

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Christmas Day 12/25/22 – 9:30am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

arr. Evelyn Larter

CHRISTMAS LITANY

Lord Jesus, we thank you that when the world was very dark

You came to bring light into our darkness.

You came in the night to bring light into the lives of Mary and Joseph.

You came to Bethlehem – then, as now, a very troubled town –

bringing light to all who came to trust you.

You come to us now, into our lives and into our world, still bringing light to your people.

We ask you now once again to accept this worship that we bring as we come again to the manager.

Help us to see there the light that will shine for us, not just at Christmas but every day of the year.

GATHERING HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW 289

GATHERING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

(OT pg. 699)

MUSIC

He Is Born

arr. Evelyn Larter

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Christmas Alleluia

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A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia!

Christ comes in Glo - ry A - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the acclamation, with lyrics 'A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'Christ comes in Glo - ry A - le - lu - ia!'. A small number '5' is written below the first staff.

GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-14

(NT pg. 86)

SERMON

**1 From the dawning of creation God was present in the Word.
And the Word was God eternal, willing all that came to be.
Jesus is that Word eternal. Jesus is the Word of life.**

**2 Light appeared in deepest darkness, night was ended; morning dawned.
And that light is ever burning, brightness never overcome.
Jesus is that Light eternal. Jesus is the Word of life.**

**3 Human eyes have seen God's glory; Human hands have touched God's own.
In our likeness, here among us, dwells the Word, incarnate God.
Jesus is the Word incarnate. Jesus is the Word of life!**

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CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION

We believe in God, the creator and giver of life, who brought all creation to birth, who mothers us and fathers us, protecting, nurturing, and cherishing us.

We believe in Jesus Christ: God born among us as a fragile baby, embodying both love and the need for love, and calling us to rest in God as trustingly as a tiny child.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, breathed into us at our birth, always drawing us on to be born again, encouraging, exhorting, comforting, nourishing our growth and inspiring our living.

We believe in the reconciliation of the world to God, through Christ. Hunted at birth and humiliated at death, Christ entered our fearful darkness so that we might enter his glorious light and share the life of his resurrection.

And we believe that each new child is a glimpse of the face of God, a sign of the life to come, and a call to live in peace and celebrate living together. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* arr. Evelyn Larter

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If you have brought your offering with you – you may place it in the offering box in the narthex – thank you!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORDS'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

Away in a Manger

ELW 277

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

ELW 288

DISMISSAL Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news. **Thanks be to God.**



Worship Leaders

Preaching
 Presiding
 Lector/Prayers
 Organist & Director of Music
 Special Music

Pastor Per Halaas
 Pastor Rory Philstrom
 Kay Marotz
 Bjorn Gustafson
 Anne Cheney, flute

All worship and music leaders have been fully vaccinated.

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God's Peace and Blessings to All from the People and Staff of Christ the King Lutheran Church

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, Isaac Hill** (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), **Ron Rydell** and **Cal Vraa**
- **Lois Torvik** 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 Lin Qiu**, Bethel Bible Series Director for China

<p>This Week at Christ the King MONDAY – December 26 Office & Building Closed</p> <p>TUESDAY – December 27 10:00a Staff Meeting – Office</p> <p>WEDNESDAY – December 28 THURSDAY – December 29 FRIDAY – December 30</p> <p>Next Sunday at Christ the King SUNDAY – January 1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> 1st Sunday after Christmas 9:30a Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge</p>	<p>There will be NO yoga on 12/27 No Bible study or Worship on 12/28 The building & office are closed on 1/2. Thank you!</p> <p>Annual Report Please have any ministry team reports/articles turned into Jane V. in the office or by email jvevea@ctkb.org - no later than January 15th! Thank you! We will meet in the Social hall with a virtual attendance option via Google meet. Watch the bulletins and e-news for the online meeting link. Sunday, 1/22 - Budget Meeting Sunday, 1/29 - Annual Meeting</p> <p>Lessons and Carols Worship - New Year's Day 9:30am If you would like to participate as a reader on Sunday, January 1st, please call the office 952-881-8600 or send Jane V. an email at jvevea@ctkb.org. Thank you!</p>
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A message from Jane Bishop, Financial & Property Administrator

It's not too late to help us achieve the goals of our 2023 stewardship campaign, ***A Piece of the Pie.*** Turning in your Statement of Intent (pledge card) now helps us plan for the upcoming year. If you haven't had the opportunity to turn yours in, feel free to give me a buzz in the office or shoot me an email and I can take care of that for you. Additionally, I can answer any questions you might have about your 2023 giving. If you find it within your means during this Christmas season, please consider making a year-end gift above and beyond what you had planned. It does make a difference. Another important point, the IRS requires that any charitable contributions for the year be received in the office **by December 31st or postmarked 12/31/22** in order to be recorded for this giving year. Please let me know if I can help in anyway. As always, thank you, thank you, thank you for the many ways you support and participate in shaping our life together. Peace! Jane B.

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.