



Christ the King Lutheran Church

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First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024

9:30am



† Celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service †

To Our Guests,

- *The type in bold is for the congregation to say.*
- *The * Indicates “Stand if you are able”.*
- *Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available.*
- *Visitor sheets are located in the red folders in front of you.*

Introduction

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

Welcome

Prelude

The King Shall Come

Meditation

Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. (Ps. 25:1)

¹ To you, O Lord,
I lift up my soul.

² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

- ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I
trusted all the day long.
- ⁶ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my
transgressions; remember me according to your
steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- ⁸ You are gracious and up right, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.
- ¹⁰ All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
alive in the world, reviving creation,
arriving soon.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of
one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,
we confess that we have sinned.
We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.
We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have turned away from our neighbors.
We have trusted false promises.

**God in our midst,
we confess that we have sinned.
We plead: come to us.
Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through † Christ Jesus,
whose day draws near.

Amen

***Greeting**

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

***God of Hope**

Lief, Tabita, & Freya Farney

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.
You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.
You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us
as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We
trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour,
you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

Amen

God of hope, **you sent your Son, Jesus, to shine bright like
the sun, lighting the way for all who walk in darkness. May
the light of Christ's hope shine bright in us as we approach
his coming, that we may be ready to welcome him on
Christmas day and every day.**

Amen

***Hymn of Praise** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

ELW 257 vs 1 & 2

(Lighting of the first candle)

***Prayer of the Day**

Stir up your power, **Lord Christ, and come.** **By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Dominic Allinger

In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name—“The Lord is our righteousness”—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Second Reading:**1Thessalonians 3:9-13**

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Word of God, Word of Life,

Thanks be to God

***Gospel Acclamation**

***Gospel** The gospel according to Luke 21:25-36

Glory to You, O Lord

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. In that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Good News of the Lord

Peace to you, O Christ

Children's Song *He Came Down*

He came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope;
Hal le lu jah for-ev-er-more.

Repeat

Children's Message Cynthia

Sermon Pastor Karen Matuska

***Hymn of the Day** *My Lord, What a Morning* **ELW 438**

***Apostles Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**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.**

**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.**

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A Brief Silence

God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission, and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world

Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus

Amen

Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you

***Offering Hymn** *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* **ELW 247**

**Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.**

**Come, now, O God of love, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.**

***Offering Prayer**

Creator God,
**you made the whole world, even the farthest stars,
and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for
these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with
this food that we may live in expectation for the
advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

***Preface:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....
And so....we praise your name and join their unending
hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

Gathered by the holy spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together.
Come, take your place at the table.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

Eat This Bread

ELW 472

***Table Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

Generous God,
we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of
salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for
leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us
with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord
Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.
Amen

Announcements

***Blessing**

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
† bless and keep you now and forever.

Amen

***Sending Hymn** *The King Shall Come* **ELW 260 vs 1,4, & 5**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God!



OUR PRAYER LIST

Don H. (brother of Joan M.) for strength and healing as he recovers from heart surgery.

Carol W. (visitor to CTK and spouse of Paul W.) for strength and healing as she deals with health issues.

Bri and family (friends of Barb and Howie's granddaughter) for strength and healing as they go through long term care issues.

Ken C. (brother of Kathy and son of Pat C.) for strength and healing as he fights cancer.

Seth D. (son of Kari D.) for strength and peace as he goes through a difficult time.

Kathy M. (friend of Woody & Nadine) for strength and healing as she deals with health issues.

Grace Lutheran Church our prayer partners.

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SUNDAY COFFEE TIME

December 1 Open December 9 Open

You will find the sign-up sheet on the kitchen door.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

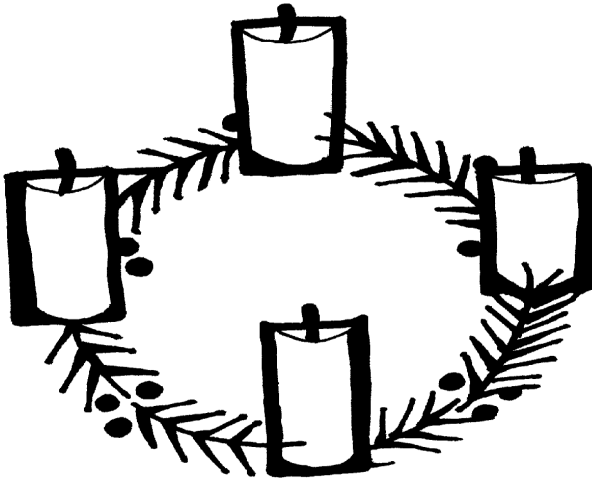
Monday Dec 2 –11am—Food donation drop-off at WSC

Monday Dec 2, 6:30pm—Book Club at Mel Partner's

Wednesday, Dec 4, 12:30 pm -Westside Cares Pantry

Wednesday, Dec 4, 6:30pm—confirmation at CTK

Sunday, Dec 8, 9:30am - Worship - Pastor Ashley Allinger



Christ the King is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Cheyenne and Ute tribal nations. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.



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