



**Christ the King Sunday**

**November 24, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

## **Mission Statement**

*Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church is a welcoming and inclusive community nourished by Christ in vibrant worship and committed to God's mission of love and service especially to the oppressed and to the poor.*



## **Welcome Statement**

*Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here. Called by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to welcoming and celebrating all people, inclusive of culture, age, race or ethnicity, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, economic status, or family structure. We are committed to the work of racial equity and justice within and through our community that we all may be transformed to be fully the body of Christ in our world. We invite you to worship with us, receive Christ's gift of Holy Communion with us, share your own story with us, and serve with us as we strive to live into God's universal embrace in Jesus Christ.*

Whether you are a new member or visiting for the first time, we welcome you to our spiritual home.

- If this is your first Sunday with us, please stop by our information kiosk to learn more about our church community.
- During our worship service, children are invited to enjoy the playground area. For families with infants, our nursery attendants are available to provide care. The nursery is accessible through the courtyard.
- Our Holy Communion elements are free of gluten and alcohol. You may choose to receive both the bread and cup, or either one: Christ is fully present in all.
- Restrooms are conveniently located in the ministry building. From the nave, simply follow the cloister through the courtyard and enter the double doors; you will find the restrooms on your left.
- Please note that firearms are strictly prohibited within all Christ the King Church buildings and courtyard at all times.

We are delighted to have you join us and hope you have a meaningful experience with us.

**Cover:** Ethiopian triptych, *Christ the King*: a Servant King artist unknown. Courtesy of the Brooklyn Museum.

## HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, *Setting Four*, beginning on page 147.

### **Gathering**

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Pealing of the Bells

Prelude

*Prelude in E-Flat Major BWV 552*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*The organ prelude serves as an opportunity to center oneself before worship.  
We ask the congregation to refrain from conversation once the prelude begins.*

*stand*

Gathering Hymn 855

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

## 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.**

# Canticle of Praise

Soloist



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.



## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Word

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*sit*

First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

*The one coming with the clouds rules over all*

<sup>9</sup> As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne,  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup> A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup> As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.

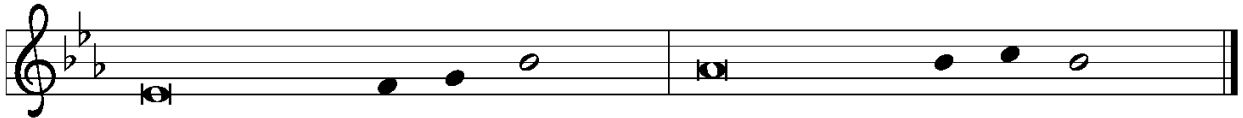
<sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

Word of God, word of life.      or      The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**                      **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 93

*Sung in alternation by verse*



<sup>1</sup> The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and  
armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

<sup>2</sup> **Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;**  
**you are from | everlasting.**

<sup>3</sup> The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;  
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

<sup>4</sup> **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers |**  
**of the sea, mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

<sup>5</sup> Your testimonies are | very sure,  
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore.



*Glory to the one who made us a kingdom*

*Whirl Story Bible, p. 514*

<sup>4b</sup> Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

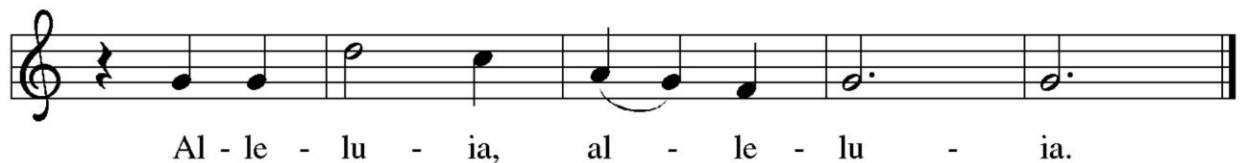
Word of God, word of life.      or      The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Thanks be to God.**

*stand*

Gospel Acclamation



Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. *Mark 11:9*

Gospel

John 18:33-37

*The kingdom of Christ*

*Whirl Story Bible, p. 402; Spark Story Bible, p. 474*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup> Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*sit*

Sermon

*Silence*

*At the conclusion of the introduction, the assembly stands to sing the Hymn of the Day.*

