

Christ the King Lutheran Church

New Year's Day Lessons & Carols 1/1/23 – 9:30am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Bright & Glorious Is the Sky

arr. Edwin T. Childs

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

GATHERING HYMN

Angels From the Realms of Glory

ELW 275

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Gracious God of heaven and earth, you have thrown a lifeline to us in the darkness – a beam of light that shines through Jesus. Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation. Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life. Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world and in our hearts. We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

LESSONS AND CAROLS

First reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

Carol: *Love Has Come* ELW 292, stanzas 1- 3

PRAYER

All: God of the dark womb, God of the light-filled birth, in this time of song and prayer and silence, reawaken in us the awe of Christmas. As we hear again the story of a young family and of surprising visitors, remind us that we are called to respond to you in unexpected ways. And when we leave this place, make us willing to praise you with the love of our hearts, the steadiness of our trust, and the brightness of our deeds for the birth we still celebrate. Amen.

Second reading: Luke 2:1-7

Carol: *I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve* ELW 271, stanzas 1 - 5

PRAYER

Third reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Carol: *The First Noel* ELW 300, stanzas 3 - 5

Fourth reading: Matthew 2:12-15

PRAYER FOR IMMIGRANTS

Leader: Our God, you have given us in your word the stories of persons who needed to leave their homelands—Abraham, Sarah, Ruth, Moses.

All: Help us to remember that when we speak of immigrants and refugees, we speak of Christ.

Leader: In the One who had no place to lay his head, and in the least of his brothers and sisters, you come to us again, a stranger seeking refuge.

All: We confess that we often turn away.

Leader: You have chosen that the life of Jesus be filled with events of unplanned travel and flight from enemies. You have shown us through the modeling of Jesus how we are called to relate to persons from different nations and cultures. You have called us to be teachers of your word.

All: We ask you, our God, to open our minds and hearts to the challenge and invitation to model your perfect example of love. Amen.

Carol: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* ELW 276

PRAYER

Leader: In the velvet darkness of the blackest night, burning bright, there's a guiding star, no matter what or who you are, there's a light, there's a light, there's a light, light in the darkness of everybody's life.

All: God of fire and light who dwells in thick darkness, the light and the dark are alike to thee, open the eyes of our hearts that we might see. Amen.

Fifth reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Carol: *The Bells of Christmas* ELW 298, stanzas 1- 4

Sixth reading: Matthew 2:16-23

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY INNOCENTS

All: God, let your voice be heard in Ramah and in all the places of sadness. Speak as a mother who sees the pain of her children and sees beyond it. Hear our grieving and dry our tears. Buttress our hope for our future, and that you have prepared a place for our children and will keep them in perfect peace until the old things have disappeared and there is a new heaven and there is a new earth. Amen.

Carol: *Coventry Carol*

(Refrain:)

Lullee, lullay, thou little tiny child, by by, lullee, lullay.

(High voices:)

**1 O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day
this poor youngling, for whom we do sing by by, lullee, lullay?**

(All Voices: Refrain)

Lullee, lullay, thou little tiny child, by by, lullee, lullay.

(Low Voices)

**2 Herod the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day
his men of might, in his own sight, all young children to slay.**

(All Voices: Refrain)

Lullee, lullay, thou little tiny child, by by, lullee, lullay.

(All Voices)

**3 That woe is me, poor child for thee! and ever mourn and say,
for thy parting nor say nor sing by by, lullee, lullay! [Refrain]**

Seventh reading: John 1:1-14

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth. **Your Word, Jesus, is truth.**

In his light, draw all to the manger **to gather in wonder with the shepherds.**

In his light, draw all to the manger **to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.**

In his light, draw all to the manger **to sing for joy with the angels.**

In the brightness of his life **cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.**

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way. **In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.**

Carol: Of the Father's Love Begotten ELW 295, stanzas 1-4

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.

THE PEACE

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

THE OFFERING

In the Bleak Midwinter

ELW 294

Give by mobile: Text "GIVE" to 320-313-1815, by mail or on our website – www.cktb.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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORDS'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ELW 272

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World

ELW 267

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

POSTLUDE

Vom Himmel hoch

F.W. Zachau

Worship Leaders

Presiding

Pastor Rory Philstrom, Pastor Per Halaas

Lectors

Linda & Loren Thompson, Verla Olson, Chris Gabel

Organist & Director of Music

Bjorn Gustafson

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Volunteers for January

If you would like to read, serve/prep communion or serve coffee:

Readers & Communion servers needed 1/8, 1/15, 1/22 & 1/29

Communion prep & coffee servers needed on 1/8 and 1/22.

Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@cktb.org.

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, Gail Kraemer (friend of Jean & Jim Stoll), Philip Faggiano, Diane Backus (niece of Carol Thornton), Ed Beckler, Marilyn Linquist, Shirley Roloff, Vickie Extrand, Isaac Hill (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), and Calvin Vraa
- **New Prayers:** Ryan Jones (Jane B's nephew)
- **Mabel Bohn** 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**
- **The Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Johnson**, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Meiganga, Cameroon

<p>This Week at Christ the King Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal Monday-Friday from 5-6pm – all are welcome!</p> <p>MONDAY – January 2 Office and Building Closed</p> <p>TUESDAY – January 3 10:00a Staff Meeting – Office 6:30p Yoga – Commons 7:00p AWB Rehearsal</p> <p>WEDNESDAY – January 4 8:30a Bible Study – Narthex 6:00p Epiphany Worship 7:00p Trinity Choir</p> <p>THURSDAY – January 5</p>	<p>Next Sunday at Christ the King SUNDAY – January 8 <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i> 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge 10:45a Open Forum – Social Hall 10:45a Foundation Meeting – Room 110 11:30a Light of Faith & Hope – West Chapel</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 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.</p> <p>Sunday, 1/22 - Budget Meeting Sunday, 1/29 - Annual Meeting</p>
<p><u>Wednesday Night Epiphany Family Worship</u> Our midweek ministry starts up again on Wednesday, January 4th with a special Epiphany worship service at 6pm. Everyone is invited as we kick off the new year and continue to celebrate and worship the light of the world that is Jesus Christ.</p>	<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;"><u>Open Forum in January</u></p> <p>Jan 8th - Preparing your Advance Directives Jan 15th – Community of CTK - A time to be together for coffee & fellowship Jan 22nd – Budget Meeting Jan 29th – CTK Annual Meeting</p>	