

RECONCILING IN CHRIST SUNDAY 2025

Resilient Community

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**Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 26, 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.



RECONCILING *in* CHRIST

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

This liturgy was adapted from ReconcilingWorks “Resilient Community” liturgy, to be used nationally by RIC Congregations on this Sunday, which is designated RIC Sunday.

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

Gathering

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

Peeling of the Bells

Prelude

Source of Calm Repose
setting, F. Melius Christiansen, arr. G. Winston Cassler

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

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We gather in the name of God, ✠ Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are held close by God’s endless compassion and transformation, which flow like an unfailing stream. God’s generous gift of water is for all the beloved of God. While remembering that water is restorative, as it is, water is used for healing, washing, playing, nurturing, cleansing, and in many traditions and communities, water is used in spiritual practices. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

The presiding minister gives thanks.

We give thanks for the breath that hovered over resounding waters and spoke life into being; for the great flood that proclaimed God's promise through rainbow-colored brilliance; and for the sea that split open, bringing liberation to the oppressed. We give thanks for the One who transformed water into wine, the One who is living water for us all.

We give thanks for the gift of baptism, for this water that proclaims that we are beloved children of God. Nothing can separate us from that love of God made known through Jesus.

O God, may we live as careful stewards, guardians of this precious gift, builders of resilient communities, and cultivators of life giving relationships that promote peace and justice.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen!**

Gathering Hymn

God, We Gather as Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Greeting

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Gloria



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



1 Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther, we



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



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



2 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.



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



3 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, a - men.

Prayers of the Day

Let us pray:

Holy God, your Word teaches us, call us, and shape us, so that we may be the body of Christ in your world. On this Reconciling in Christ Sunday, may your Word renew and refresh us that we may welcome and embrace all people, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

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

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First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people

¹ All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

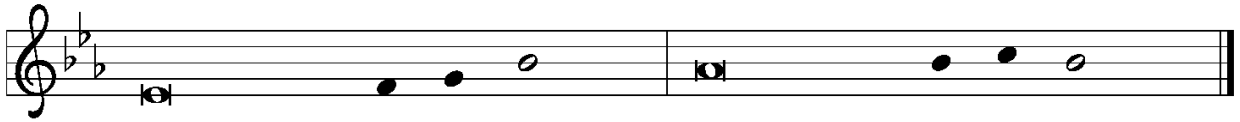
Word of God, word of life. or The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

Sung in alternation by verse



- ¹ The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.
- ² **One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**
- ³ Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,
- ⁴ **their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends | of the world,
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**
- ⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
- ⁶ **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of | it again;
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.**
- ⁷ The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.
- ⁸ **The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**
- ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.
- ¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**
- ¹¹ By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
- ¹² **Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.
- ¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer.**

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

Word of God, word of life.

or The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thanks be to God.

stand

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, and to proclaim release to the captives. *Luke 4:18*

Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah
Spark Story Bible, p. 252

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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.



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934
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Baptism Anniversaries and Apostles Creed

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism as we rejoice with all who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Donna Vass, Ben Remmert, Elizabeth Andrews, Robert Solberg, Susan Lundgren, Bill Burgess, Virginia Swindell, Karl Lothmann, Shannon Niestrawski:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

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: Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries, January 26; Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith, January 27; Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274, January 28.

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Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

Let us greet one another with a sign of this spirit-filled peace, respecting the boundaries and honoring the consent of our neighbors.

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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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
arr. by William L. Dawson (1899-1990)

Every time I feel the spirit,
Moving in my heart, I will pray;
Yes, every time I feel the spirit,
Moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,
Out of His mouth came fire and smoke;
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Jordan river is chilly and cold,
It chills the body, but not the soul;
There ain't but one train upon this track,
It runs to heaven and right back.

stand

Setting the Table

Draw us in

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!

