

SERVING TODAY
Preaching: Pastor Brad Davick
Presiding: Pastor Caroline Satre

8:15 am

Greeter: Charlotte & Bob O'Dell
 Ushers: Barry Hawkins
 Annette Johnson
 Crucifer: Barry Hawkins
 Assisting Minister: Amy Dowd
 Lector: Liz Bell
 Bread Baker: Sandy Ference
 Communion Setup: Sandy Ference
 Communion Servers: Glenn & Michele
 Jensen
 Sanctuary Sound: Leslie Choitz
 System Setup: *Eden Hartford

Counting on Monday, 12/16/2024
 Christine Felde & Bill Montgomery

11:15 am

Greeter: Peggy Sudrovech
 Usher: Steve & Kathy Schwier
 Acolytes: Colton & Harper Rogers
 Assisting Minister: Amy Dowd
 Lector: Sarah Felde
 Bread Baker: Sandy Ference
 Communion Servers: Kelli Rogers &
 Peggy Sudrovech
 Communion Setup: Bill & Pam Montgomery
 Streaming: Chuck Trundle
 Don Westerhausen
 *Eden Hartford
 Communion Cleanup: Peggy Sudrovech

Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Andrea Jacko	Jim Brennan	Steve Schlotfeldt
Arless Matzek	John Rhame	Tom Frecka
Bob Clausen	Judy Anderson	Wendy Kerstetter
Christopher	Keith Munneke	
Dee Schlotfeldt	Linda Rapchak	Peg & Ed Stood at the death
Diane Lueck	Lowell Schlemmer	of Peg's brother,
Doug Cowen	Maretta Hershberger	Edward Rotkvic.
Gary Lotridge	Marge Reichman	
George Schwier	Mark Doerries	Family and friends at the
Hillary Doerries	Nancy Hanson	death of CtK member,
Jane Darnell	Peggy Hammer	Robert (Bob) Bruniga.
Jay	Ron Grabowski	
Jeff Salt	Rose Grabowski	
Jerry Harms	Ryan Doenges	

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers provided by Melodi Mitchell & Pete Zenisek
 in honor of their wedding.



December 15, 2024
Advent 3
8:15 am & 11:15 am



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Welcome to Christ the King Lutheran Church

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Thank you for silencing all cell phones and watches during worship.

Whether you are a visitor or a member, please fill out the navy friendship pad and pass it to others in the pew next to you. Return the pad to the end of the pew. Please note who is sitting with you and introduce yourself after the service.

Christ the King celebrates Holy Communion at each worship service. All baptized Christians, regardless of denominational affiliation, are invited to receive Holy Communion here.

If you are looking for a church home, please consider making our family your family. Our faith community is a blessing in our lives, and it is a privilege to share God’s work by serving our greater community. We are excited about our church and we would love to have you become part of it. If you would like to officially join Christ the King Lutheran Church or simply connect more fully, email connection@ctkluth.com.

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A nursery is available in room 401, immediately to the left outside the sanctuary, where parents may take infants to children age 4 yrs. When the nursery is staffed, please sign your child in and out with the childcare provider.

Our Clergy Couple Pr. Caroline Satre and Pr. Brad Davick hope to greet you. Please take a few minutes to talk with them immediately following the service.

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Save the Date!

Below are some events to add to your calendar.

December 8—December 29

Broadway Christian Hat & Mitten Donation Drive

December 15

Sights and Sounds of the Season

Children's Christmas Party

Youth Christmas Party

December 24

Christmas Eve Worship at

4:00 pm with Xalt! and Children's Message

6:00 pm with Choir and Children's Message

8:00 pm with Bells

December 29

10:00 am All-Congregation Lessons & Carols Worship

LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Advent 3

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

8:15 AM & 11:15 AM

Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

† GATHERING †

PRELUDE

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers, arr. Anne Krentz Organ
Cam Kureth, *flute*, with Hillary Doerries, *piano*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

During announcements, pass the navy blue folder found at the end of your row. If you are visiting, please fill in whatever information you would like our church office to have. Connection cards are located in the pew pocket in front of you. If you are visiting or your contact information has changed, please fill out the front portion of the card. If you would like someone or something lifted in prayer, please fill out the back portion of the card. Place completed cards in the offering plate or pass them to an usher.