Hymn of the Day

*Before the Ancient One, Christ Stands*



1 Be - fore the An - cient One, Christ stands, en - robed in cloud and  
 2 Who was, who is, and is to come as ser - vant lived in  
 3 Now in the lat - ter days you call, O Christ, and plead the



bright as snow, five wounds im - print his side, feet, hands, and  
 hu - man sphere; com - pas - sion was his di - a - dem; his  
 prem - ise clear, that pow - er grasped is none at all, and



thorns, the gar - land on his brow. Yet thrones and  
 glo - ry was the gen - tle tear; hu - mil - i -  
 serv - ing shows your Spir - it near. As na - tions



pow'rs fall to the knee and weave a song of maj - es - ty,  
 ty, his pur - ple garb; the heal - ing hand, his roy - al orb.  
 clash and wis - dom wanes, as glo - ries tempt and greed sus - tains,



for what the world ad - mires as gain is not the es - sence  
 Such love drew ire and ire drew death, but God has proved the  
 you bid us choose in ev - 'ry hour the pow'r of love, the



of Christ's reign, and strength is his, and name and  
 tru - er strength, and through all space the host pro -  
 great - est pow'r, that love may her - ald God's do -



might, be - cause he pit - ied hu - mans' plight.  
 claims the name a - bove all oth - er names.  
 main, and you, at last, may come to reign.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: CHRIST CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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## Presentation of New Members

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Anthony Donaldson, Camila Cervantes, Justin Sanchez, Melvin Gonzalez, Brandi Ford, RJ Hayes, Allyson Hayes, August Hayes, Ursula Hayes, David Krause, Katherine Krause, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

## Profession of Faith

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response: I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response: I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response: I renounce them.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We give you thanks for all those disciples who celebrate their baptisms this  
week; Maria Edna Campos, Cathy Doughty, Carolyn Jacobs, Mark  
Prendergast, Cynthia Scruggs, Gerald Gibson, Paul Thomas, Patricia  
Barnard, Andreas Fullaondo, and Grace Sahualla.

We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

*A minister addresses the new members.*

Beloved in Christ,  
do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism  
among God's people in this place?

***Response:* I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God,  
do you promise to support and pray for *these new members* in *their* life in  
Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.*

Let us welcome these new members of Christ the King Lutheran Church.  
**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and  
redeeming word to all the world.**

Welcome

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.  
**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.  
Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Prayers of Intercession

*Sit or kneel. Those in the Prayground are invited to light a tea light on the  
Prayground altar or color their prayers at this time and will be collected  
during the offering.*

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*We join the whole church in commemorating: Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu  
Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America,  
November 24; Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748, November 25; Andrew,  
Apostle, November 30.*

*stand*

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say:*

Peace be with you.



*sit*

## **Meal**

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Offering

*If you give through your bank or online, please place a reusable “Our Offering” card in the basket. These cards are located in front of you in the pew backs.*

## Motet

*Beautiful Savior*

F. Melius Christiansen (1871-1955)

Fair are the meadows,  
fairer the woodlands,  
robed in flowers of blooming spring,  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior!  
Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

*stand*

Setting the Table

*Ubi caritas et amor*

The musical score is written for a single voice part, with a piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, / Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,". The piano line is in bass clef and provides harmonic support. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano line. The vocal line continues with: "u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est. / God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there." The piano line continues with accompaniment. There are some triplets in the vocal line of the second system.

Text: Latin antiphon, 9th cent.; Taizé Community; tr. *With One Voice*  
Music: TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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Offering Prayer

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,  
you offered yourself in love for the world,  
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.

**Fill us with your abundance,  
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,  
trusting in your name.**

**Amen.**

# Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

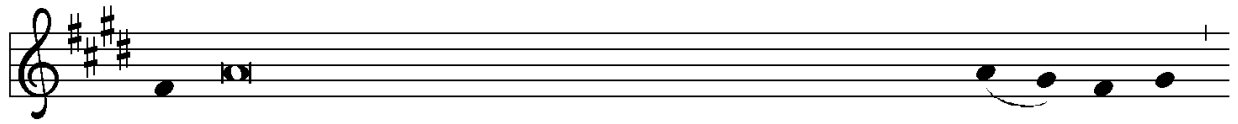
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

