season we see the gift God gives. Simeon gets it. This child brings peace.

**OPENING HYMN** O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild **CW | 366**

CONFESSION OF SINS

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**FIRST LESSON** Isaiah 61:10–62:3

Righteousness and salvation that is what you have now. Isaiah sees a reason to rejoice even as God’s people are carted off into exile.

**PSALM OF THE DAY** *Psalm 111|* **CW p. 106**

**SECOND LESSON** Galatians 4:4–7

The Christ has come and set you free. You are no longer a slave to sin but free to serve as a son in the house of our Father forever.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** Colossians 3:15

**Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia**

**THE GOSPEL** Luke 2:22–40

Simeon sees the Christ-child and he’s done. He’s seen all he needs to see and before the child has even done anything he praises God for salvation accomplished.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Peace Came to Earth **CW | 707**

**SERMON** Luke 2:22-40

**Simeon Has Sung**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**OFFERING**

The offerings of the members of Christ Lutheran are gathered at this time. Guests need not feel obligated to give an offering.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN** O Little Town of Bethlehem **CW | 66**

**PRAYER**

**THE BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN** Of the Father’s Love Begotten **CW | 35**

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