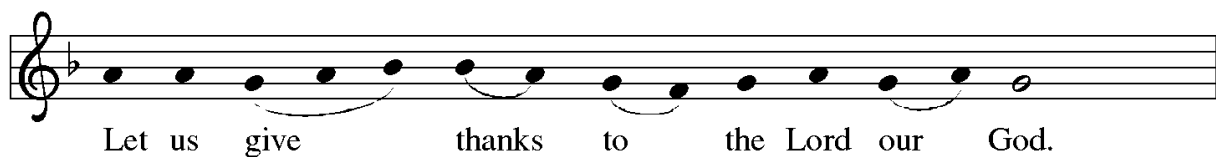
Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray:

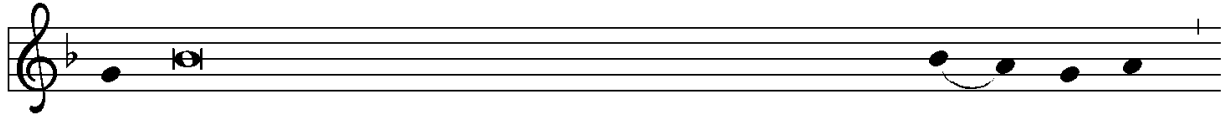
Generous God, we give you praise! You liberate us from sin and death by the abundance at this table. **Multiply these gifts and fill us with your spirit, so that we may embody Christ and en flesh your radical freedom. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving





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, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;



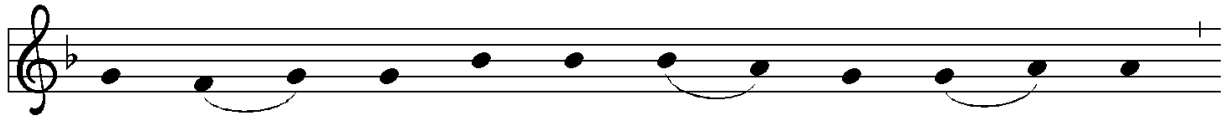
who on this day overcame death and the grave,



and by his glorious resur - rec - tion



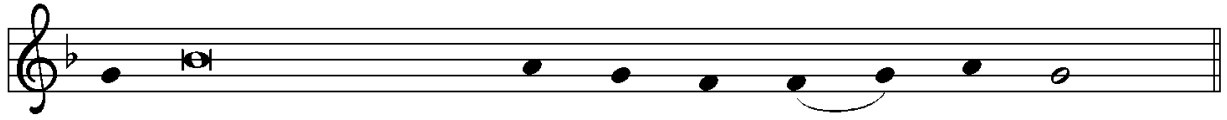
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,



with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The presiding minister continues in thanksgiving and intercession.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
 Your mercy is everlasting
 and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

All creation sings your praise.
 Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory.
 Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders.

With Sarah and Abraham we go out in faith, trusting your promise.
 With Miriam and Moses we celebrate our deliverance from bondage.
 With Naomi and Ruth we bind ourselves together in covenant love.
 With Jonathan and David we delight in the gift of deep and abiding
 friendship.
 With Mary and Elizabeth we welcome your presence in the birth of Jesus,
 the Holy One.

With Lazarus, Martha, and Mary we give thanks for the blessings of family.
With disciples and followers we marvel at the reign of God come near.
With saints through the ages we ponder the mystery of Christ's dying and rising.

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.

With hearts full of memories and hopes,
we break this bread and share this cup,
remembering the death and resurrection of Christ,
and his promise to be with us always
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O Divine Lover, you are the breath within us.
You are our heart's desire.
You are our priceless treasure.
You are the garden of paradise.

Come down, O Love divine.
Come among us, O passionate Fire.
Come within us, O Spirit of unity.
Come, Holy Spirit.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts,
which we are about to receive from your bounty.
Bless our table and the feast we share.
Bless us with gladness of heart.
Come, Holy Spirit.
Come, Holy Spirit.

At this table make us your body.
Form us to be people of justice and peace.
Fill us with gratitude and generosity
that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed.
Come, Holy Spirit.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Praise to you, Author of creation.
Praise to you, O Beloved One.
Praise to you, O Giver of all good things.
Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity,
one God, 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

Come to God's table where all are welcomed.