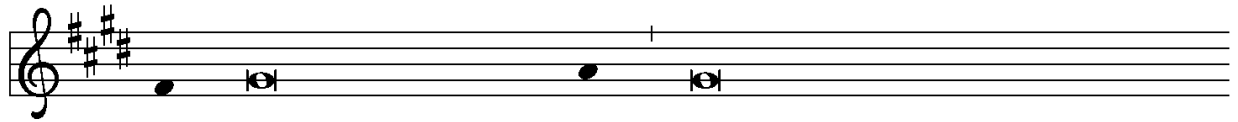
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



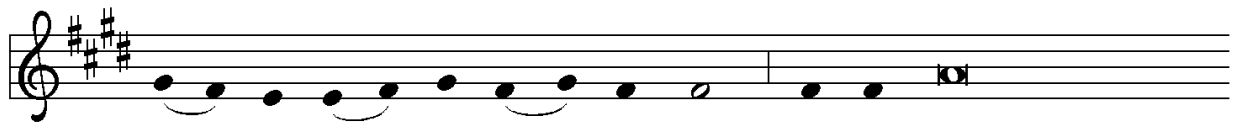
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



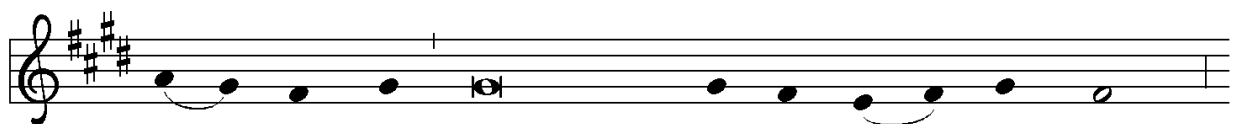
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection



of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, who en - throned forever at



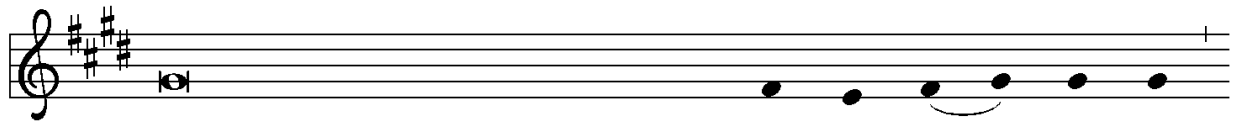
your right hand intercedes for us as our great high priest.



And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the



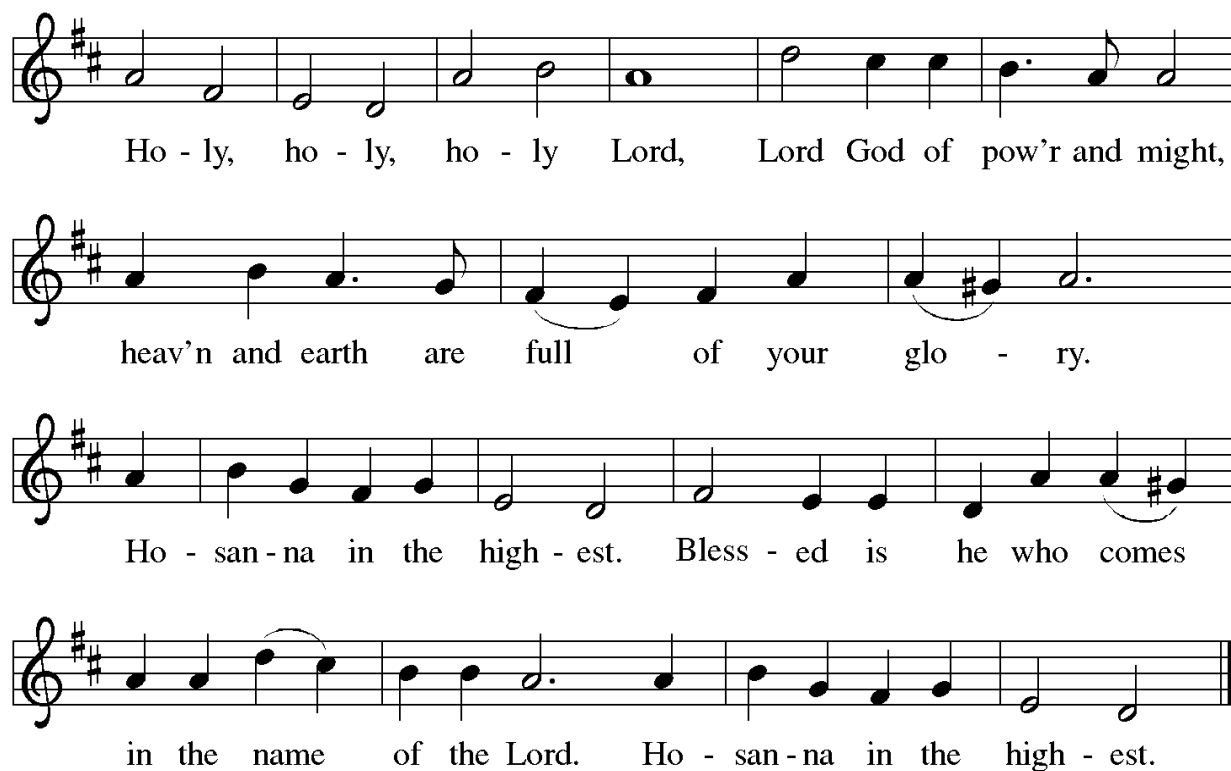
res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,



