

Baptism of Our Lord January 12, 2025 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 prayground 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.

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HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Nine, beginning on page 193.

Gathering

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

Pealing of the Bells

Prelude

Christ our Lord came to the Jordan BWV 684 – 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.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

God in Christ gives us the water welling up for eternal life. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. Lord, give us this water, and we shall thirst no more.

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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times to give you thanks and praise, for today the grace of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descended upon the waters.

Today the sun that never sets has risen and the world is filled with splendor by the light of Christ. Today the clouds drop down upon all people the dew of righteousness from on high.

Today the Uncreated by his own will
Accepts the laying on of hands from his own creature.
Today the waters of the Jordan
are transformed for healing by the coming of Christ.

Today the blinding mist of the world is dispersed by the Epiphany of God.

Today things above keep feast with things below, And things below commune with things above.

Therefore, heavenly Father, accept our sacrifice of praise, and by the power of your life-giving Spirit sanctify these waters of your new creation, that we, with all who have been born anew by water and the Spirit, may be renewed in your image, walk by the light of faith, and serve you in newness of life.

Through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit we lift our voices of praise:

Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation, now and forever. Amen.

Profession of Faith

We rejoice with all those disciples who celebrate their baptisms this week: Nathan Wiker, Nicholas Cornor, David Padget, Sandra Troff.

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? I renounce them.

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

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

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ? With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbor as yourself? With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, preserves in us the new life of baptism; as Christ receives us on earth, so may Christ guide us through the trials of this world and enfold us in the joy of heaven. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn with Asperges

stand



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Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561
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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.

Kyrie







For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



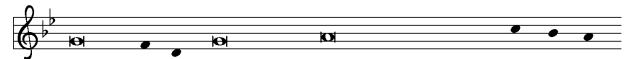


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of

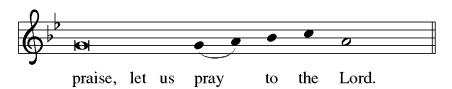


God, and for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

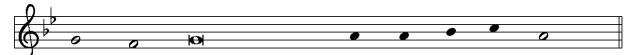




For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and





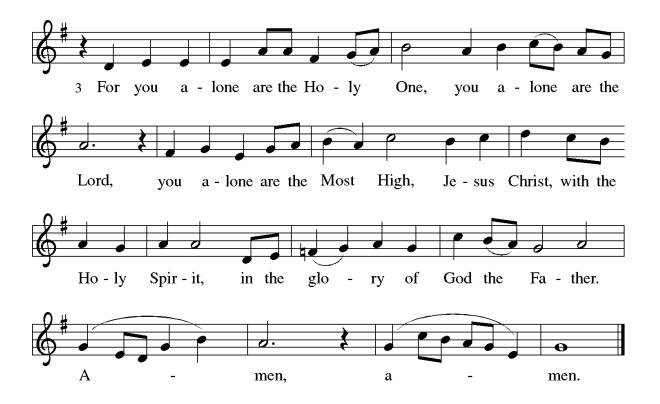


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



Gloria





Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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

sit

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you

¹ But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Word of God, word of life.

or The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Sung in alternation by verse



- ¹ Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name; worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders; the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice; the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees; the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice | of the LORD bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- ⁸ The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

- ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.
- ¹¹ O LORD, give strength | to your people; give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Word of God, word of life.

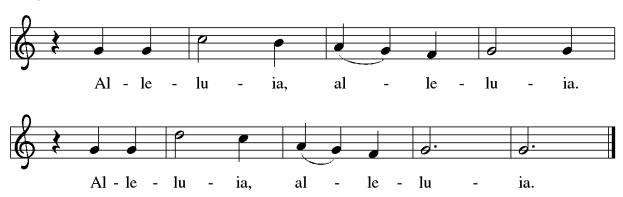
or The Word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation



A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." *Matthew 3:17*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

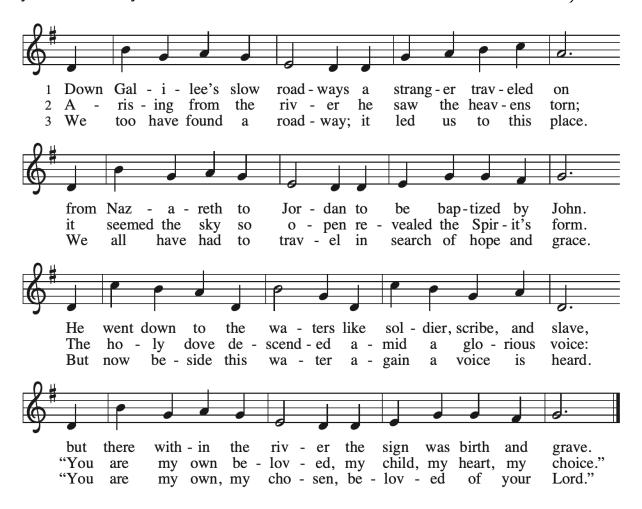
Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon

Silence

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



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Music: MERLE'S TUNE, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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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.

