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THE BELLS

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OPENING PRAYER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to Our World

Praise Band

THE OPENING HYMN

Come as You Are

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken hearted, let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy, Oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

*Chorus: So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart. Come as you are.*

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure. *Chorus to bridge*

Bridge: Come as you are, fall in his arms, come as you are.

There's joy for the morning; O sinner, be still.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. *Chorus*

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: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,*
- C: who made heaven and earth.*
- P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*
- C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*
- P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

THE ABSOLUTION

THE SONG RESPONSE

Seek Ye First

LSB #712

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word,
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:1-17

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, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Brown Hymnal #513

1. God, whose giving knows no ending, all our life is from Thy store;
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.
Gifted by Thee, turn we to Thee, off'ring up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious Donor of our days.
4. Lend Thy joy to all our giving, let it light our pilgrim way:
From the dark of anxious keeping, loose us into gen'rous day.
Then when years on earth are over, rich t'ward Thee and fellowman,
Lord, fulfill beyond our dreaming all our steward-life began.

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND FIRST FRUIT GIVING

Musical Offering

Gone

Praise Band

THE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON HYMN

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

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

LSB #594

1. God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free lasting to eternity!
2. Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

3. Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, all your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!
5. There is nothing worth comparing to this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Death Was Arrested

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin,
Lost without hope with no place to begin,
Your love made a way to let mercy come in,
When death was arrested and my life began.

Ash was redeemed, only beauty remains,
My orphan heart was given a name,
My mourning grew quiet, my feet rose to dance,
When death was arrested and my life began.

*Chorus: Oh, Your grace, so free, washes over me
You have made me new, now life begins with You
It's Your endless love, pouring down on us
You have made us new, now life begins with You*

Released from my chains, I'm a prisoner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began. *Chorus*

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross,
Darkness rejoiced as though heaven had lost,
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand,
That's when death was arrested and my life began!
That's when death was arrested and my life began! *Chorus, ending with tag*

Tag: Oh, we're free, free, forever we're free,
Come join the song of all the redeemed.
Yes, we're free, free, forever, amen,
When death was arrested and my life began.

THE SERMON

Pastor PJ Brooks

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING SONG

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

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB #394

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem in Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest in Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
5. Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, present in Thy holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now and be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee at Thy Great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest God in man made manifest.

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me. Shine on me.

*Chorus: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me. Shine on me. *Chorus*

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
 So our faces display Your likeness,
 Ever changing from glory to glory;
 Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;
 Shine on me, Shine on me. *Chorus*

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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 17 and 18, 2026 |
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| Holy Communion at all services | | |
| Preaching: | Pastor Jason Cashmer | |
| Music: | Praise Band | |

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Matthew 3:1-17

¹ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

⁴ Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

⁹ And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

¹⁰ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;

¹⁷ and behold, a voice from
heaven said, “This is my beloved
Son, with whom I am well
pleased.”