and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing 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.

*The presiding minister continues in thanksgiving and intercession.*

We bless you, O God, Sovereign of all things, Might of the ages.  
 We your people praise your mystery, ever one, always three.

O radiant Source of creation, you brought light out of darkness.  
 Planets and stars, plants and animals receive their life from your throne.  
 Apostles, monarchs, parents, children: your dominion enlivens us all.  
 Blessing and glory to you, O God:  
**Blessing and glory to you, O God.**

O Christ Jesus, Ruler and Guide, you call us to follow your path.  
 Your scepter is your hand reaching out to the needy.  
 We bow before you, enthroned on the cross.  
 We laud your supreme mercy, saying:  
 Wisdom and thanks to you, O God:  
**Wisdom and thanks to you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

We remember Christ's life of service,  
His suffering and death, and his rising to eternal life.  
We acclaim the reign of Christ our King, saying:  
Honor and praise to you, O God:  
**Honor and praise to you, O God.**

O Spirit, our supreme Defender, transform this meal into the banquet of life.  
Gather all the sick and poor into your palace of safekeeping.  
Govern the nations with your justice and peace.  
We plead for your surpassing grace, saying:  
Power and might to you, O God:  
**Power and might to you, O God.**

O God the Father, you uphold the universe that you create;  
O God the Son, you are crowned with compassion for all;  
O God the Spirit, you protect your saints with arms of love.  
We praise you today, tomorrow, and forever.  
Amen and Amen.  
**Amen and 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.**

## Communion

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

Behold, God is making all things new.

Take your place in the new creation.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You are invited to take an individual communion cup from the table at the corner of the pews and approach the altar rail from its corner. You may receive the sacrament or a blessing, kneeling or standing. Please return to the seats through the short center aisles where there are trays for used glasses. Children of all ages are invited to commune or receive a blessing. Our Holy Communion elements do not contain gluten or alcohol.*

*If you do not wish to commune, please come to the altar rail with other worshipers for a blessing.*



*sit*

# Lamb of God



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.

Hymn

*Draw near and take the body of the Lord*

1. Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
2. Saved by that bod - y and that ho - ly blood,  
3. Sal - va - tion's gi - ver, Christ, the on - ly Son,  
4. Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,  
5. Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.  
with souls re - freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.  
by his dear cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.  
him - self the vict - im, and him - self the priest.  
and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

## Hymn 480

*O Bread of Life from Heaven*

1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims  
 2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er  
 3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den

giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed  
 stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come  
 splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,

with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -  
 now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and  
 let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in

plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.  
 flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.  
 heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2  
 Music: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, 1450–1517; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

*stand*

## Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

## Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.  
Amen.**

*The bread and wine are taken from the Lord's table to members who are hospitalized, home-bound, or otherwise unable to be present in the liturgy.*

Post Communion Canticle

*How Shall I Sing That Majesty*



How great a be - ing, Lord, is thine, which doth all be - ings



keep! Thy knowl - edge is the on - ly line to sound so



vast a deep; thou art a sea with - out a



shore, a sun with - out a sphere; thy time is



now and ev - er - more, thy place is ev - 'ry - where.

Text: John Mason, 1646–1694, vs. 4

Music: Kenneth Naylor, 1931–1991

## Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray:

Faithful God,

you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink  
in the body and blood of your Son.