God of grace, receive our prayer.

We join the whole church in commemorating: Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968, January 15; Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356, January 17; Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346, January 17; Confession of Peter, January 18.

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

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

All Who Believe and are Baptized Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

All who believe and are baptized shall see the Lord's salvation; baptized into the death of Christ, they are a new creation; through Christ's redemption they will stand among the glorious heavenly band of every tribe and nation.

With one accord, O God, we pray, grant us your Holy Spirit; help us in our infirmity through Jesus' blood and merit; grant us to grow in grace each day by holy baptism, that we may eternal life inherit.

Setting the Table

Draw us in



Offering Prayer

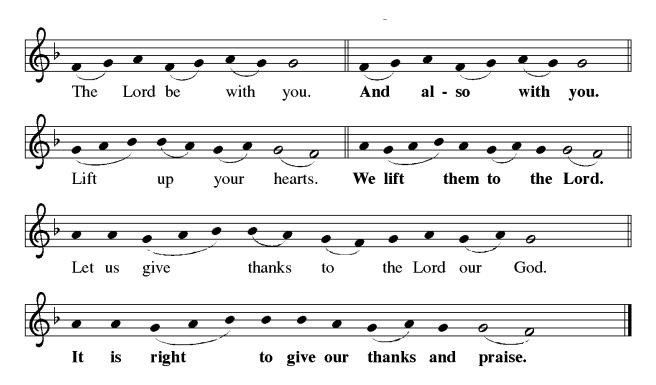
Let us pray:

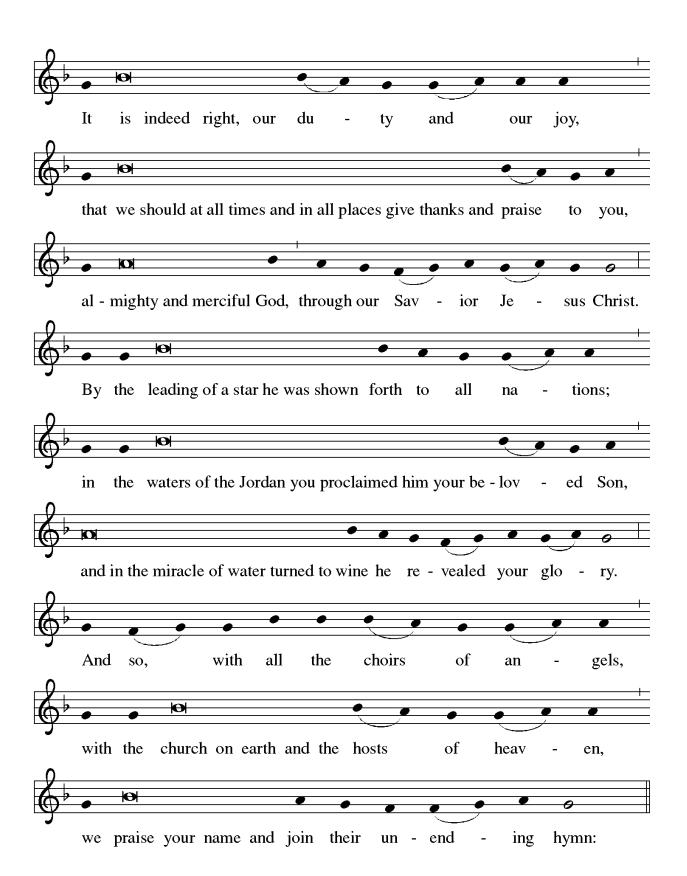
God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

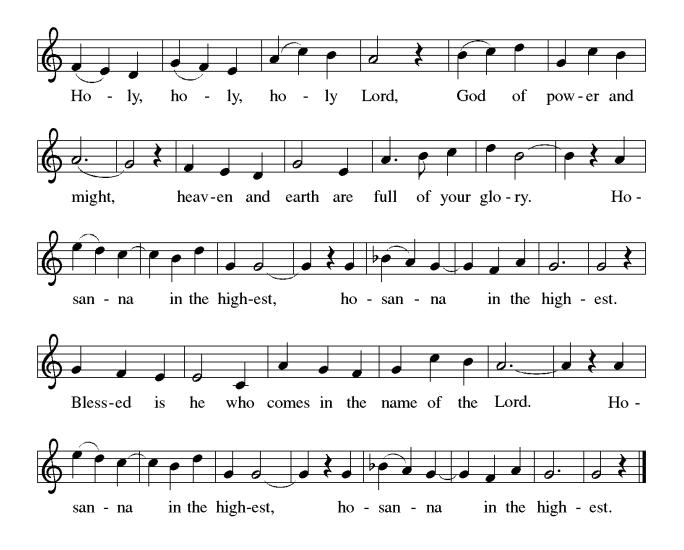
Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving







