

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 28 AND 29, 2024

Welcome to Christ The King Lutheran Church. Few things in life are as joyful as welcoming the first child. Joseph and Mary held their baby boy and marveled at the miracle of His birth. In the meantime, a “righteous and devout man” was preparing a Spirit-led pronouncement that is sung to this day. We gather to worship the newborn King, the one given the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.” ...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 11:00 a.m.

Duet/Instrumental

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

Organ

THE OPENING HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

LSB #379

- 1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him born the King of angels:

*Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

- 2. Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;  
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

- 3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest: *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

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

*C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

*C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

## THE ABSOLUTION

### THE SONG RESPONSE

#### ***Glory Be to God on High***

“Glory be to God on high!” This is now our joyful cry.

Peace to all who live on earth, grace and favor for new birth.

You we praise and glorify, worship You, O Lord Most High.

Gracious Father, heav’nly King, to Your name alone we sing:

Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son, Sole-begotten, holy One,

Born on earth from realms on high, born true Man for us to die,

Lamb of God, You take away, this world’s sin: Grant peace we pray.

With the Spirit, You alone, are Most High, O God the Son,

And the Father, God above, praise we now Your glorious love.

## THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 13:1-3a, 15

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:22-35

## THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND FIRST FRUIT GIVING

Musical Offering

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

Duet/Instrumental

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Organ

THE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SERMON HYMN

*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

LSB #374

1. Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;  
There He lay, the Undefined, to the world a stranger.  
Such a babe in such a place, can He be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race who have found His favor.
2. Angels sang about His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
Heaven's star shone brightly forth glory all around Him.  
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing;  
All the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ringing.
3. Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;  
He is still the Undefined but no more a stranger.  
Son of God of humble birth, beautiful the story;  
Praise His name in all the earth; hail the King of glory!

THE SERMON

Pastor Jason Cashmer

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR *All services*

Words of Institution

AGNUS DEI (*Sung*)

All: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the word, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

*A Great and Mighty Wonder*

LSB #383

1. A great and mighty wonder, a full and holy cure:  
The virgin bears the Infant with virgin honor pure!

*Refrain: Proclaim the Savior's birth:  
"To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth!"*

2. The Word becomes incarnate and yet remains on high,  
And cherubim sing anthems to shepherds from the sky. *Refrain*
3. While thus they sing your Monarch, those bright angelic bands,  
Rejoice, O vales and mountains, and oceans, clap your hands. *Refrain*
4. Since all He comes to ransom, by all be He adored,  
The Infant born in Bethl'em, the Savior and the Lord. *Refrain*
5. All idol then shall perish and Satan's lying cease,  
And Christ shall raise His scepter, decreeing endless peace. *Refrain*

***Once in Royal David's City***

LSB #376

1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed;  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.
3. For He is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us He grew;  
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us He knew;  
And He feels for all our sadness, and He shares in all our gladness.
4. And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love,  
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above,  
As He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.
5. Not in that poor, lowly stable with the oxen standing by  
Shall we see Him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high.  
Then like stars His children, crowned, all in white, His praise will sound!

**THE NUNC DIMITTIS (*Sung*)**

All: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING SONG

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

LSB #388

*Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

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| <i>Adult Bible Classes</i> |                        |              |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Saturday 6:00 p.m.         | Fellowship Bible Study | West Gallery |
| Sunday 10:00 a.m.          | Fellowship Bible Study | Gym          |

ATTENDANCE REGISTER – 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.

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| <b>Next Weekend at CTK</b>            |                  | <b>January 4 and 5, 2025</b> |
| <b>Holy Communion at all services</b> |                  |                              |
| Preaching:                            | Pastor PJ Brooks |                              |
| Music:                                | Praise Band      |                              |

**Exodus 13:1-3a, 15**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Moses,  
<sup>2</sup> “Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

<sup>3</sup> Then Moses said to the people,  
<sup>15</sup> For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’

**Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

<sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of

the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Luke 2:22-35**

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup> “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;  
<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation  
<sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.

<sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."