**Now send us out to labor with you,  
in service to the world you have made,  
and among the people you have made your home,  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## Sending

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Brief Announcements

### Sending Hymn 435

*Lo! He comes with clouds descending*

1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,  
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain;  
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;  
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou - sand      thou - sand      saints      at - tend - ing  
 all the      saints this      world      re - ject - ed  
 Sav - ior,      take the      pow'r      and glo - ry,

join      to sing the      glad re - frain:  
 thrill      the trum - pet      sound to hear:  
 claim      the king - dom      as thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,      al - le -  
 Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,      al - le -  
 Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,      al - le -

lu - ia!      Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 lu - ia!      See the day of God ap - pear!  
 lu - ia!      Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
 Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799



## Blessing

The Ancient One, enthroned,  
the Crucified One, now risen,  
the Indwelling One, poured out,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Vater unser im Himmelreich: Varatio 40: Toccata*

Johann Ulrich Steigleder (1593-1635)

*You are invited to remain seated and enjoy the postlude  
or depart quietly and greet the pastors in the courtyard.*

## Peeling of the Bells

*Earliest accounts of Christian worship testify to an offering following the Eucharist designated to the poor and the alien by those able to give out of gratitude to God and generosity in imitating Christ.*

*Month-to-date contributions are \$963.29.*

*Christ the King Lutheran Church thanks you for your generous financial support. Offerings may be mailed to the church office, 2353 Rice Blvd., Houston, TX 77005, or given online through our website, [www.ckelc.org](http://www.ckelc.org).*



*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Ron and Linda Siemers in celebration of their wedding anniversary.*

*Snacks are provided by Janis Petner.  
Donations benefit the ELCA World Hunger.*

**This Week at Christ the King Church**

**Sunday, November 24**

**Christ the King Sunday:**

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8:30 a.m. Worship, nave  
9:00 a.m. UMOJA Worship, Memorial campus  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall  
9:45 a.m. Luther Foundations, The Rev. Dr. Amandus Derr, adult basement  
9:45 a.m. Music Gathering for Kids, music suite  
10:00 a.m. Godly Play Classes  
10:20 a.m. Choir rehearsal, nave  
11:00 a.m. Worship, nave  
4:00 p.m. Young Adult Pop-up Gathering, offsite  
5:00 p.m. Magnolia City Brass Band, nave

**Monday, November 25**

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home  
12:00 p.m. Lectio Divina, online  
7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Dancers, parish hall

**Tuesday, November 26**

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer at home

**Wednesday, November 27**

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home  
6:00 p.m. Brass Choir, narthex  
7:00 p.m. Brass Quintet, parish hall

**Office Closed: Thanksgiving Day**

**Thursday, November 28**

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home  
10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Worship and Meal, nave, parish hall

**Office Closed: Friday, November 29**

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home

**Saturday, November 30**

1:00 p.m. Online Yoga, contact Beverly Davis, bad21a@aol.com  
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

**First Sunday in Advent:**

**Sunday, December 1**

8:30 a.m. Worship, nave  
9:00 a.m. UMOJA Worship, Memorial Campus  
9:45 a.m. Rice Village Campus Tour, courtyard  
9:45 a.m. Advent Wreath Workshop, courtyard  
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor council room  
9:45 a.m. Music Gathering for Kids, music suite  
9:45 a.m. Worship Enabler, Usher, Bellringer Training, narthex  
10:00 a.m. Godly Play Classes  
10:20 a.m. Choir rehearsal, nave  
11:00 a.m. Worship, nave  
12:15 p.m. Luther League Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor council room

### **Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.**

Join us each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for fellowship and connection with your church families. There are numerous opportunities to spend time together between our services, including tours for learning about our Rice Village church campus, coffee and fellowship time, bible studies, and more.

