

# Christ the King Lutheran Church

## 2nd Sunday of Advent, December 6, 2020

PRELUDE

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

Zach Unke

CONFESSION AND FOREGIVENESS

Blessed be God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, whose guidance is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Loving and forgiving God,

**we confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.**

People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free—free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.

May you be strengthened in God's love, ☩ comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

KYRIE

ELW pg. 147

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Today we light two candles, and illumine the pathway through and with our Church family. Where might the path be leading us now, together as Church in this new day?

In the Gospel of Matthew we learn, "For where two or three are gathered in Jesus name, Christ is there among them." And from the Prophet Amos, "Can two walk together, unless they be agreed?"

Light and love of Christ, unite us together in your purpose and guide us on your pathway again.

OPENING HYMN

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation!**

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:1-8

SERMON

## A CREED FOR ADVENT

**We believe in God, robed in splendor, veiled in mystery, ruler alike of darkness and light.**

**We encounter God in Jesus Christ who was tested and put to death, but whose radiance could not be quenched; whose touch brings a blaze of colour to a dull, drab world: reviving the weary, healing the wounded, unsettling the satisfied.**

**We walk with God, guided by God's loving spirit; through places of cool shadow and burning flame, in our hearts and out of them, into truth and life.**

**We wait for God, and for the fulfillment of God's promises; for the time when the world will hold no fear and the Spirit of life will show the way, and creation will be made whole once more and God's peace will reign forever. Amen**

## OFFERING

*The Wexford Carol*

Chapel Ringers

*Give by mobile: Text "GIVE" to 320-313-1815, by mail or on our website – [www.ctkb.org/generosity/](http://www.ctkb.org/generosity/)*

## TEMPLE TALK - STAY COMMITTED – TO OUR ONGOING MINISTRY

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## LORD'S PRAYER

## HYMN

*We Have Hope*

## BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

*Fling Wide the Door*

arr. Ronald Besemer

**Worship Leaders**

Preaching

Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert

Presiding

Pastor Rory Philstrom

Children's Message

Brittany McDonald

Lector/Prayers

Jon Oleson

Organist/Music Director

Bjorn Gustafson

Special Music

Chapel Ringers

**Join in our Digital Coffee Hour at 11am – see Zoom link on page 3**

**In your prayers this week, please remember:**

- **Continuing Prayers: Laurie Youmans** (sister-in-law of Pam Jaye & Karen Youmans), **Lois Torvik**, **Steve Caspersen**, **Jim Knutson**, **Jaden Hanson** (relative of Lorie Aljoe), **Pastor Dave Valen**, **Char Weidenbach**, **Miriam Hecht**, **John Peterson** (brother of Jim Stoll), **Laura Grondin** (Shirley Smith's daughter), **Tom Turrso** (friend of Jim Stoll's), **Sadie Peterson** (granddaughter of Sig Backlin), **Nora Williquette** (Mary Schoenleber's sister), **Al Rode** (Jodi Haddox's brother-in-law), **Jim Rausenberger**, **Phyllis Rose**, and **Kim Reed** (Marilyn Akimoto's nephew)
- **Glenn Edberg** and all who are homebound
- **Rev. Philip and Lou-Marie Knutson**, South Africa; **Rev. Dorcas Wang**, China and **Peace Center for the Blind in Jerusalem**
- **Untunjambili Lutheran Congregation**, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

## Digital Schedule!

### Sundays

9:30am – Drive-In Church on December 13 Sunday online Worship Posted on YouTube, Facebook, and [www.ctkb.org/services/](http://www.ctkb.org/services/)

11am - Digital Coffee Hour on Zoom **Not on Drive-In Sundays**

<https://zoom.us/j/93941598230?pwd=cjh3RVlxSkp4NDgxMTN3T3FYbGpBdz09>

### Daily

10am - Digital Devotional on Facebook Live (Monday-Thursday)

Written Devotionals via email or at [www.ctkb.org/devotional/](http://www.ctkb.org/devotional/)

### Tuesdays

2pm - Community Announcements via Constant Contact

### Wednesdays

10:30am - Bible Study on Zoom SEE PASSWORD & LINK ON CONSTANT CONTACT EMAIL

<https://zoom.us/j/92285260487?pwd=aUdjB2JuRkt5cnhGTTZtMnpFci82dz09>

7pm Advent Midweek on Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/98529994002?pwd=a2hiZjZFb3c2NkplUWRDZTkrZ1lBdz09>

### **Drive-In to Church in December**

We will be having drive-in church on **Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**. Worship will start at **9:30am** and will take place in the **CTK parking lot**. There will continue to be an online worship component for those who cannot safely attend.

