

# Christ the King Lutheran Church

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, January 25, 2026

( \* = please stand as you are able)

*Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.*

PRELUDE

*Charme de la Nuit, op.36*

by Jose Ferrer

WELCOME AND DIALOGUE (from Psalm 27)

The Lord is our light and our salvation. **Whom then shall we fear?**

The Lord is the stronghold of our life. **Of whom shall be afraid?**

In our day of trouble, God will give us shelter. **We will sing and make music to the Lord.**

Hide not your face from us, O Lord. **Cast us not away, O God of our salvation.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus’ name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

ELW 815 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: **Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

(OT page 651)

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

READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

(NT page 158)

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*He Came Down*

ELW 253

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW 715 vs. 1, 2, 5

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

*Serenade, op.98*

by Joseph Kuffner

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OFFERING PRAYER

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

(front of ELW page 144)

\*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

*Light Shone in Darkness*

ELW 307

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

*We Are Marching in the Light*

ELW 866 marching, dancing

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

## Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Assisting Minister	Peggy Indahl
Lector	Lynda Tysdal
Prayers	Loren Thompson
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Special Music	Jeremy Hiniker, guitar

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## SUNDAY – January 25

### 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

- 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge
- 10:45a Annual Report – Social Hall
- 6:00p BSO – Social Hall
- 6:00p Walk & Talk - MOA

## In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **Continuing Prayers:** **Jacquie 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 Lerseeth**, **Steve Olson**, **David Newhall** (Liz Olson's brother), **Elizabeth Olson**, **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), **Chris Wondra** (friend of Sean Johnson) **Jim and Arlene Knutson**, and **Mari Wasilowski** (friend of Jodi Haddox)
- **New Prayers:** **Cynthia Schmidt** (Rachel Bernier and Sarah Marotz's mom)
- **Carol Juneau** 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**
- **Lutheran Campus Ministry – Twin Cities**

## January Gift of Love—Global Health Ministries

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><b>This Week at Christ the King</b>  <b>Loaves &amp; Fishes provide a free drive-up meal Monday-Friday from 5-6</b>  <b>MONDAY – January 26</b>  8:30a Church Chore Crew  9:00a Quilting – Social Hall</p> <p><b>TUESDAY – January 27</b>  10:00a Staff Meeting - Office  6:30p Yoga  6:30p Chapel Ringers  7:30p Emotions Anonymous-#110</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY – January 28</b>  9:00a Bible Study – Lounge  2:00p Walk &amp; Talk - MOA  2:30p CTK prep for L &amp; F  4:30p CTK to hand out L &amp; F  5:40p Children’s Choir  <b>6:00p Worship</b>  6:00p WOW  7:00p Trinity Choir</p> <p><b>THURSDAY – January 29</b>  9:30a-Noon Country Jammers – Social Hall</p>	<p><b>Next Weekend at Christ the King</b>  <b>SUNDAY – February 1</b>  <b>9:30a Worship with Holy Communion</b>  10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge  10:45a BLAST – Room 36  10:45a Confirmation  Noon SHINE – Social Hall  6:00p BSO – Social Hall  6:00p Walk &amp; Talk - MOA</p>
<p><b>CTK Loaves &amp; Fishes—  Wednesday Night Dinner 1/28</b>  <u>Prepping is 2:30pm-4:30pm and handing out is 4:30 to 6pm.</u> <b>More help is needed to hand out meals. 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>  Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15  1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12</p>
	<p><b><u>Volunteers for February</u></b>  If you would like to greet, read, assist, serve/prep communion, or serve coffee on any of the following Sundays: Greeter <b>2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22</b>  Reader <b>2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22</b>  Assisting <b>2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22</b>  Prayers <b>2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22</b>  Communion servers <b>2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22</b>  Communion prep on <b>2/1 &amp; 2/15</b>  Make Coffee <b>2/1</b>  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>Feed My Starving Children</b>  Hello! I (Naomi Bernier) am hosting a Feed My Starving Children event on <b>February 21 from 9:30-11:30am!</b> If you are interested and would like to learn more/sign up there is a link below where you can do just that! <u>Our CTK foundation has promised to donate \$106 to them for every household that participates.</u>  <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EA9A82DA2FAC16-61426369-feed">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EA9A82DA2FAC16-61426369-feed</a></p>
	<p><b>Walk and Talks at the Mall of America</b>  <b><u>You have 2 opportunities each week to join us. Sundays at 6:00pm and Wednesdays at 2:00 pm</u></b>  Meet at the down escalator to Sea Life on the 1st floor east side. We will be walking all 3 levels. The walk usually lasts about 45 minutes to an hour. It is a gentle pace. You can do as much or as little as you want. Direct any questions to Lynn Lenort.</p>