#### **Upcoming Topics:**

##### **November 24:**

- Lutheran Foundations # 3: Bread, Wine, Oil (Adult Basement Classroom) with The Rev. Dr. Amandus Derr
- Property Update and CTK's Long-Term Capital Spending Plan and Income Estimation Process (Parish Hall- Led by Property and Finance Teams)

##### **December 1:**

- Advent Wreath Workshop (Courtyard)
- Tour of Rice Village Campus with Kim Williams (Courtyard)

##### **December 8:**

- Do You See What I See? Imagery in Nativity Scenes by Daniel Zorn (Parish Hall)

##### **December 15:**

- Las Posadas and Waffle Cafe (Courtyard)
- Creche Festival (Parish Hall)

### **Young Adult Pop-up Gathering—Bowling @ Palace Social – Sunday, November 24, 4p.m. - 6p.m.**

The CTK Young Adult group invites you to join them for an afternoon of Bowling at Palace Social (4191 Bellaire Blvd., Suite 150, Houston, TX 77025), from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. To join in this outing and to find out about upcoming outings, reach out to Pastor Sergio Rodriguez, [sergiorodriguez@ctkelc.org](mailto:sergiorodriguez@ctkelc.org), so that you can be added to the WhatsApp group.

### **Magnolia City Brass Band – Sunday, November 24 at 5:00 p.m.**

The Magnolia City Brass Band, supported by the Houston Arts Alliance, is proud to present an evening celebrating female composers and performers in the world of exhilarating brass band music at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Highlights include Imogen Holst's lively *The Unfortunate Traveller*,

Dorothy Gates' stirring arrangement of Sibelius' *Finlandia*, and Ennio Morricone's moving *Gabriel's Oboe*. Featured performers include flügelhornist Audrey Foster and a stellar women's quartet—cornetists Lydia Hanje and Sarah Perkins, tenor horn player Deborah Harvey, and solo euphonium Anne Wertz—showcasing their remarkable talents in Philip Sparke's *Concerto Grosso*. The evening will also feature Peter Graham's rousing *Gaelforce* and Leos Janáček's thrilling *Sokol* fanfare from *Sinfonietta*.

**Thanksgiving Day Service and Meal, November 28 at 10:30 a.m.**

Join us for a service of Word as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, and stay for a meal afterwards. If you are interested in bringing a dish, please sign up and consider bringing a dish to share,

<https://forms.office.com/r/S1vucnxWwJ>



**Worship Enabler Training Opportunities: Rice Village Campus**

As we prepare for Advent and Christmas, we invite you to join us in making our worship services meaningful. We have several opportunities to train and prepare our Worship Enablers, including ushers, bellringers, and acolytes.

- **December 1st: Worship Enablers Training** (ushers, bellringers) at 9:45 am. Learn how to support our congregation and make our services welcoming and smooth.
- **December 4th: Acolyte Training** at 7:30 pm, right after Vespers. Acolytes play a key role in worship, bringing light and presence into our sacred spaces. No prior experience is needed—just a willingness to serve.
- **December 22nd: Christmas Eve Practice** at 9:45 am between services. This practice will help ensure everyone is ready for our special Christmas Eve worship services.

Every role, from ushering and ringing bells to carrying the light of Christ, is vital to creating a welcoming worship experience. Whether you're experienced or new, come be part of our team and help make this season beautiful for all. **Sign up today** or reach out if you have any questions.

**Fill a Shoebox and Delight a Seafarer: Bring your shoebox to church by Sunday, December 1**

Christ the King Lutheran Church is collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts to give to seafarers who visit the Port of Houston during the holiday season. The gifts will be distributed by the Seafarers' ecumenical ministry. We encourage members and friends to fill a shoe-box FULL with items such as: combs, soap, shaving cream, disposable razors, lip balm, toothbrushes and toothpaste, pads, pens, puzzles, envelopes, needles and thread, deodorant, heavy socks (no ankle socks), shoe laces, work gloves, knit caps, flashlights, calendars, bottle openers, nail clippers, aspirin, band-aids, key chains, small photo albums, USB memory sticks, Texas souvenirs, playing cards, magazines, hard candy (no chocolate) or something fun. Monetary donations are also welcome - give online through "other" and put Seafarers in the Memo line. Please pack boxes for men (there are very few women on the vessels).

**Advent Wreath Workshop: Sunday, December 1**

Our Altar Guild will once again host their annual wreath making in the courtyard. Materials are provided. A donation of \$20 is suggested to cover the costs. All ages are invited to join in this communal craft activity to begin the Advent season in your homes. If you already have a wreath that you would like to decorate, please bring it, and join the fun.

**Dinner Church: Come Join Us**

**Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Campus in the Fellowship Hall**

You are invited to join us for a new worship opportunity that offers liturgy within the setting of a potluck meal. We will begin to gather at 6 p.m. with time to get to know each other. Our liturgy will begin with a gathering, we will explore scripture together while we share a meal, and we will finish with Holy Communion and fellowship. Our scripture this year includes selections from the Book of Revelation.

