



Making Way For Peace

Busy preschoolers make their way to the sanctuary at Christ Lutheran several times a week. They are preparing for the AKIDemy Preschool Christmas program here on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. The public is invited!!

Grown-ups often long for the child-like joy of holidays past. We all wish for feelings of awe, anticipation and joy. A brimming Thanksgiving table reminds us of blessings and our call to share gifts that are received from the hand of our gracious Creator. The dazzling Christmas lights help us recall the light that Christ brings. The first chapter from the Gospel of John announces, "...the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

We are invited to celebrate the light of Christ in our lives. Sometimes children help us appreciate and see that light most poignantly. As we prepare for the coming of the Christ child, we give thanks for the gifts that are ours and the gifts that we are invited to share.

A video below (shown at our congregation's stewardship emphasis in mid-November) helps us to be aware of the ways offerings through our ELCA congregation benefit neighbors near and far. Often, children lead us in their ability to give unconditionally. May we follow the lead of the Christ Child who comes, opening us to the peace that our weary world and weary souls await. We hear the promise of his coming in Isaiah 11: 1-6. This passage, referred to as a description of The Peaceable Kingdom, reminds us that "...a little child shall lead them."

May this Christ child lead you this season and always,

Pastor Rebecca Aardahl