



# Christ the King Lutheran Church

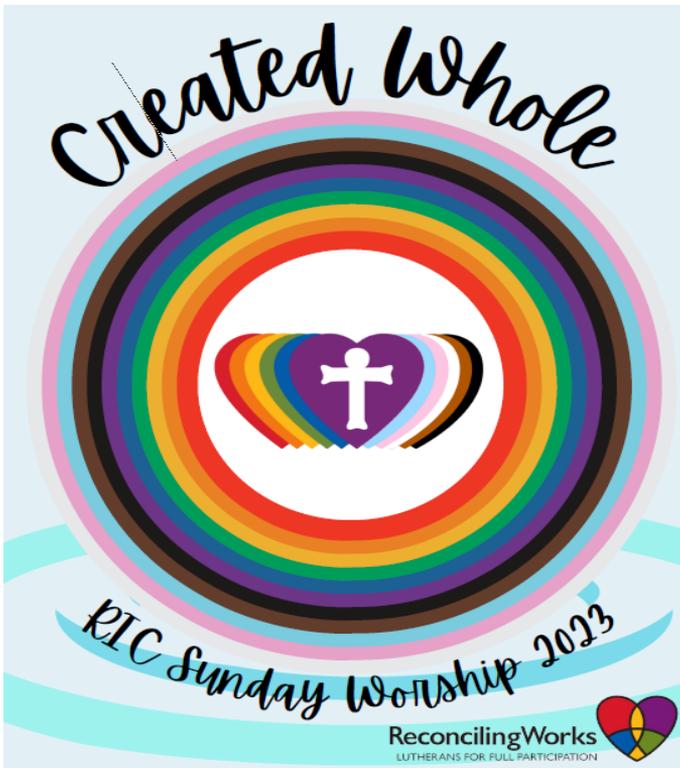
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9:30am



† 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

We mark Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Sunday by inclusive language in our readings and liturgical pieces, and using the texts appointed by RIC. "Created Whole" is the theme, inviting us to embrace how God loves us in our entirety, even as we see flaws in ourselves or one another. We are created for a purpose and Christ makes that purpose complete- that the may be life in abundance, a life shaped by awe of the creator.

## Welcome

## Prelude

## Meditation

Psalm 139: 1-10, 13-15,23

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have searched me out;

O Lord, you have known me.

<sup>2</sup>You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

<sup>7</sup>Where can I go then from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup>If I climb up to heaven, you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
<sup>10</sup>even there your hand will lead me  
and your right hand hold me fast.

<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>I will thank you  
because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

<sup>15</sup>My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of  
the earth.

<sup>23</sup>Search me out, O God, and know my heart;  
try me and know my restless thoughts.

### **\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

You call us through the waters of baptism to be our authentic selves. You called us holy and set us on a path to manifest your revolution on Earth. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, fountain of living water, who is the source of breath and nourishment. **Amen.**

We praise you for the waters of life: for the streams and oceans, lakes and estuaries, and for the rain and snow that gives life to every living thing. From the waters above and the waters below, you made sacred our bond with water. Through the waters of the flood and the parting of the seas, you showed your promises to be true. In the waters of baptism you claimed us and called each of us by our true name. Through baptism into the body of Christ, you transformed our lives and made us whole. Send now your Spirit to move in our midst and soak us with your gifts of mercy, love, and grace. **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.**

\*Hymn of Praise: *We Are All Welcome* ELW 641 vs 1,4 & 5

## \*Prayer of the Day (AM)

Loving Creator, **you knit us together and created our innermost beings. You created us loved, worthy, and unique. You created us LGBTQIA+, BIPOC, neurodiverse and physically diverse. Help us to find our wholeness in you and live into our divinely inspired purpose. Guide us to unfold your story of love. Amen**

## First Reading (AM)

*Exodus 2: 1-10*

<sup>1</sup>Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup>The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. <sup>3</sup>When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup>His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. <sup>5</sup>The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup>When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. <sup>7</sup>Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup>When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's

daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

**\*Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**\*Gospel:** The gospel according to John 14

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 14: 23-29**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would re-

joyce that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.”

This is the Good News!  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Song**    *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*

**ELW 752**

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord send your Spirit in this  
place Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love,  
send us pow’r, send us grace..

**Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**    *The Peace of the Lord/LaPaz del Senior*

**ELW 646**

**Prayers of Intercession**    *(AM)*

Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*Brief Silence*

Merciful God, **send wholeness to your people**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy wisdom. **Amen.**

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Offering Message**

### **\*Offering Prayer (AM)**

God of all creation, **you have given us life, love, compassion and hope. We offer the gifts of our very beings to your holy calling. Strengthen us through these gifts to be the arms of mercy and justice for the world.**

**Amen.**

### **\*Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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...**

### **\*Words of Institution**

### **\*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.**

## Invitation to Communion

Come and taste the joy of God!



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Song

*Take O take me as I am*

ELW 814

## Prayer after Communion

We give thanks to you, **God of mercy and love. We thank you for the nourishment that sustains our living spirits. We ask that you guide us and bless us on our journey to strive for peace, justice, and wholeness for all. In the sacred name of the redeemer, we pray.**

**Amen.**

## Announcements

### \*Blessing

May the God of creation bless you and claim you  
May the Savior give you peace and wholeness  
And may Spirit guide you and lead you to mercy † and justice.  
**Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**

*Go My Children*

**ELW 543 vs 1 & 2**

**\*Dismissal (AM)**

Go in peace with Christ beside you

**We go, celebrating God's grace through 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 after surgery.

**Heather H** (granddaughter to Donna M) for strength and healing with her health issues.

**Liz S** (friend of Stacy B) for strength and healing as she recovers from health issues.

**Chuck H** (friend of Mike P) strength and comfort while dealing with health issues

**Steve P** (friend of Mike P) strength and comfort while dealing with health issues.

**The family of Flora W** (friend of Donna M) for comfort and peace as they grieve her death.

**The family of Carol F.** (Sister-in-law of Nancy E) for comfort and peace as they grieve her death.

*For the health & ministries of this community of faith and  
For our prayer partner, Grace Lutheran Church.*

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## SUNDAY COFFEE TIME

**February 5 Early Fellowship 8:30**

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

## **\*UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS\***

**Monday, Jan 30, 9am-11am- Food donation drop-off at WSC**  
**Monday, Jan 30, 7pm –Zoom Bible Study—True Inclusion**  
**Wednesday, Feb 1, 12:30pm—Westside Cares Pantry**  
**Wednesday, Feb 1, 6:30pm -Confirmation CTK**  
**Wednesday, Feb 1, 7pm—Bible Study Chronicles**  
**Sunday, Feb 5, 8:30am—Early Fellowship**  
**Sunday, Feb 5, 9:30am—Worship Service**  
**Sunday, Feb 5, 10:45am—Meeting for Lent & Easter planning**

**Lent—Easter** Planning join us after church **Feb 5.**

**Bible Study—Chronicles 1 & 2 (cliff notes of the old testament)**  
will meet on Wednesday Evenings at 7pm until 830pm.

**True Inclusion Bible Study:** We will meet on Monday evenings, 7pm, by zoom. There are still books available if you would like to join. There will be about 8 weeks of gathering to discuss our Bible reading and book reading virtually. Speak to Pastor Paula to buy a book

**PPIFC and PPH4H** Dialogue on Affordable Housing- See the flyer with QR code on office window, for information and to register for this special dialogue during the UN Interfaith Harmony Week. It will be at the Air Force Academy on Sunday, Feb. 5, 4-6pm. Registration is very very very helpful.

**Construction at church.** The demo work and the painting is finished. As for the bathrooms and the All Gender bathroom in the nursery, they are still fully functional. The women's and men's bathrooms are SINGLE use bathrooms now. Just flip the sign on the doors to Vacant/In Use. The flooring teams will be starting on **Feb 6, 2023.** For safety, once the flooring work starts, nobody will be allowed in the building until it is completed. Thank you for your cooperation and support to finish this important improvement.

**Pajama Sunday- Feb. 12, 9:30am.** As the building will be closed for the installation of new flooring and then the work to put things back in order, **there will be zoom – only worship** on this Sunday morning. Many of you shared how fun it was to attend church during Covid in your p.j.'s. Enjoy! If you had signed up as administer, the sound tech, musicians and the person giving the children's message you will need to be in the building. Otherwise, we will see you on the screen.

**Book Club.** We are now reading *I was Anastasia* by Ariel Lawhon. Pease sign out a copy of the book from the bag in the narthex. We will be discussing it on **Feb 6, 2023** at Donna Lawhorns' home.

**Safeway has changed** their provider of their Reloadable Cards. They will honor the dollar amount on the old card for a few more weeks. I need to order the new ones & need you to let me know if you want one or 2. Talk to me on Sunday or email me at [ronjean76@gmail.com](mailto:ronjean76@gmail.com) or text/call 719-237-2865.

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