**Prayer Shawl Knitters: Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m.**

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? You are invited to join online as we create prayer shawls to be distributed to members and friends of the

congregation experiencing life-changing events. All experience and expertise levels are invited to join us, please contact Deacon Aimee, Beverly Palmer, or Sharon Oswalt to receive a zoom link.

**Advent Potluck, Programming & Vespers: Wednesday, December 4, 11, & 18 at 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Join us on Wednesdays in Advent for a potluck supper, crafting, and worship beginning at 6:00 p.m. Vespers begin at 7:00 p.m. Programming will include:

- **A Christmas Story Bible Study**
- **Advent D&D:** Join us for a time of adventure as Deacon Ben Remmert will be leading a special~ Dungeons and Dragons Mini campaign during the season of Advent.
- **Kid's Music Class:** Children are invited to join Amy Kerswell for a joyful time of music-making! Through singing and choir activities, we will explore the sounds of the season of Advent together.

**Turkish Coffee and Christmas Cookie Social with our Muslim Friends (Raindrop Turkish House), Saturday December 7 at 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Join us for a special time together with our Muslim neighbors for Turkish Coffee and Christmas cookies at the Raindrop Turkish House located at 9301 W Bellfort Ave, Houston TX 77031. All children, youth, and adults are invited to this special gathering. RSVP to Deacon Ben Remmert as we are hoping to bring 15 children and parents to this event.

**Memorial Campus Tree Trimming and Brass Music, Saturday December 7 at 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

It's time to decorate the outdoor Christmas tree at our Memorial campus. Everyone is invited to help make environmentally friendly ornaments to be hung on the tree and enjoy the sounds of the Brass Band.



### **Do You See What I See? Imagery in Nativity Scenes: Sunday, December 8**

Although Nativity scenes can be enjoyed on purely aesthetic and spiritual grounds, to fully appreciate a Nativity it is necessary to understand the origins of the imagery and the context in which it was created. Daniel Zorn, coordinator of the Creche Festival, hosted by Christ the King, will lead a discussion on imagery in nativity scenes.

### **Annual Meeting Part One: Sunday, December 8 at 12:15 p.m.**

Our Annual Meeting (Part One) will be held Sunday, December 8 at 12:15 p.m. as we elect new council members and vote on our budget for 2025. Lunch will be provided, and childcare will be offered. Thank you for your presence and support.

### **Luther League Christmas Tree Decorating Gathering: December 8 at 12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

All 6th – 12th grade youth and their parents are invited to help decorate the church Christmas tree at 12:15 p.m. Afterwards, we will have our white elephant exchange. Please bring a gift under \$10 (new or used) for the gift exchange. Gifts are typically something laying around the house that you don't want and that is funny, tacky, or "Gag Gift."

### **Crèche Festival Houston: December 14-15 at 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Unique & Unexpected: A Crèche Festival

God's incarnation happened in unique and unexpected circumstances. For its fourth exhibition of nativity art Crèche Festival Houston will share depictions of the birth of Christ by artists using various media. The exhibition will share selections from a private collection; from a national juried contemporary nativity art competition; children's artwork; and an item courtesy of the Hallmark Archives, Hallmark Cards, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, USA. Come to the Parish Hall to enjoy unexpected artistic interpretations of the birth of Christ.

### **Jingle Bell Express:**

Since 1980, CCSC has spread holiday cheer through Jingle Bell Express and has helped over 2,500 underserved children. You can help by donating toys and volunteering.

### **Donate Christmas Gifts**

Donations of new, unwrapped, nonviolent toys for kids ages 0-15 years of age are encouraged. There are three easy ways to donate.

1. Shop the Jingle Bell Express Wish List: Deadline: November 30, 2024
2. Bring your toys to church: By Sunday, December 1
3. Deliver Toys to the CCSC Office or Bellaire United Methodist Church, Deadline: December 6

**Volunteer:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA8AB2DA3F5C25-51707184-ccsc#/> Questions? Email CCSC at [seasonal@ccschouston.org](mailto:seasonal@ccschouston.org).

