

Christ the King Lutheran Church
4th Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2022

(* = please stand as you are able)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - Advent 4: Peace within Ourselves Jane Bishop, Doug Solberg, Eli & Leila

ADVENT HYMN *Light One (Four) Candle(s) to Watch* ELW 240, stanza 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR ADVENT

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

O God, you search us out and know us, and all that we are is open to you. We confess that we have sinned: When we scoff at those who await your return, and live as though you were never here; When we long for your coming to change the world, and yet are unwilling to change even our own hearts; When we do not make straight paths for justice, nor offer a welcome when you come as a stranger; When we dismiss prophets and angels and refuse to nourish your seed within us; When we reduce our preparation for your coming to reckless expense and trivialities; We turn to you, O God of infinite justice; We renounce evil; We claim your love; We choose to be made whole. In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

People of God,

This is the good news: you will be swept away in the waters of mercy. Your salvation will carry you home to God's heart. Peace, serenity, patience, healing, hope, forgiveness, love – these gifts, and more, are yours in this Advent Season of watching and waiting. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

GATHERING MUSIC *Signs & Wonders* arr. David Cherwien

*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The peace of God, the love of Christ, and the joy of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** Let us pray: **Open our hearts, coming Christ child, to the spark of your presence alive and moving in this world. Open our eyes, that we might behold your presence in the least likely of places, and among the least likely of people. God with us, kindle your divine spark within us, that together we may your gifts with the world. We pray in your name, Jesus, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*SHARING PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us greet one another in peace.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 1:18-25

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HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

ELW 254

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

"The Gifts of the Journey"

CREED: AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ADVENT

We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all.

We believe in Jesus the Christ—God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn—who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair. Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives, and is leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.

We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, and will be consummated in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven, when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness, and gathered into the joyous fulfillment of God's desire. For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray: Come, Lord Jesus, Come! Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW 257, stanzas 1 & 2

Give by mobile: Text "GIVE" to 320-313-1815, by mail or on our website – www.ctkb.org/generosity/ If you have brought your offering with you – you may place it in the offering box in the narthex – thank you!

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION *If you do not feel comfortable coming forward for communion, there are portable communion cups in the narthex. We commune at two stations in front of the pulpit and lectern. Come down the side aisles, receive the bread; proceed to the wine or grape juice. The bread used today was prepared in a gluten-, peanut, and tree nut-free facility. Return to your seats by the center aisle. All are welcome.*

MUSIC *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* J.S. Bach
SENDING HYMN *Hark, the Glad Sound* ELW 239

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*BLESSING

*DISMISSAL Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Hark the Glad Sound!* arr. John Leavitt

Worship Leaders

Presiding	Pastor Rory Philstrom, Pastor Per Halaas
Lector/Prayers	Eli Jones, Jane Bishop, Leila Gutierrez
Director of Music/Organist	Bjorn Gustafson
Assistant Choir Director	Darin Tysdal
Special Music	Trinity Choir
Children's Program	
Children's Ministry Director,	Kristina Elder with W.O.W. kids & confirmation students
Special thanks to Director,	Sean Johnson, Assistant Director, Sarah Marotz,
Helpers:	Jean Butala, Lynn Lenort, Melissa Hill and Diane Walker

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Children's offering will go towards the ELCA Good Gifts - honey bees! The children picked out where they wanted the offering to go from the tree in the commons.

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **Continuing Prayers: Lois Torvik, Jim and Arlene Knutson, Jaden Hanson** (relative of Lorie Aljoe), **Pat Andersen, Jacquie & Bob Craig** (Jodi Greiner's sister), **Jason Bohrn** (Mike Haddox's nephew), **Sean Austin** (brother-in-law of Carolyn Tillotson), **Molly Huyber** (Bev Dorsey's daughter), **Kim Boike** (Jackie Irey's brother), **Brian Radman** (Rick Turnquist's brother-in-law), **Clayton Gardner, Calvin Vraa, Gail Kraemer** (friend of Jean & Jim Stoll), **Philip Faggiano, Diane Backus** (niece of Carol Thornton), **Ed Beckler, Marilyn Linquist** and **Shirley Roloff**
- **New Prayers: Vickie Extrand**
- **Jim & Arlene Knutson** and all who are homebound
- **Rev. Philip and Lou-Marie Knutson, South Africa; Our sister in China and Peace Center for the Blind in Jerusalem and the Ukrainian Refugees**
- **Pastor Jeff and Miriam Neller-moe**, Director of China Service Ventures

This Week at Christ the King
 Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal
 Monday-Friday from 5-6pm – all are welcome!

MONDAY – December 19
 8:30a Church Chore Crew

TUESDAY – December 20
 10:00a Staff Meeting – Office
 6:00p Chapel Ringers
 6:30p Yoga – Commons
 7:00p Council - Lounge

WEDNESDAY – December 21
6:00p Worship – Longest Night Worship
 7:00p Trinity Choir

THURSDAY – December 22

FRIDAY – December 23 – Office Closed

Next Weekend at Christ the King

SATURDAY – December 24

Christmas Eve

4:30p Worship with Holy Communion

SUNDAY – December 25 Christmas Day

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge

11:30a Light of Faith & Hope – West Chapel



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.

No Adult Forum on 12/25 or 1/1.
No Bible study on 12/21 & 12/28
Office & Building Closed on Monday, 12/26
No Wednesday Night Worship or evening activities on 12/28

There are 2 Christmas trees in the commons – one for scarves, mittens, & hats (they will be given to our local schools) and one for ELCA Good Gifts, which has ornaments & catalogs are available.

The Longest Night Worship
Wednesday — Dec. 21 @6pm

This worship service recognizes that the experience of Christmas, for a variety of reasons, is not always joyful. You may be grieving the loss of a loved one, living with a painful memory, just not “into” the season, or simply interested in a more reflective, subtle communion service.



A Piece of the Pie

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who has submitted their 2023 Statement of very important to submit no matter what amount you are planning to give. If you have not yet completed your Statement of Intent, you can still do so online at ctkb.org/give or by contacting Jane Bishop in the church office.

Christmas Eve at CTK - Worship at 4:30pm - Prelude begins at 4pm!

Christmas Day - Worship at 9:30am

All are welcome as we share in community the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ!

Lessons and Carols Worship on New Year’s Day – 9:30am

If you would like to participate as a reader on Sunday, January 1st, please call the office or send Jane V. an email at jvevea@ctkb.org. Thank you!