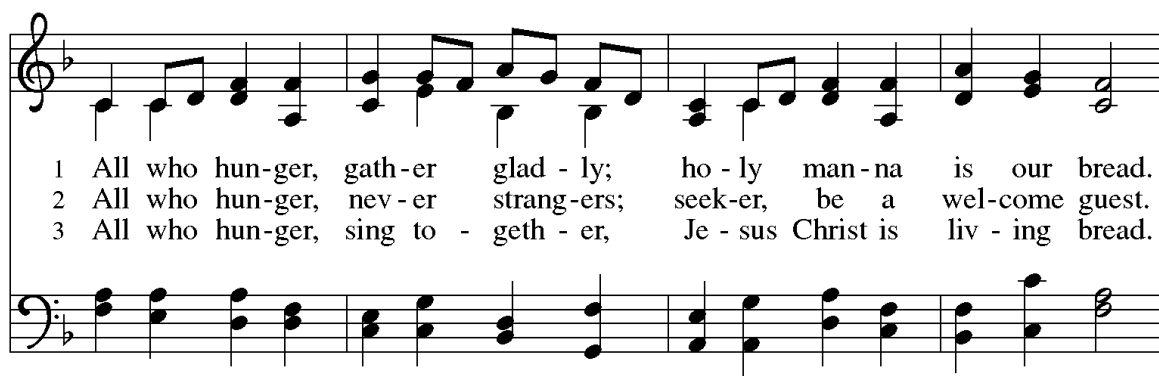
All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You are invited to take an individual communion cup from the table at the corner of the pews and approach the altar rail from its corner. You may receive the sacrament or a blessing, kneeling or standing. Please return to the seats through the short center aisles 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.

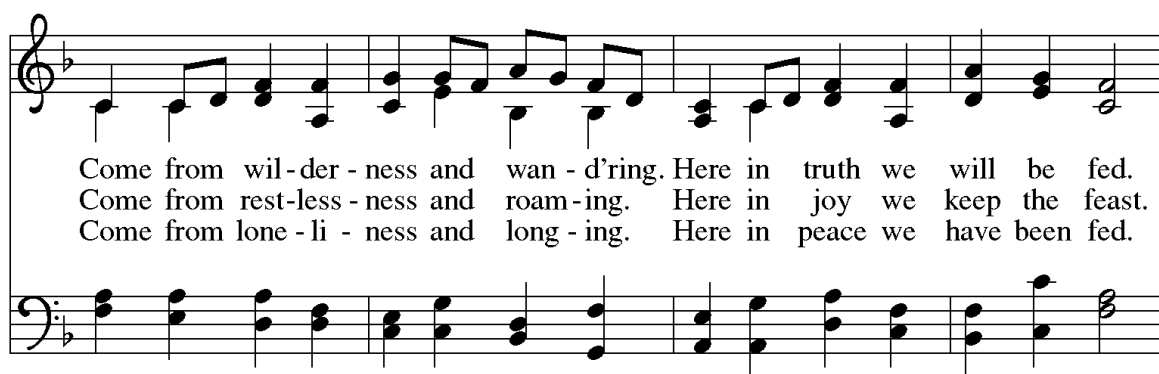
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Lamb of God

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.



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less - ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* May be sung in canon.

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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

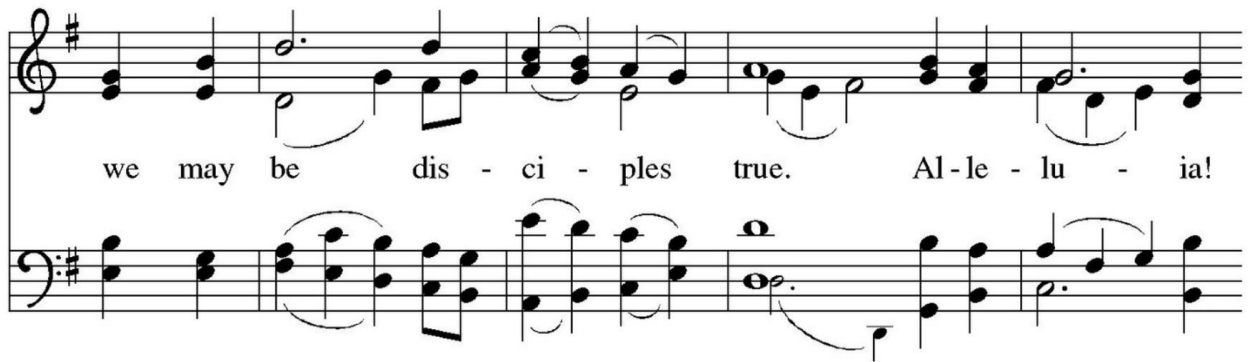
Draw us in



3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Post-Communion Prayer for Ordination Anniversary

Let us pray:

We give you thanks, almighty and gracious God, that you have fed us with heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son, uniting us through him in the communion of the Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of word and sacrament, especially for Amandus Derr as he celebrates his fiftieth ordination anniversary, and we pray that he may continue to exemplify the gospel in word and deed. **Grant that we, with Amandus, may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sending

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

Brief Announcements

Blessing of Worship Servers

At this time, we invite all who serve as assisting ministers, acolytes, crucifers, communion assistants, bellringers, ushers, and digital vergers to join us at the altar rail for a blessing.