### **Worship Opportunities at Church this Christmas**

#### **December 24: Christmas Eve Services**

2:00 p.m.: Family Service (Rice Village Campus)

4:00 p.m.: German Language Service (Rice Village Campus & livestreamed)

4:00 p.m.: Festive Service (Memorial Campus)

8:00 p.m.: Festive Service with Incense (Rice Village Campus & livestream)

#### **December 25: Christmas Day**

11:00 a.m.: Worship and Holy Communion (Rice Village Campus & livestream)

#### **December 28-29: First Weekend of Christmas**

6:00 p.m. Saturday Contemplative Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship and Holy Communion

### **Bible Studies at Christ the King Church**

Weekly Bible studies, in person and on zoom, on both campuses

- **Mondays (twice monthly) at 10:30 a.m.** with Kim Williams and Deacon Aimee Elles at The Village at Southampton, ends December 2.
- **Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.** with The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Hope-Tringali, Kim Williams and Deacon Aimee Elles at Memorial campus, Luther

Room. (Coffee and conversation will begin at 10:00 a.m.) No meeting this Wednesday as we celebrate Thanksgiving; Ends December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Flowers for the Nave in 2025**

You are invited to sign up to provide the altar flowers for weekend services. To donate flowers in honor, memory of or thanksgiving for someone, you will find available dates listed by scanning the QR Code or you may email your preferred date to Cheryl at [cherylgaspard@ctkelc.org](mailto:cherylgaspard@ctkelc.org). Flower arrangements are \$70 per Sunday. Checks can be made out to Christ the King Lutheran Church with “Altar Flowers” in the memo line or submit an online payment at [www.ctkelc.org](http://www.ctkelc.org).



### **Snacks Volunteers Needed**

We need volunteers to provide snacks after worship for:

- December 8 at 8:30 a.m.
- December 22 at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- December 29 at 8:30 a.m.

You can sign up by scanning the QR Code. Plan to provide snacks for 30 people. All monetary donations received at the snack table will benefit ELCA World Hunger. Thank you for signing up!



## Serving

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*God gives us gifts and talents so that we might serve.*

Linda Murray.....	Head Usher
Eldon Thomas.....	Usher
Tate Williams, Luke Havemann.....	Bellringers
Anneliese Williams, Ella Havemann.....	Acolytes
Beverly Davis.....	Crucifer
Ben Kerswell.....	Cantor
Martin Jones.....	Music Associate
Rachel McWhirter, Mark Lichtenberger.....	Digital Vergers
Maria Campos.....	Lay Eucharistic Minister
Maureen Sahualla.....	Lay Eucharistic Minister
Lisa Krueger.....	Server
Maria Campos.....	Server
Trish Chapman.....	Assisting Minister
The Rev. Sergio Rodriguez.....	Presiding Minister
The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Hope-Tringali.....	Preacher

### **Members of the Altar Guild:**

Jill Bailer, Bette Bowers, Anita Bryant, Kellye Burke, Carole Derr, Reinetta Hansen, Maureen Lamson, Gaelyn Lesher, Liz Lloyd, Linda Marx, Peggy Mathis, Jacquelyn McAnelly, Marie Monroe, Mary Jane Orsburn, Jan Petner, Eleanor Verret, and Nyla Woods. Members bake bread and order flowers, deliver flowers to church members, rotate paraments, arrange the communion ware, and generally prepare the nave for worship. Contact Gaelyn Lesher, [lesher2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lesher2@sbcglobal.net), for more information.

*The People of Christ the King Church ..... Ministers*  
*The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Hope-Tringali..... Senior Pastor*  
*The Rev. Sergio Rodriguez ..... Pastor of Parish Life*  
*Dcn. Ben Remmert .....Deacon of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry*  
*Rachel McWhirter .....Director of Digital Ministry*  
*Dcn. Aimee Elles..... Director of Congregational Engagement*  
*Kim Williams.....Director of Community Engagement*  
*Ben Kerswell.....Cantor*  
*Dcn. Rick Erickson..... Cantor Emeritus*  
*Martin Jones..... Music Associate*  
*Robert Walp..... Director of the Brass Choir*  
*Vicki Gorman, Calvin Harris, Fernando Grimaldo.....Staff Singers*  
*Scott Summers.....Property Maintenance Technician*  
*Cheryl Gaspard.....Executive Administrator*  
*Maribel Haro ..... Administrative Assistant*  
*Herlinda Torres, Lena Zahlan.....Nursery Attendants*  
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