

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Epiphany of Our Lord, January 3, 2021

PRELUDE

We Three Kings - J.H. Hopkins, performed by Jeremy Hiniker

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

We Three Kings

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW 270

Covid Choir - Verla Olson, Dan Pierce, Karen Gregory, Holly Hauer, Lynda Tysdal

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. **Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, 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 60:1-6

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHRISTMAS ALLELUIA *We have seen his shining star, so bright it makes all lights seem dim, travelled wide and travelled far, and have come to worship him.*

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

"Dark Night Starlight"

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Child Is This

ELW 296

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING *We Three Kings* - arr. Michael Hassell, performed by Darin Tysdal
Give by mobile: Text "GIVE" to 320-313-1815, by mail or on our website – www.ctkb.org/generosity/

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *Joy to the World* ELW 267, stanzas 1, 2 & 4
with Paul Krohg and Loren Thompson

BLESSING
Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day ☩ through the Word made flesh.
Amen.

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *As with Gladness Men of Old* arr. Allan Mahnke
with Nathan Loesch

Worship Leaders

Preaching	Pastor Rory Philstrom
Presiding	Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert
Children's Message	Brittany McDonald
Lector/Prayers	Rick Turnquist
Organist/Music Director	Bjorn Gustafson
Special Music	Denise Hagedorn, Akiko & Adam Durbin

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 Casperson, 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), Jim Rausenberger, Phyllis Rose, Kim Reed (Marilyn Akimoto's nephew), Ted & Marilon Anderson (friends of Bev Larson), Carol Trewartha, and Jodi Haddox
- **New Prayers:** Dick Jackson
- **Miriam Hecht** 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**
- **Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria**, Companion Church of Mpls. Area Synod of the ELCA

<p style="text-align: center;">January Gift of Love Global Health Ministries</p> <p>Global Health Ministries (GHM) "Helping The Hands That Heal", was founded in 1987 by returning Medical Missionaries in consultation with American Lutheran Church Mission Staff. Since then it has developed a nationwide network of supporters for Lutheran Hospitals and Health Care programs in more than 30 countries. GHM carries out its mission through the gathering and shipping of requested medical supplies and equipment to these partners. Project grants are also made. In 2014 GHM increased its emphasis of working to improve sustainability and effectiveness in management. CTK continues to support GHM through the Gift of Love and the service of volunteers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Annual Report</p> <p>Please have any ministry team reports/articles turned into Jane V. in the office or by email jvevea@ctkb.org - no later than January 14th! Thank you! Sunday, 1/24 - Zoom Budget Meeting Sunday, 1/31 - Zoom Annual Meeting</p>				
<p style="text-align: center;">A note from Jane Bishop, Financial & Property Administrator</p> <p>It's not too late to help us achieve our goals for the <i>STAY Connected, STAY Caring, STAY Committed</i> stewardship campaign. Your intended offering for 2021 is very important and special. If you haven't had an opportunity to send it in, you can call me (952-881-8600) or email me at jbishop@ctkb.org or complete your 2021 pledge online by visiting www.ctkb.org and clicking GIVE in the upper right corner to find out more.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bible Reading for next week:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Genesis 1:1-5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Psalms 29</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Acts 19:1-7</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Mark 1:4-11</td> </tr> </table>	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalms 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
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<p style="text-align: center;">Sexuality & Relationships in the Old Testament and Today</p> <p>Join Pastor Rory for an online discipleship group that will explore the ways that sexuality and relationships impacted the people of the Old Testament, and how God is present in our own sexuality and relationships today. We will meet on Wednesdays at 7pm beginning January 13th via Google Meet. Register at ctkb.org to receive the meeting link.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bloomington Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Scavenger Hunt</p> <p>Families, Individuals, and small groups are invited to participate in a hybrid live/virtual scavenger hunt around the city of Bloomington to learn about the history of civil rights here, and to learn how they can continue Dr. King's legacy by engaging in social justice and peacemaking work. Groups will use a mobile app to engage in the scavenger hunt, and will be sent to locations, where they will find clues, solve puzzles, and learn together. There will be a treat for everyone who finishes, and a drawing for prizes. CLICK HERE to register before January 18th!</p>				
	<p style="text-align: center;">Annual Meeting</p> <p>The Christ the King Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 31st at 11am. The Council passed a continuing resolution at the December meeting to allow for meeting through remote communication. We will meet via Zoom and phone conference. We will hold our CTK Budget Meeting the week prior on Sunday, January 24th at 11am, again via Zoom and phone conference. Zoom Meeting Link https://zoom.us/j/93941598230?pwd=cjh3RVlxSkp4NDgxMTN3T3FYbGpBdz09 Dial in +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 939 4159 8230 Passcode: 314261</p>				

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.

Digital Schedule!

Sundays

9:30am – Sunday online Worship Posted on YouTube, Facebook, and www.ctkb.org/services/

11am - Digital Coffee Hour on Zoom

<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/writings/

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=aUdj2JuRkt5cjhGTTZtMnpFci82dz09>