

Christ the King Lutheran Church

First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2023

(* = please stand as you are able)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Spirit of God, Unseen as the Wind

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN*

Kyrie

(front of ELW page 147)

*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** Let us pray: **Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

(Children are Invited forward for Children's Message)

**1. I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back, no turning back.**

**2. Will you go with me? And we can follow! Will you go with me? And we can follow!
Will you go with me? And we can follow! no turning back, no turning back.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Noth- ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.





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*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:1-2

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REFLECTION

Psalms 32

Refrain: **God is kind and gracious. God heals the broken spirit.**

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REFLECTION – Matthew 4:3-11

When We Are Tested

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*LENTEN CREED

Let us confess our faith together in a new way, using the words of this Lenten creed:

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen

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

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

OFFERING

Psalms 40 "*I Waited Patiently For the Lord*"

Judy Hunnicutt

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*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*LORDS’S PRAYER

COMMUNION

Lamb of God

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HYMN

When Peace Like a River

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*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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*DISMISSAL Go in peace. Discover among the stones the promise that is growing for you and for all.

Thanks be to God!

Worship Leaders

Preaching & Presiding
 Children’s Message
 Lector/Prayers
 Director of Music/Organist
 Special Music

Pastor Rory Philstrom, Pastor Per Halaas
 Kristina Elder
 Matilda Sears
 Bjorn Gustafson
 Chapel Ringers

All worship and music leaders have been fully vaccinated.

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In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **Continuing Prayers: Lois Torvik, Jim and Arlene Knutson, Jaden Hanson** (relative of Lorie Aljoe), **Pat Andersen, Jacquie 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), **Brian Radman** (Rick Turnquist’s brother-in-law), **Diane Backus** (niece of Carol Thornton), **Marilyn Linqvist, Isaac Hill** (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), **Calvin Vraa, Ryan Jones** (Jane B’s nephew), **Kim Moen** (Lynn Lenort’s sister) **Danielle Powel** (Chalisa Everson’s mom), **Ed Beckler, Stephanie Hatfield** (cousin of Carolyn Tillotson), **Ronnie Humble** (Nettie Beckler’s son), **Don Ganje** (Jan Gasterland’s cousin), **Lorie Aljoe, Sandy Loehnis, and Kay Talbot**
- **Pat Halverson** 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**
- **Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, Companion Church of the Mpls Area Synod of the ELCA**

<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 – February 27 8:30a Church Chore Crew 9:00a Quilters – Social Hall</p> <p>TUESDAY – February 28 10:00a Staff Meeting – Office 6:00p Chapel Ringers 6:30p Yoga – Commons 7:00p AWB Rehearsal 7:30p Emotions Anonymous - #110</p> <p>WEDNESDAY – March 1 Noon Bible Study & Soup – Lounge 6:00p Worship 6:00p W.O.W. – Room 36 6:45p Confirmation – Room 10/11 7:00p Trinity Choir</p>	<p>Next Sunday at Christ the King SUNDAY – March 5 8:30a KCC – West Chapel 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation 10:45a Open Forum – Social Hall</p> <p>Bible Reading for next week: Genesis 12:1-4a John 3:1-17</p> <p>Easter Altar Flowers Order sheets for Easter flowers can be found on the Library desk or in the office during Lent. Flowers can be ordered in honor of, or in memory of loved ones for display in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. <u>Orders are due by March 20th!</u></p> <p>Bible Study and Soup! Our Wednesday Bible study is at 12noon for the season of Lent. We will meet in the Lounge with a soup lunch and study of the Scriptures for the coming week. <u>We are looking for volunteers to make soup. The sign-up sheet is on the coffee counter in the commons.</u></p>
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2/26 Adult Forum: The What, Why and How of Song in Worship, led by Bjorn Gustafson

Our music director will lead us through some of the questions of why we sing in worship, what it is we are actually singing, how hymnals are put together, the varieties of song included in the hymnal, along with practical questions, like "How can I receive and give more through worship?," "What about those of us without strong or beautiful singing voices,?" and "What will the church be singing in coming generations?" Come, learn, listen, sing and grow!

Spring Plant Sale

Our Children's Ministry Spring Plant Sale profits will support our summer programs. Gertens has moved all fundraising groups to an online selling format to prevent tally mistakes and over-selling what is grown. **You can start ordering NOW!** Please order early to avoid having your favorites sold out! **Online orders close at 10PM Thursday, April 6 with plants available for pick up at CTK on Monday, May 15th 4-6pm.** To order, go to www.gertensfundraising.com and enter our store ID code 490.

VEAP Is in NEED

Next time you go grocery shopping – if you can, please think about donating to VEAP. Everything is needed – but especially: hearty soups, rice, cereal, canned fruit & veggies, flour, sugar, baking items, cat & dog food, personal hygiene, laundry/dish soap, bar soap, diapers (all sizes), toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, lotion, feminine products, paper towels, toilet paper, dog/cat food, etc.. OR you can donate \$ directly to VEAP. Your donation will go far to feeding those in our community! Thank you!

Loaves & Fishes - Wednesday, March 8th

CTK needs volunteers to help prepare and hand-out the meal at CTK. If you are available to help: **2 are needed for preparing from 2:30-4:30pm and 4 are needed to serve** (hand out) from 4:30-6:30pm. Please contact the office if you are interested or email Jane V. at jvevea@ctkb.org.

ARRAY of Art

Featured Artist from Brushworks School of Art - Studying with Professional Artist Patricia Schwartz Are proud to exhibit at Christ the King Lutheran Church, **February 19th through March 15th** Exhibit will include a verity of Subjects in an array of Mediums. CTK's own Florence Smallfield takes lessons at this school, as well as Diane Lerseth (our former interim pastor's wife). This exhibit is sponsored by Bartimaeus.

February Gift of Love - Camp Scholarships

Bible Camp - Where we encounter Christ through God's people and creation. Some of our CTKB youth will attend Sugar Creek Bible Camp. These camps are filled with daily bible study, worship, campfires, horseback riding, swimming, arts & crafts, naturalist time, creek stomping, games, canoeing, and a "Christ hike" night. Information brochures are available. The cost averages \$500-600 per camper, and we have families who need an extra "gift of love" to be able to send their child(ren) to camp. You can donate to GOL with your weekly envelope or online. Thank you!