

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Advent, December 7, 2025

(* = please stand as you are able)

Advent 2 - *At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

WREATH LIGHTING/CALL TO WORSHIP *liturgy on screen*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel ELW 257 v.3

The first candle of the Advent wreath is lit.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel ELW 257 v.4

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

Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715 v. 1, 2

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (read responsively)

¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

² **that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ **Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

⁶ Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish;

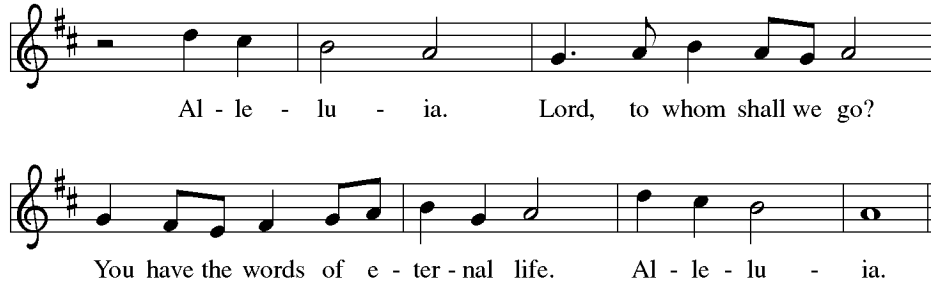
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸ Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!

¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:1-12

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

ELW 249 v. 1, 3, 5

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

OFFERING

Bring a Torch

Jeanette Isabella

Give by mobile: Text "GIVE" to 320-313-1815, by mail, in the offering plate or our website – www.ctkb.org/generosity/ Thank you!

OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

(front of ELW page 152)

SANCTUS

***EUCCHARISTIC 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

All Earth is Hopeful

ELW 266

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW 726 v. 1

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

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Assisting Minister	Naomi Bernier
Children's Message	Kristina Elder
Lector	Holly Hauer
Prayers	Loren Thompson
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Assistant Music Director	Darin Tysdal
Special Music	Acclaim Worship Band, Trinity Choir

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SUNDAY – December 7 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge

10:45a Children's Program Rehearsal

10:45a Confirmation – Youth Room

10:45a Fellowship - Commons

Noon SHINE – Social Hall

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), **Julie Allen** (friend of Lynne Gasterland), **Michael R. Vogel** (Mike Vogel's son), **Jean Stoll**, **Shirley Roloff**, **Susan Hanson**, **David Niemand** (Holly Hauer's brother), **Donna Woodward** (sister of Dan Pierce), **Geralyn Barone** (friend of John & Kim Gunyou) and **Sue Larson** (friend of Liz Olson)
- **New prayers:** **Faye Jasmin** (sister of Joan Perlich), **Chris Wondra** (friend of Sean Johnson), and **Max Rothbauer**
- **Marilyn Linqvist** 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**
- **VEAP**

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</p> <p>MONDAY – December 8 8:30a Church Chore Crew 9:00a Quilting – Social Hall</p> <p>TUESDAY – December 9 6:30p Yoga 6:30p Chapel Ringers 7:30p Emotions Anonymous – #110</p> <p>WEDNESDAY – December 10 9:00a Bible Study – Lounge 2:30p CTK prep for Loaves & Fishes 4:30p CTK handout for L & F 5:30p Children’s Program Rehearsal 6:00p Worship 7:00p Trinity Choir 7:30p Health Cabinet Meeting</p> <p>THURSDAY – December 11 9:00a Country Jammers – Social Hall 4:00p Book Study – Lounge</p> <p>FRIDAY – December 12 7:30p Angelica Encore Winter Concert</p>	<p>Next Weekend at Christ the King SATURDAY – December 13 9:30a Children’s Program Rehearsal/Party</p> <p>SUNDAY – December 14 – 3rd Sunday of Advent Children’s Christmas Program 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge 10:45a Chapel Ringers Concert – Social Hall</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>Bible Reading for next week: Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11</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>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.</p>
<p>Children and Youth Holiday party – Dec. 13th Link to sign up and to volunteer- https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4FAFAF2FA64-60839903-children Lunch will be provided. We will play games. Please bring your snow gear as we are looking forward to playing in the snow.</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 Dates: Greeters 12/14, 12/21, 12/24, 12/28 Readers 12/14, 12/21, 12/24, 12/28 Assisting 12/14, 12/21, 12/24, 12/28 Prayers 12/14, 12/21, 12/24, 12/28 Communion servers (2) 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>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>