



**Light of Christ**  
A BOLDLY INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC CHURCH

***Our Mission:** Light of Christ Ecumenical Catholic Community is a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming community for all who, following the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, seek compassion, justice and peace in the world. We seek to live our faith through liturgy and prayer, community building and collaboration, study and service.*

***All Are Welcome!***

***2nd week in Advent***  
***December 7th, 2024***



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# Advent Calendar



## 2024

<b>Saturday, Dec. 7</b>	5 pm - Advent II Mass (hybrid/FB live)
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 11</b>	5:30 pm - Taco/Nacho supper 6:30 pm - Advent prayer service 7 pm - Activities
<b>Saturday, Dec. 14</b>	5 pm - Advent III Mass (hybrid/FB live)
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 18</b>	5:30 - 7 pm - Caroling (bring your own dinner)
<b>Saturday, Dec. 21</b>	5 pm - Advent IV Mass (hybrid/FB live) 7 pm - Blue Christmas/Longest Night service (in-person only)
<b>Sunday, Dec. 22</b>	5 - 8 pm - Living Nativity
<b>Christmas Eve Tuesday, Dec. 24</b>	4 pm - Family Service (hybrid/Youtube) 8 pm - Carols (hybrid/FB live) 8:30 pm - Mass (hybrid/FB live)

## Happenings and Announcements

### Schedule for week of December 7

#### Saturday (December 7)

- 4:30pm - Religious Education
- 5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

#### Tuesday (December 10)

- 10 am - Scripture reading (FB live)
- 6 pm - Parish Council

#### Wednesday (December 11)

- 9 am - Mass (hybrid/Zoom)
- 11 am - 11th hour bell-ringing
- 5:30 pm - taco/nacho supper
- 6:30 pm - Advent prayer service
- 7 pm - Activities

#### Thursday (December 12)

- 7 pm - Mens Group (hybrid/Zoom)

#### Saturday (December 14)

- 4:30pm - Religious Education
- 5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

- **Religious Education:** A reminder that Religious Education will be held in the Sanctuary at **4:30pm on Saturday, December 7.**
- **Prayer Shawls for Advent:** As we continue our Advent journey, please remember to bring a prayer shawl or similar item to Mass with you each Saturday in Advent. There will be a limited number available in the Narthex for use during Mass.
- **End of Year Giving:** As we approach the end of the year, please be reminded that for any giving to be considered for 2023, it must be received by the church office by **January 2, 2024.**
- **Welcoming Deacon Mike Weil:** For the 2025 Liturgical Year, Deacon Mike Weil will be interning here at Light of Christ as part of his seminarian preparation for the priesthood.



From Deacon Mike: *I am excited to be serving my year-long internship with Light of Christ. I have felt a special connection to Light of Christ. My home Church, Holy Family, helped Light of Christ to get started. I attended your very first Mass, and I was ordained here as a deacon 18 years ago. I have been a nurse for over 20 years and am currently a perioperative nurse at the Denver VA hospital. I am currently in my 3rd. year of Seminary. I look forward to learning from Fr. Teri and all of you with my main focus being adult education and Church leadership. I am coming to grow this year and your honest feedback will be vital in this, so I invite your feedback on anything I do.*

## Advent Events

**Living Nativity:** Living Nativity will be on **Sunday, December 22 from 5 - 8 pm**. Sign up to volunteer for the 2023 Living Nativity in the Narthex.



**Wednesday Evening Advent Services:** Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran will be holding a supper and service each Wednesday evening with supper at 5:30pm and service at 6:30pm with family-friendly activities to follow. Our theme for this year is “We Need Each Other” and both pastors will take turns reflecting on this. Additionally, December 18th will be the annual caroling.

Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18
Italian Night Bring salad or garlic bread	Tacos / nachos Bring taco fixings	BYO for caroling



**Longest Night Service/Blue Christmas:** For some, the holidays are not a time of cheer. Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran will be holding a combined service of comfort and hope on Saturday, **December 21st at 7pm**. This service is in addition to our normally scheduled 5pm Mass that day.



