FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 21 AND 22, 2024

Welcome to Christ The King Lutheran Church. God invites us into His house, by His grace and mercy. We gather around the Gospel message, which uplifts our spirit. During this season, we rejoice in the miracle of the incarnation. The Word becomes flesh and dwells among us! May God bless our worship today.

...Pastor Jason Cashmer

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THE BELLS

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OPENING PRAYER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

King's Ringers

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Noel

Praise Band

THE OPENING HYMN

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Prepare the Royal Highway

1. Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near! Let every hill and valley a level road appear! Then greet the king of glory foretold in sacred story:

Refrain: Oh, blest is he that came in God the Father's name!

- 2. God's people, see him coming: Your own eternal king! Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing! God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain*
- 3. Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king! Your king, yet every nation its tribute too should bring.
 All lands, bow down before him! All voices, join in singing: *Refrain*
- 4. His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above. His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love. So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

The First Noel

The first Noel, the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord, That hath made heav'n and earth of naught, And with His blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain*:

THE INVOCATION

P: *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS (From Micah 6)

P: Listen to what the LORD says: Stand up, plead your case before the mountains.

C: Let the hills here what you have to say.

P: Hear, O mountains, the LORD'S accusation.

C: Listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth.

P: For the Lord has a case against His people.

C: My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you?

P: I brought you up out of Egypt.

C: And redeemed you from the land of slavery.

P: He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?

C: To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

(Time of silence for individual confession)

THE ABSOLUTION

THE SONG RESPONSE

God Loves Me Dearly

LSB #392

1. God loves me dearly, grants me salvation, God loves me dearly, loves even me.

Refrain: Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,

God loves me dearly, loves even me.

- 2. I was in slav'ry, sin, death, and darkness; God's love was working to make me free. *Refrain*
- 3. He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer, He sent forth Jesus and set me free. *Refrain*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Micah 5:2-5a Hebrews10:5-10 Luke 1:39-56

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SONG RESPONSE

God Loves Me Dearly

LSB #392

- 4. Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer; Jesus, my Savior, paid all I owed. *Refrain*
- 5. Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal; Now I will praise You all my life long. *Refrain*

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND FIRST FRUIT GIVING

Musical Offering

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

On a Still, Silent Night

King's Ringers

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Breath of Heaven

Praise Band

THE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SERMON HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB #357

1. O come, O, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

- 2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord'rest all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*
- 4. O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*
- 5. O come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

THE SERMON Pastor Jason Cashmer

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING SONG

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light: *Refrain*

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear, Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear: *Refrain*

| | Adult Bible Classes | |
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| Saturday 6:00 p.m. | Fellowship Bible Study | West Gallery |
| Sunday 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Bible Study | Gym |

<u>ATTENDANCE REGISTER</u> – Members and visitors, please be sure to sign the attendance clipboard at the end of your pew and pass it down. Also, don't forget to sign in your children, even if they're in the nursery. Circle your name if you are taking Holy Communion. When the last person signs the book, please pass it back.

Next Weekend at CTK December 28 and 29, 2024 Holy Communion at all services

Preaching: Pastor Jason Cashmer

Music:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Duet/Instrumental Vocal Duet

Vocal Duet

Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel,

whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

⁵ And he shall be their peace.

Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"

⁸ When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, "Behold, I have come to do

your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1:39-56

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, 40 and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth, 41 And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42 and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

46 And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

- 52 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;
 - ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.
 - ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
- 55 as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."
- 56 And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.