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,
we confess that we have sinned.

We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned.

We plead: come to us.

Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God

through ✙ Christ Jesus,
whose day draws near.

Amen.



In Thee Is Gladness

RED BOOK #867



1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my
2 Je-sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his



break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cre-ly
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for



pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

† SENDING †

SENDING HYMN

In Thee Is Gladness
Please refer to page 21 of this worship Folder

RED BOOK #867

THE BLESSING

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

As the Body of Christ,
We are called and sent to love and serve the world.

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

People, Look East, arr. Christopher Alexander
Hillary Doerries, *piano*

If you are worshipping at 8:15 a.m., please leave this worship folder with an usher as you exit the sanctuary for use at the 11:15 a.m. service. Thank you!

GATHERING HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

RED BOOK #244



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

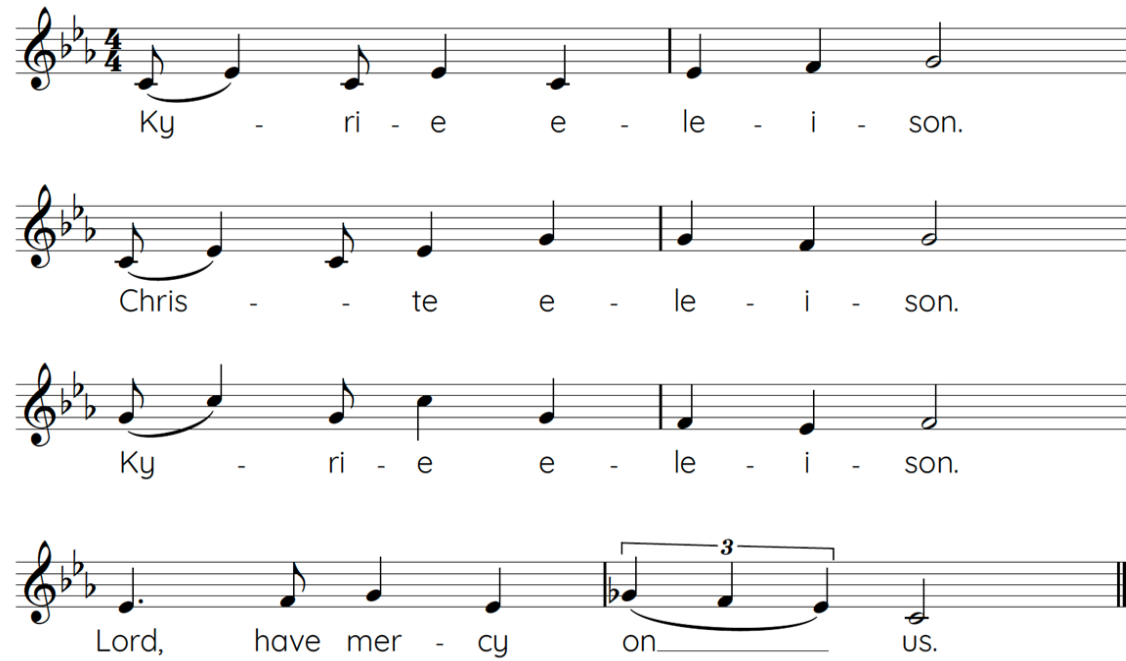


Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

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 ELEISON (*Lord have mercy*)



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - - te e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy on us.