**We invite everyone to keep their cars on to stay warm or bring a blanket.** We want to be able to see each other but still be safe until covid is more under control. Thank you to everyone who has been participating. We are so happy to see you!!

### **BRIGHTEN THE NIGHT - Outdoor Fellowship Sun. Dec. 20th, 5pm**

*Looking for a way to celebrate the season with your church community, while being safe?*  
Come to "Brighten the Night," a simple, joyous outdoor gathering where we can fellowship with others, enjoy the outdoor lights and decorations on our church building, gather around a bonfire, enjoy a special carol presentation, and sing Silent Night by candle-light as we enter the week of Christmas, a week that will be unlike so many others. Even in the midst of pandemic, we are community to one another, so pack a thermos of cocoa, cider, or coffee, wear your mask AND warm clothes, and spend an hour with others to celebrate the Prince of Peace, "risen with healing in his wings." (Subject to change due to the pandemic restrictions)

### **December's Gift of Love is ELCA World Hunger**

God richly provides for daily bread — the earth can produce enough food for everyone. Yet, many of our sisters and brothers still go hungry. By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, we meet basic needs and recognize the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. Go to <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-World-Hunger> for more info.

**CHRISTMAS NAME TAGS FOR EBENEZER**  
Please return your gifts by 12/10. Thank you!

### **Bible Reading for next week:**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

**Psalms 126**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

**John 1:6-8, 19-28**

### **Christmas is Coming!**

Looking for a few great gift ideas? How about a mug and a canister of cocoa mix, a bag of coffee, or box of tea. Put together a gift basket with olive oil and your favorite pasta and sauce. Maybe a chocolate lovers gift bag with cocoa and a variety of chocolate bars. Call the office if you are interested in purchasing any-thing and they will set you up. ~ Chris and Jim, the coffee people

## Puzzles

**Puzzling** over how you will wile away cold, dark winter hours? Perhaps piecing together the colors and intricacies of peaceful landscapes will add some cheer to otherwise seemingly long days. CTK is adding a **“Jigsaw Puzzle Swap”** to our spiritual well-being “care center”.

There is a Puzzle Swap Spot in front the CTK library desk. To help us get started, drop off your used puzzle(s) in the Return [box]. (If you would like your puzzle back please write your name and phone # in the lid) Wait a few days so boxes can “rest”. We will wipe them down and move them to the Pickup [table]. After that, pick-up a puzzle, enjoy, return it and pickup another. You are also welcome to stop into the library and check out a book. When you enter the church, please remember to mask up, use the sanitizer provided and sign in.

## Virtual Christmas Pageant

We are asking families to sign up to film a scene from the pageant then send their video to me so I can put it all together for **Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** when we air it. We also need families or individuals to sing as interludes for each scene. Here is the sign up [Virtual Christmas Pageant Sign-up](#)

If you don't see a song that you'd like to record, feel free to pick one and add it in. Bjorn is also around if you'd like to record at the church with Bjorn! The script can be found on our website [www.ctkb.org/children-3-yrs-to-5th-grade/](http://www.ctkb.org/children-3-yrs-to-5th-grade/) so you can view this and decide which scene you'd like to choose!

Let's get into the Advent Spirit! Can't wait to see this come together! ~ Brittany McDonald

**The National Lutheran Choir Christmas Festival** comes to audiences **FREE** in a virtual, multi-media format on December 11. *The Incarnation: For the Healing of the World* brings music from around the globe announcing the birth of Christ with messages of peace and joy that nothing – not even a pandemic – can take away.

**Friday, December 11, 2020 – 8pm (CST) @ [NLCA.com](http://NLCA.com)**

*This online presentation is FREE for all. For a Virtual Subscription to exclusive content (\$10/month), visit [NLCA.com](http://NLCA.com)*

## Advent Midweek

Need a little space to breathe in the midst of this season? Join us for Advent Midweek worship this season via Zoom for a time to pause and rest along the pathway we are making together as we prepare for the promise of Christ's coming among us. We will gather at 7pm for no more than 20 minutes as we rest in readings, singing, perhaps some silence or a meditation. Being together on Zoom will allow us to interact with one another, see each other's faces, and participate in worship in ways we haven't been able to during our global pandemic. We know that there are some in our community who do not use zoom. For those who cannot attend worship "in person," you can worship with us via Facebook live or our YouTube Channel. We pray this space will be a blessing for you each week.

