

# Christ the King Lutheran Church

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, January 18, 2026

( \* = please stand as you are able)

*Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND DIALOGUE

We have waited patiently for the Lord. **The Lord has stooped to us and heard our cry.**

The Lord lifts us up and puts a new song with us. **Happy are those who trust in the Lord.**

We proclaim your righteousness! **We do not restrain our lips!**

You are the Lord! **Your love and your truth surround us!**

### CONFESSON & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **☩** one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.** Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in **☩** Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

*Gather Us In*

ELW 532 v 1, 4

### GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Let us pray: **Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(OT page 695)

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

READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(NT page 157)

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### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*He Came Down*

ELW 253

\*GOSPEL READING: John 1:29-42

(NT page 87)

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*

ELW 696 v 1, 4, 5

## NICENE CREED

With the whole church of God in Christ Jesus, let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.  
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

OFFERING

*African Psalm*

by Patrick Liebergen

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OFFERING PRAYER

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

(front of ELW page 144)

\*EUCARISTIC PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION *We commune at two stations in front of the pulpit and lectern. Come down the side aisles, receive the bread; proceed to the wine or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Return to your seats by the center aisle. All are welcome.*

COMMUNION

*Taste and See*

ELW 493

COMMUNION HYMN

*Here I Am, Lord*

ELW 574

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

*Lord, Dismiss Us*

ELW 545 v. 1, 3

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

## Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Assisting Minister	Jan Gasterland
Lector	Kay Marotz
Prayers	Florence Smallfield
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Special Music	Trinity Choir

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## SUNDAY – January 18

9:30a	Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a	Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge
10:45a	Budget Meeting – Social Hall
6:00p	BSO – Social Hall
6:00p	Walk & Talk - MOA

## In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **For Dan Pierce & his family at the death of his sister, Bernadine**
- **Continuing Prayers: Jacquie Craig** (Jodi Greiner's sister), **Ryan Jones** (Jane B's nephew), **Robert Thornton** (Carol's husband), **Pam Novak** (friend of Chris Gabel), **Lavonne Kennedy** (Clare Erickson's sister), **Jim Wegge** (Bev Wegge's brother), **Carol Hinze** (Caitlyn Johnson's grandma), **Isaac Hill** (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), **Jackie Schmeidlin** (friend of Sean Bernier), **Shirley Gentz, Pastor David and Diane Lerseth, Steve Olson, David Newhall** (Liz Olson's brother), **Elizabeth Olson, Julie Allen** (friend of Lynne Gasterland), **Michael R. Vogel** (Mike Vogel's son), **Susan Hanson, David Niemand** (Holly Hauer's brother), **Donna Woodward** (sister of Dan Pierce), **Geralyn Barone** (friend of John & Kim Gunyou), **Sue Larson** (friend of Liz Olson), **Chris Wondra** (friend of Sean Johnson) **Jim and Arlene Knutson, David Olson** (Steve's brother), and **Mari Wasilowski** (friend of Jodi Haddox)
- **Ginny Paulsen** and all who are homebound
- **Our sister in China, Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, El comunidad de fe bilingue/The bilingual faith community of Tapestry Lutheran Church in Richfield**
- **Lutheran Disaster Response**

## January Gift of Love—Global Health Ministries

Global Health Ministries (GHM) "Helping The Hands That Heal", was founded in 1987 by returning Medical Missionaries in consultation with American Lutheran Church Mission Staff. Since then it has developed a nationwide network of supporters for Lutheran Hospitals and Health Care programs in more than 30 countries. GHM carries out its mission through the gathering and shipping of requested medical supplies and equipment to these partners. Project grants are also made. In 2014 GHM increased its emphasis of working to improve sustainability and effectiveness in management. CTK continues to support GHM through the Gift of Love and the service of volunteers.

<p><b>This Week at Christ the King</b></p> <p>Loaves &amp; Fishes provide a free drive-up meal Monday-Friday from 5-6 <b>none on 1/19</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY – January 19</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Day <i>Office Closed</i></p> <p><b>TUESDAY – January 20</b> 10:00a Staff Meeting - Office 6:30p Yoga 6:30p Chapel Ringers</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY – January 21</b> 9:00a Bible Study – Lounge 2:00p Walk &amp; Talk - MOA 5:40p Children's Choir <b>6:00p Worship</b> 6:00p WOW 7:00p Trinity Choir</p> <p><b>THURSDAY – January 22</b> 9:30a- Noon Country Jammers – Social Hall</p>
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<p><b>Next Weekend at Christ the King</b></p> <p><b>SUNDAY – January 25</b></p> <p>9:30a Worship with Holy Communion 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge 10:45a Annual Report – Social Hall 6:00p BSO – Social Hall 6:00p Walk &amp; Talk - MOA</p> <p><b>Bible Reading for next week:</b> Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23</p> <p><b>Volunteers for January</b> If you would like to greet, read, assist, serve/prep communion, or serve coffee on any of the following Sundays: Greeter <b>1/25</b> Reader <b>1/25</b> Assisting <b>1/25</b> Prayers <b>1/25</b> Communion servers (2) <b>1/25</b> Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at <a href="mailto:jvevea@ctkb.org">jvevea@ctkb.org</a>.</p> <p><b>CTK Loaves &amp; Fishes— Wednesday Night Dinner 1/28</b> CTK will help prepare the meals and hand them out. <u>Prepping is 2:30pm-4:30pm and handing out is 4:30 to 6pm.</u> If you would like to help, please contact the office—952-881-8600. Thank you!</p> <p><b>Annual Report</b> <b>Sunday, 1/18 - Budget Meeting</b> <b>Sunday, 1/25 - Annual Meeting</b></p> <p><b>February Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>Monday, January 19</b> Please email newsletter articles to <a href="mailto:jvevea@ctkb.org">jvevea@ctkb.org</a> or leave a hard copy in the church office.</p> <p><b>Feed My Starving Children</b> Hello! I (Naomi Bernier) am hosting a Feed My Starving Children event on <b>February 21 from 9:30-11:30am!</b> If you are interested and would like to learn more/sign up there is a link below where you can do just that! <u>Our CTK foundation has promised to donate \$106 to them for every household that participates.</u> <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EA9A82DA2FAC16-61426369-feed">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EA9A82DA2FAC16-61426369-feed</a></p> <p><b>Walk and Talks at the Mall of America</b> <b>You have 2 opportunities each week to join us. Sundays at 6:00pm and Wednesdays at 2:00 pm</b> Meet at the down escalator to Sea Life on the 1st floor east side. We will be walking all 3 levels. The walk usually lasts about 45 minutes to an hour. It is a gentle pace. You can do as much or as little as you want. Direct any questions to Lynn Lenort.</p>
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