Siblings in Christ, you have volunteered your time, your energy, and your gifts in service to this congregation. Will you offer your giftedness to your varied ministries in the confidence that it comes from God?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you carry out this ministry centered in Christ's call, striving to trust God as your guide and inspiration?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and honor the gospel with a faithful life?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

People of Christ the King Lutheran Church Will you claim these gifted people as those called by God to help carry out our congregation's ministry by serving in worship? Will you support them and enthusiastically celebrate the work they do?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The presiding minister continues.

Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your son Jesus Christ as the light of the world. Grant that all who dwell in light may share it with those who sit in darkness. Grant that your servants here may be strengthened in their call to serve, lighting the way for others to worship you and be sent for you in service to all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
 2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,
 3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing,
 4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way
 though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,
 to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;
 through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,
 and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,
 and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,
 that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.
 who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.
 see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.
 may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

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Blessing

Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience gains all things. If you have God you will want for nothing. God alone suffices. (*Teresa of Avila*)

✠ May the blessing of God, Holy One and Three, be with us today and every day, building us into a resilient community that practices justice and radical inclusion. **Amen.**

Affirmation of our Welcome Statement

Christ the King Lutheran Church became a Reconciling in Christ Congregation on Sunday, May 7, 2023 and approved a new Welcome Statement. On RIC Sunday, we affirm this public commitment.

Wherever you are in your faith journey,
you are welcome here.

Called by the Holy Spirit, Let us publicly commit ourselves to God's work of inclusion, justice, and grace for all of God's beloved children.

Will you strive to answer God's call to make Christ the King Church a sacred and brave space for all people?

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.

Will each of you, through this congregation and through your various callings in life, commit yourselves to the building up of God's Kin-dom, in equity and peace?

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.

Let us welcome everyone as we live into the grace we have received.

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.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be a resilient community.

Thanks be to God.

Pealing 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 \$1,050.94.

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.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Carole Derr and family in honor of The Rev. Dr. Amandus J. Derr's fiftieth anniversary of ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

*Snacks are provided by Naomi Nelson.
Donations benefit the ELCA World Hunger.*

Other interpretations offered by RIC

Creed

Let us profess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Architect and Guardian,
who, in the beginning, breathed life into the void, sprouting all that is seen
and unseen.**

We believe in Jesus Christ

**that in order to reconcile the cosmos, this God sent a piece of God's own
self to be born human as kin to us all.**

**And who, at the hands of political
tyranny, was killed.**

He rose again to new life in love to return the world to God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

who is one with the Creator and Savior.

She is our guide and wisdom.

**She pours her spirit into apostles, prophets, teachers, healers, and
listeners. We believe in the uniting of all Christians into the one body of
Christ,**

**And we believe in our return to
God at the end. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Heavenly God, giver of life, holy is your name, your realm come, your will
be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us
our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of
trial, and deliver us from evil. For you reign in power and glory now and
forever. Amen.**

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:

- February 9 at 8:30 a.m.
- February 16 at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- February 23 at 8:30 a.m. and 11 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

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

Justin Schneewind.....	Head Usher
Gary Heath, Linda Murray	Ushers
Rustin Buck, Peter Boecher.....	Bellringers
Ella Havemann.....	Acolyte
Ben Kerswell.....	Cantor
Martin Jones.....	Music Associate
Rachel McWhirter, Mark Lichtenberger.....	Digital Vergers
Cathy Norberg.....	Lay Eucharistic Minister
Maureen Sahualla.....	Lay Eucharistic Minister
Karli McGowen.....	Crucifer
Bill Pelham.....	Server
Luke Havemann.....	Server
Trish Chapman	Assisting Minister
The Rev. Sergio Rodriguez.....	Liturgist
The Rev. Dr. Amandus Derr.....	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, for more information.

The People of Christ the King Church..... Ministers
The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Hope-Tringali..... Senior Pastor
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Rachel McWhirterDirector of Digital Ministry
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Dcn. Rick Erickson..... Cantor Emeritus
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