The presiding minister continues in thanksgiving and intercession.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

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

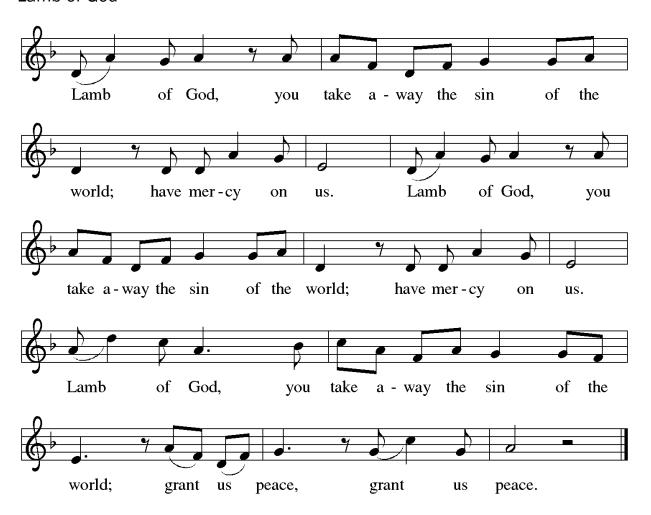
The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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



Hymn 407

O Living Breath of God



- O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at wa - ters; the be-gin - ning up-on the
- O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre-a-tion to won-drous birth: liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre-a-tion gives life a new: O
- O
- liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre a tion for free-dom's birth: 0

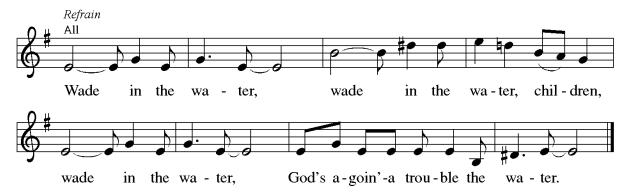




O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

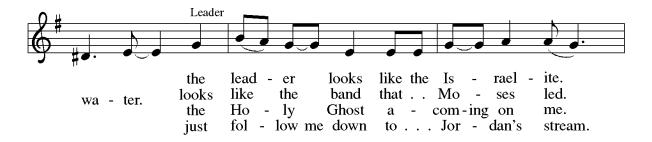
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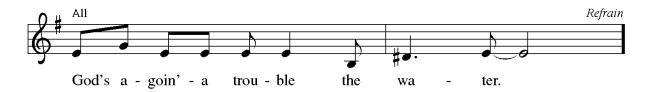
Music: VÅRVINDAR FRISKA, Swedish folk tune Tr. © 1998 Augsburg Fortress





- 1 See all dressed in white, that host
- that band all dressed in 2 See red, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the
- 3 Look o ver yon der, what do I see?
- 4 If you don't be lieve I've been re deemed,





Text: African American spiritual Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual

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

Draw us in



Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray:

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

Sending

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

Brief Announcements

Milestone Observance

Milestone of Language

Presentation of Luther's Small Catechism to families with three year old children.

All families present with a three and four year old child are invited to the altar rail to receive the gift of *Luther's Small Catechism*. Parents and siblings are welcome to join.

The gift of language is a milestone that you and your child are enjoying together. Children ask "What is that?" or, "Why do you do that?" many times a day. Your child may have asked questions about God. Children engage in the quest to understand the world and find out more about God who made it.

We rejoice with you and your child in the gift of language and in the baptismal journey of life and faith. With joy we give you today a copy of Luther's Small Catechism with the Ten Commandments, the Creed and the

Lord's Prayer. There are also table graces, and prayers for morning and evening in this book.

Present the families with the books.

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the new life you have given us through Holy Baptism. We ask you to bless these families. Grant your love to these children on their journey of faith. Strengthen them with the Holy Spirit and increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

Blessing

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

Pealing of the Bells

Mission Offering SEARCH

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 \$366.00.

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.ctkelc.org.



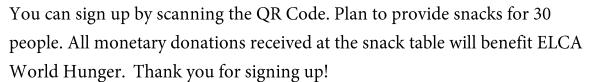
Flowers for the Nave in 2025

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, https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BABA92FA1FCC61-53410172-2025, or you may email your preferred date to Cheryl at 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.

Snacks Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to provide snacks after worship for:

- January 19 at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- January 26 at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- February 2 at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.





Serving

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

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, for more information.

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