



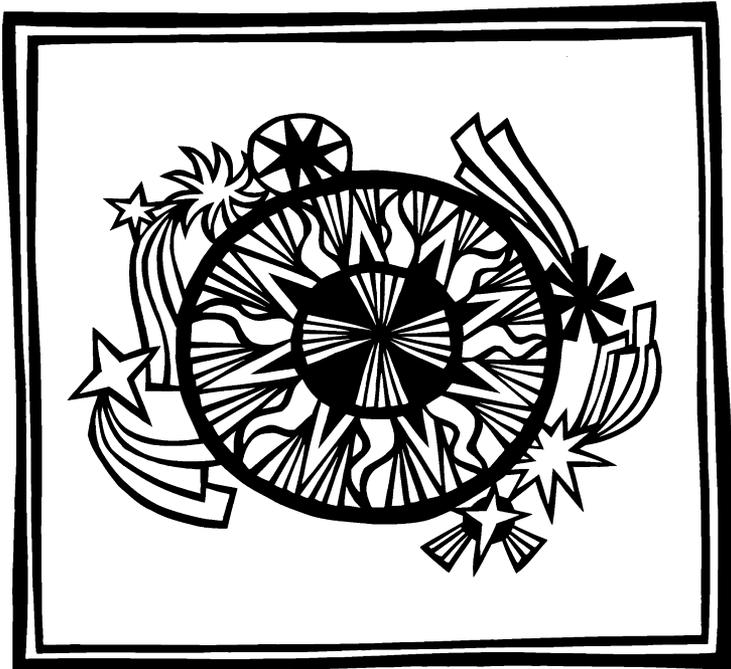
Christ the King Lutheran Church

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1st Sunday of Christmas

January 1, 2023

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".*
- *Visitor sheets are located in the red folders in front of you.*

Introduction

From the beginning, through baptism, we are called Christian. We are "Christ-ened" at the font. Bearing Christ's name, we share the same Father and are invited to address this parent intimately: Abba! Jesus bears our sins in humble obedience to the will of God. Today we pray that the mind of Christ, whose name we bear, would be our own. It is a good way to begin, again, another year.

Prelude

Welcome

***Gathering song** *Joy to the World* **ELW 267**

***Dialogue**

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

By day and night he shines for all to see.

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus is the light of the world.

Jesus is the light of our lives.

Sing to God a new song!

A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

***Opening prayer**

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious God of heaven and earth,
**you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—
a beam of light that shines through Jesus.**
Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation.
Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life.
**Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world
and in our hearts. Amen.**

†Lessons and Carols for Christmas†

First Reading Genesis 1: 1-5, 14-18

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

Carol: *Bright and Glorious is the Sky* **ELW 301 vs 1&6**

Second Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the
LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.
If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers.

Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem* **ELW 279 vs 1&2**

Third Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a

virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Carol

Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming

ELW 272

Fourth Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Carol

Once in Royal David's City

ELW 269 vs 1&2

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8-20

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them,

"Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Carol *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* **ELW 275, vs 1&2**

Sixth Reading: Matthew 2:1-11

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from

them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Carol

What Child is This

ELW 296 vs 1& 3

Seventh Reading: John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

***Responsive Prayer**

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to sing for joy with the angels.

In the brightness of his life

**cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty,
and hunger in the world.**

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.

Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

***Blessing**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below!

You are the shepherds telling the story.

We tell it in the streets and across the land.

You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

**We worship with gifts of song and service,
talents and treasures.**

You are the angels announcing peace.

We live with joy and go now in peace.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***Sending Song** *Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

ELW 288 vs 1&3

*** Dismissal**

Christ the Savior is born!

Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

We go, celebrating God's grace in acts of love and service.

Thanks be to God!



OUR PRAYER LIST:



Joe D. for a kidney to become available (that is a match) & continued successful dialysis.

Don A. for strength and health recovery from surgeries

Mary B. (friend of Kathy B) strength and healing as she continues with her chemo treatments

Joan O. (Lori's Mom) for strength and comfort while dealing with her health issues.

Carol F. (Sister-in-law of Nancy E) for strength and healing as she needs a heart surgery.

Darrel (friend of Mike P) for strength and healing with health issues.

Liz S (friend of Stacy B) for strength and healing as she recovers from a heart attack

CeCe N. (Family of Stecker's) for strength and comfort as they celebrate her life

The family of Marie R. (friend of Pat Chaffin) for comfort and peace as they mourn her death.

The family of Dave K. (Uncle of Nancy E) for comfort and peace as they grieve his death.

ONGOING PRAYERS:

For First Responders, especially the Healthcare workers & those serving in the Armed Forces & for their families & loved ones

For the health & ministries of this community of faith and

For our prayer partner, Grace Lutheran Church.

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SUNDAY COFFEE TIME:

January 1 OPEN

January 8– OPEN

You will find the Sign-up sheet on the Kitchen door.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, Jan 3, 7pm HALO by zoom

Wednesday, Jan 4, 12:30pm- WSC Pantry

Wednesday, Jan 4, 6:30pm confirmation at CTK

Sunday, Jan 8, 9:30am Worship

The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's. We will be back at work on Tuesday, January 3. Call Pastor Paula if you have a pastoral care emergency at 717-542-1270

Taking Down the Greens: We would appreciate help after the service on Jan. 8 to take down the decorations in the sanctuary and put them away.

Book Club Now reading "Lost Lake" by Sarah Addison Allen. Please sign out a copy of the book from the bag in the narthex. We will be discussing it on **Jan 9, 2023 at 6:30pm** Marilyn's home.

Congregational Health and Wellness Survey Update: You should have received an email with a link to a congregational survey on CTK's ministry areas. Please complete the survey by January 3rd as the church council will be using the responses to help drive our ministry goals for 2023. If you did not receive the email, please contact the office. We value your input - thank you!

WARMTH FOR COOL MORNINGS... Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate is back! Prices are \$8.00 for packages/cans and \$1.25 for Pillow Packs. Large chocolate bars are \$2.50 and the individual pieces are 25 cents or 5/\$1.00. Just place your money in the can on the top shelf of the display in the Narthex. Thank you for helping small farmers all over the world! Thanks, Kathy B 719-360-3402

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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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