## COP 29

By most accounts, the outcome of the global climate meeting (Nov. 11-22) called **COP 29** in Baku, Azerbaijan was a huge disappointment. It was intended to lay out a formula and provide money to developing nations so that they could transition to clean energy and prepare their nations for climate disasters. The final proposal asked wealthy nations to provide \$300 billion a year to help poorer nations make the energy transition and adapt to climate change. This is only a fraction of what is needed. Estimates suggest that developing nations need around \$1 trillion a year. Developing nations left Baku angry and frustrated with the outcomes.

### What can ordinary people do about climate change?

A Climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe offers her summary of COP 29. <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/WhctKLbNDQqXQRCnxHMFvb-SpzcZFvSxmDTVcnDvqJDGscIvhJvHrPjlvWZmscSWJxTKxqng>

COP stands for **Conference of Parties**. It's an annual meeting under the direction of the United Nations and has been the only place where any measure of global accountability for reducing greenhouse gases (GHG) takes place. In 2015, COP 21, one of the most famous and consequential, was held in Paris. The participating nations seemed to take climate change seriously. At COP 21, 197 countries adopted and officially launched it's principal goal of "limiting global warming to well below 2, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, compared to pre-industrial levels." Neither the US nor China were signatories to the Paris Agreement. In fact, then President Trump in 2017 pulled the US out of the Paris talks.

Next year COP 30 will take place in Belem, Brazil. It will be interesting to see what role the US will play under the new Trump administration. He has promised to expand fossil fuel production, even drilling for oil and gas in our most pristine environments. He has also promised environmental deregulation, rolling back hard won EPA safeguards.

For those who care deeply about protecting our precious earth, and the future we are leaving our children, this moment may feel unbearable. And so we may need time to process, to feel deeply, and to lament. Climate change is real and it is here, and we need and deserve bold leadership to address the problems we face. Let us encourage each other to find ways to press for climate action wherever possible in spite of government inaction. Our work is a moral calling for which we will not be deterred.

"In the end, we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand and we will understand only what we are taught."

## PRAYER CORNER

Dave Barnwell; Donna Stang;  
 Gary Tharnish; Gina Hinnegan;  
 Judith Link; Linda Moses;  
 Linda Kay Christon, Matt James;  
 Michael Degnan; Natalie Steele; Patrick  
 Degnan; Paula Degnan; Pete Conti; Phyllis  
 Enge; Rita Rose Bergen; Rosean Amaral;  
 Sharon Cramer; Teri Harroun; Wes Evans.



*We update our prayer corner monthly. If you or your loved one would like to be included on the corner, please contact the office and we'd be happy to add you.*

A printed copy of the Light of Christ Bylaws, policies and procedures is available in the Church Office for members to review.

Members of Light of Christ or their family members are invited to **purchase ad space here** on the weekly bulletins! Not only does it help out these businesses, but it also helps LOC by bringing in additional funds. For more information, please call the Church Office.

## STEWARDSHIP

	October	Year to Date
Donations	\$14,921.67	\$118,750.08
Other Income, including Grocery Cards	\$1,816.15	\$4,335.79
Total Income	\$16,737.82	\$123,335.87
Expenses	\$13,532.82	\$135,303.76
Balance	\$3,205.00	-\$11,967.89

Additionally, \$920 was received for Synod.

## DAILY READINGS

Our online readings this season are from Pearl S. Buck's "The Story Bible". Please join us on Facebook Live every Tuesday at 10AM.

Light of Christ is using the Women's Ordination Conference Lectionary for 2024. Please contact the Church Office for a link and information.

## ASSISTANCE

**Prayer Partners:** These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words. You can email our Prayer Companion Team at [prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org](mailto:prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org) and someone will reach out to you.

**Home Eucharist Team:** If you need Eucharist brought to your home, for any reason, please contact Father Teri and she will coordinate one of our Home Eucharistic Ministers to visit you and bring you Communion.

**Rite of Reconciliation:** The Rite of Reconciliation is available after Mass or by Appointment. Please contact Father Teri or the Church office for more information.

If you need assistance during this time, there are several resources available in Longmont:

**HOPE Longmont**, located at:

804 Lincoln St.  
 Longmont, CO 80501

**THE OUR CENTER**, located at:

220 Collyer St.  
 Longmont, CO 80501

**THE ROUND PANTRY**, located at:

Westview Presbyterian Church  
 1500 Hover St.  
 Longmont, CO 80501