

Christ the King Lutheran Church

First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025

(* = please stand as you are able)

Advent 1 - *The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

WREATH LIGHTING/CALL TO WORSHIP *liturgy on screen*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel ELW 257 v.1

The first candle of the Advent wreath is lit.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel ELW 257 v.3

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Long-expected God, **we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ☩ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

ELW 556

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PSALM: Psalm 122 (read responsively)

¹ I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

² **Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself; ⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

⁵ **For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.**

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you."

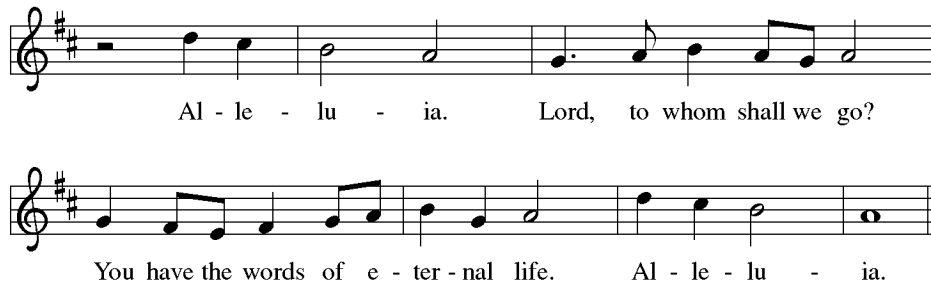
⁷ **Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.**

⁸ **For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹ **Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44

(NT page 26)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Lord, What a Morning

ELW 438

HOLY BAPTISM

Everly Juliette Blazinski-Fix

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: to Know Christ, Show Christ, and Grow in Christ, as we strive to be a vibrant community of Christ, inviting and inspiring all God's people to proclaim the Gospel, make disciples, and work for justice in our homes, our church, our neighborhood, and throughout the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

(front of ELW page 152)

SANCTUS

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION *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. Gluten-free wafers are available. Return to your seats by the center aisle. All are welcome.*

COMMUNION

Lamb of God

(front of ELW page 154)

COMMUNION HYMN

Each Winter as the Year Grows Older

ELW 252 v. 1-4

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children with My Blessing

ELW 543 vs. 1

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Keep awake. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Assisting Minister	Jan Gasterland
Children's Message	Kristina Elder
Lector	Lynda Tysdal
Prayers	Chris Gabel
Organist	Mary Newton

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SUNDAY – November 30

1st Sunday of Advent

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
– Lounge

10:45a Intergenerational Advent Event –
Social Hall

Baptized today **Everly Juliette Blazinski-Fix**, daughter of Candice Blazinski and Jonathan Fix. Sponsors are Nichole Fix, Neil Martin, Kate & Ben VanDyke.

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **Continuing Prayers:** **Jim and Arlene Knutson**, **Jacquie Craig** (Jodi Greiner's sister), **Bonnie Radman** (Rick Turnquist's sister), **Ryan Jones** (Jane B's nephew), **Robert Thornton** (Carol's husband), **Pam Novak** (friend of Chris Gabel), **Lavonne Kennedy** (Clare Erickson's sister), **Jim Wegge** (Bev Wegge's brother), **Carol Hinze** (Caitlyn Johnson's grandma), **Isaac Hill** (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), **Jackie Schmeidlin** (friend of Sean Bernier), **Shirley Gentz**, **Pastor David** and **Diane Lerseth**, **Steve Olson**, **David Newhall** (Liz Olson's brother), **Elizabeth Olson**, **Lynn Hansen** (Tami Roloff's sister), **Ken Johnston** (Jean Stoll's stepfather), **Julie Allen** (friend of Lynne Gasterland), **Michael R. Vogel** (Mike Vogel's son), **Jean Stoll**, **Shirley Roloff**, **Susan Hanson** and **David Niemand** (Holly Hauer's brother)
- **New prayers:** **Donna Woodward** (sister of Dan Pierce), **Geralyn Barone** (friend of John & Kim Gunyou) and **Sue Larson** (friend of Liz Olson)
- **John Swanson** and all who are homebound
- **Our sister in China, Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, El comunidad de fe bilingue/ The bilingual faith community of Tapestry Lutheran Church in Richfield**
- **Loaves and Fishes**

Let's Raise the Bar!

Turning in your 2026 *Statement of Intent* (pledge card) now helps us plan for the year ahead so if you haven't had an opportunity to drop off your card, I invite you to give me a buzz in the office or shoot me an email. Additionally, I can answer any questions you might have about your 2025 giving and as a reminder, the IRS requires that any charitable contributions for the year be received in the office by December 31st or postmarked 12/31/25 in order to be recorded for this giving year. And one more important thing ... thank you, thank you, **THANK YOU** for the many ways you support and participate in shaping our life together. Grace & Peace! Jane Bishop

<p>This Week at Christ the King Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal Monday-Friday from 5-6 MONDAY – December 1 8:30a Church Chore Crew</p> <p>TUESDAY – December 2 10:00a Staff Meeting – Office 6:30p Yoga 6:30p Chapel Ringers</p> <p>WEDNESDAY – December 3 9:00a Bible Study – Lounge 5:40p Children’s Choir 6:00p Worship 6:00p W.O.W. – Room 36 7:00p Trinity Choir</p> <p>THURSDAY – December 4 9:00a Country Jammers – Social Hall 4:00p Book Study - Lounge</p>	<p>Next Weekend at Christ the King SATURDAY – December 6 9:00a-3pm Family Play Space – Social Hall</p> <p>SUNDAY – December 7 – 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge 10:45a BLAST – Room 36 10:45a Confirmation – Youth Room 10:45a Fellowship - Commons Noon SHINE</p>
	<p>Bible Reading for next week: Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12</p>
<p>Family Play Space – Dec. 6 – 9am-3pm Families with young children are invited to play together at this free indoor play space that operates the first Saturday of the month, 9am-3pm, November through March. The play space is ideal for children ages 6 months through about 6 years old, but younger and older children are welcome. All are welcome!</p>	<p>November Gift of Love — Loaves & Fishes Loaves & Fishes mission is to provide nutritious meals to people who are hungry across Minnesota in an atmosphere of hospitality at site locations where the need is greatest and to develop joint ventures/partnerships with like-minded organizations assisting guests with additional basic needs key to becoming self-sufficient. For more information go to https://www.loavesandfishesmn.org/.</p>
<p>Advent/Christmas Season Please consider making a donation “in honor of” or “in memory of” loved ones to beautify our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season. The forms can be found on the narthex table or in the office. <u>Forms are due by December 21st.</u></p>	<p><u>Volunteers for December</u> If you would like to greet, read, assist, serve/prep communion, or serve coffee on any of the following Sundays: Greeters 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/24, 12/28 Readers 12/14, 12/21, 12/24, 12/28 Assisting 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/24, 12/28 Prayers 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/24, 12/28 Communion servers (2) 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/24, 12/28 Communion prep on 12/21, 12/24 & 12/28 Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org.</p>
<p>Loaves & Fishes—Wednesday Night Dinner December 10 If you can help, please contact the office—952-881-8600 or email Jane V. Thank you! Prep @ 2:30p Hand out @ 4:30p</p>	<p>Christmas Cookies for Homebound Members Christ the King members will again deliver Christmas cookies to our homebound members. We need volunteers to bake cookies. A sign-up sheet is at the Library desk. <u>Bring your ready-to-pack cookies to the CTKB kitchen on 12/15 by 9am.</u> Our quilters will pack them that morning. The packed cookies will then be delivered later in the week. If you would like to deliver cookies, please notify the office!</p>