*Kyrie
eleison*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The people are seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

We Are Waiting for Jesus

ACS #905



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God,
we thank you for the gift of life,
for the bread of salvation.
We thank you for coming among us,
for leading us into peace.
We thank you for showering us with mercy,
for sending us into the world.
Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us
as we feed the hungry in your name.
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. You grant us peace, you hear our prayers, you show - er your mer - cies u - pon us. This, this is the Lamb of God, who takes away our sins. Grant, grant to us your peace, we ask, O Lamb of God.



† WORD †

YOUNG PEOPLES' MESSAGE (11:15 am only)

THE FIRST READING

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

The prophet Zephaniah's message is mostly one of judgment for sin. This reading, however, which comes from the conclusion of the book, prophesies joy for Judah and Jerusalem. Judgment has led to repentance, and God's salvation is at hand.

- ¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
- ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
- ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
- ¹⁷ The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
- ¹⁸ as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
- ¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
- ²⁰ At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

ISAIAH 12:2-6 *(The Song of Isaiah)*

REFRAIN [R]

Sure-ly it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a -
fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and
he will be my Sav - ior.

VERSES:

Therefore, you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
“Give thanks to the Lord!”
and call upon his name. [R]

Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord,
for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world. [R]

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,
ring out your joy.
For the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel. [R]

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom 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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

The people are seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

If you would like to receive Holy Communion, please come forward when directed by the ushers. Communion will take place around the altar. Receive the bread in your hand, then lift either the red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. At 8:15 am, place your empty cup in the wooden bowl as you return to your seat by way of a side aisle. At both services, children who do not yet receive Holy Communion may come forward to receive a blessing.



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your great glo - ry
and your light. Loud ho - san - nas in the high - est on this win - ter
morn we cri - eth. Blest is he who comes to earth;
with glad de - light we'a - wait his birth. Loud ho - san - nas
we will sing to the ba - by, Christ, the King.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION



SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns with the hope that they will experience God's joy and peace.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

REFRAIN [R]

Cantor *All*
Al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Cantor *All*
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Cantor *All*
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

VERSE (CANTOR)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. [R]

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 3:7-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist heralds the mighty one who is coming. John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹ In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³ He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

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."

¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The people are seated.

SERMON

PASTOR BRAD DAVICK

Silence for reflection, then the people stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,
you made the whole world,
even the farthest stars,
and you draw near to feed us.
We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.
Strengthen us with this food
that we may live in expectation
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and join their unending hymn:

*Give Thanks
& Praise*

† MEAL †

THE OFFERING

December's undesignated cash or "loose" offerings will go to Broadway Christian Ministries, a local downtown church that serves breakfast and provides a number of other services to the unhoused every Monday through Thursday.

GATHERING THE GIFTS

People, Look East, arr. Robert Powell
Cam Kureth, *flute*, with Hillary Doerries, *organ*

The people stand and sing as the gifts are brought forward.

PRESENTING THE GIFTS + *the Doxology*

Praise God from whom all bles - sings____
 flow. Praise God all crea - tures here____ be -
 low. Praise God a - bove you heav - n'ly
 hosts. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly____
 Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! The Son of God comes
 near. We cel - e - brate his ad - vent____ here!

HYMN OF THE DAY

People, Look East

RED BOOK #248

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.



THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

God who reforms, fill your church with courage to do your will. Empower your people in taking risks that bear fruit. Raise up leaders who will proclaim the good news.

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God who creates, you hold in balance diverse ecosystems. Encourage efforts to protect wild lands from devastation. Care for animals and people in the path of destructive fires, storms, and other disasters. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God who leads, this world cries out for true justice. Guide legislatures, judges, and lawyers in actions steeped in love and restoration. Increase the desire to advocate for all who are confronted with discrimination and oppression based on race, gender, sexuality, class, or age. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God who embraces, help us notice the places where your people are hurting or sick including...

Show your compassion and remember your people in love. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God who abides, you dwell among the people of this congregation. Deepen our relationships with one another, and make us aware of the diverse talents and gifts present here. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God who consoles, we thank you for the time we have had with loved ones who have died. Comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

