

# Christ the King Lutheran Church

## Epiphany of Our Lord, January 4, 2026

( \* = please stand as you are able)

*The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & DIALOGUE

We give thanks on this holy day, adorned with epiphanies:

for the star that led the magi to the manger, **that the nations may see the light of Christ;**

for the water turned to wine at Cana's wedding, **that the people taste the goodness of the Lord;**

for the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Jordan, **that the Christ would save us all.**

This is the day that the Lord has made, **we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.**

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God, **we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.**

God's grace upon grace flows over you. ✠ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad! **Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

*Rise, Shine You People*

ELW 665

### 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: **Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, 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, 10-14 *(read responsively)*

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

<sup>2</sup> **that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup> that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.



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

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

<sup>6</sup> **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup> In his time may the righteous flourish;

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

<sup>10</sup> **May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,  
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

<sup>11</sup> May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

<sup>12</sup> **For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,  
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

<sup>13</sup> He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup> **From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.**

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*He Came Down*

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\*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-12

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#### SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

ELW 302

#### NICENE CREED

With the whole church of God in Christ Jesus, 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

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OFFERING PRAYER

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

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\*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

***Taste and See***

**ELW 493**

COMMUNION HYMN

***Angels from the Realms of Glory***

**ELW 275**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

***Shine, Jesus Shine***

**ELW 671**

DISMISSAL Glory to God in the highest! **And peace to God's people on earth!**

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

### **Worship Leaders**

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Assisting Minister	Loren Thompson
Lector	Lynda Tysdal
Prayers	Chris Gabel
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay

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### **SUNDAY – January 4 – Epiphany of Our Lord**

#### **9:30a Worship with Holy Communion**

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge

10:45a Multi-generational Epiphany Event – Social Hall

Noon SHINE – Off-site

### **In your prayers this week, please remember:**

- **Continuing Prayers:** **Jacque Craig** (Jodi Greiner'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), **Susan Hanson**, **David Niemand** (Holly Hauer's brother), **Donna Woodward** (sister of Dan Pierce), **Geralyn Barone** (friend of John & Kim Gunyou), **Sue Larson** (friend of Liz Olson), **Chris Wondra** (friend of Sean Johnson) and **Jim and Arlene Knutson**
- **Sharon Haugesag** 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**
- **Minneapolis Area Synod**

<p><b>This Week at Christ the King</b>  <b>Loaves &amp; Fishes provide a free drive-up meal Monday-Friday from 5-6</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY – January 5</b>  8:30a Church Chore Crew  9:00a Quilting – Social Hall</p> <p><b>TUESDAY – January 6</b>  10:00a Staff Meeting - Office  6:30p Yoga  6:30p Chapel Ringers</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY – January 7</b>  9:00a Bible Study – Lounge  5:40p Children’s Choir  <b>6:00p Worship</b>  6:00p WOW – Lower level  7:00p Trinity Choir</p> <p><b>THURSDAY – January 8</b>  9am-Noon Country Jammers – Social Hall</p> <p><b>FRIDAY – January 9</b></p>	<p><b>Next Weekend at Christ the King</b>  <b>SUNDAY – January 11 – Baptism of Our Lord</b>  <b>9:30a Worship with Holy Communion</b>  10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge  10:45a Open Forum – Social Hall  10:45a CROWD – Youth Room  10:45a Confirmation  10:45a BLAST – Lower Level  10:45a Book Club – Room 11</p>
<p><b>CTK Loaves &amp; Fishes—Wednesday Night Dinner 1/14 and 1/28</b>  <b>On 1/14 and 1/28 CTK will help prepare &amp; get the meals ready and hand them out. Prepping is 2:30pm-4:30pm and handing out is 4:30 to 6pm. If you would like to help, please contact the office—952-881-8600. Thank you!</b></p>	<p><b>Bible Reading for next week:</b>  Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29  Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17</p>
<p><b>Annual Report</b>  Please have any ministry team reports/articles turned into Jane V. in the office or by email <a href="mailto:jvevea@ctkb.org">jvevea@ctkb.org</a> - <b>no later than Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>!</b>  Thank you!  <b>Sunday, 1/18 - Budget Meeting</b>  <b>Sunday, 1/25 - Annual Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>January Gift of Love—Global Health Ministries</b>  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><b>Open Forum on January 11th</b>  We will be joined by Pastor Kathryn A. Tiede, Associate Vice President of Philanthropy, Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, to guest preach and lead the open forum.</p>	<p><b><u>Volunteers for January</u></b>  If you would like to greet, read, assist, serve/prep communion, or serve coffee on any of the following Sundays: Greeters <b>1/11</b>, 1/18, 1/25  Readers <b>1/11</b>, 1/18, 1/25  Assisting <b>1/11</b>, 1/18, 1/25  Prayers <b>1/11</b>, 1/18, 1/25  Communion servers (2) <b>1/11</b>, 1/18, 1/25  Communion prep on 1/18 Make Coffee 1/18  Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at <a href="mailto:jvevea@ctkb.org">jvevea@ctkb.org</a>.</p> <p><b><u>SHINE event on January 4<sup>th</sup> - Noon</u></b>  Will be hosted by Carol Rydell at Applewood Pointe, Valley West -10650 Beard Ave S. Bloomington, 55431</p>