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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.

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Instrumental

THE OPENING 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 INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

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*
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 SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 31:15-17
Revelation 14:1-5
Matthew 2:13-18

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

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the World

Jesus, Way of salvation, King of kings, Lord of lords,
The Way, the Truth and the Life, Mighty Creator, my Savior and Friend.

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.

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Instrumental

THE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON HYMN

One Small Child

One small Child in a land of a thousand, one small dream of a Savior tonight,
One small hand reaching out to starlight, one small city of life. Oh

One king bringing his gold and riches, one King ruling an army of might,
One king kneeling with incense and candlelight, one King bringing us life. Oh
See Him lying, a cradle beneath Him, see Him smiling in the stall.
See His mother praising His Father, see His tiny eyelids fall.

One small light from the flame of a candle, one small light from a city of might,
One small light from the stars in the endless night, one small light from a face. Oh
See the shepherds kneeling before Him, see the kings on bended knee.
See His mother praising His Father, see the Blessed Infant sleep.

One small Child in a land of a thousand, one small dream in a people of might,
One small hand reaching out to the starlight, one small Savior of life. Oh

THE SERMON

Pastor Jason Cashmer

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING SONG

Be Thou My Vision

Brown Hymnal #468

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
 May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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| <i>Adult Bible Classes</i> | | |
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| 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.

| Next Weekend at CTK | | January 3 and 4, 2026 |
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| Holy Communion at all services | | |
| Preaching: | Pastor Jason Cashmer | |
| Music: | | |
| Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. | Piano-Organ Duet | |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. | Praise Band | |

Jeremiah 31:15-17

¹⁵ Thus says the Lord: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more."

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord: "Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears,

for there is a reward for your work, declares the Lord, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

¹⁷ There is hope for your future, declares the Lord, and your children shall come back to their own country.

Revelation 14:1-5

¹ Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, ³ and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who

had been redeemed from the earth. ⁴ It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, ⁵ and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

Matthew 2:13-18

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴

And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from

the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled
what was spoken by the prophet
Jeremiah:

¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her
children;
she refused to be comforted,
because they are no more.”