

Christ the King Lutheran Church

4th Sunday after Epiphany, February 1, 2026

(* = please stand as you are able)

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND DIALOGUE (from Psalm 15)

LORD, who may dwell with you—who may live on your holy hill?

Those who are blameless and do what is right—who speak the truth from their heart.

They reject what is wicked and honor those who fear the LORD.

They dedicate their lives to the LORD and are true to their word.

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

Rise Up, O Saints of God

ELW 669 v. 3, 4, 5

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, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.** Amen.

READING: Micah 6:1-8

(OT page 891)

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

READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

(NT page 158)

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

He Came Down

ELW 253

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW 710

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

Bless This House

by May H. Brahe, arr. Strommen

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OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

(front of ELW page 144)

*EUCHARISTIC 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

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

ELW 754

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth

ELW 551 v. 1, 4

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

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Bonnie Wilcox
Assisting Minister	Loren Thompson
Children's Message	Kristina Elder
Lector	Tom Butala
Prayers	Verla Olson
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Assistant Music Director	Darin Tysdal
Special Music	Trinity Choir, Akiko Durbin, organ

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SUNDAY – February 1

9:30a	Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a	Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge
10:45a	BLAST – Room 36
10:45a	Fellowship – Social Hall
Noon	SHINE – Social Hall
6:00p	BSO – Social Hall
6:00p	Walk & Talk - MOA

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **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), **Chris Wondra** (friend of Sean Johnson) **Jim and Arlene Knutson**, **Mari Wasilowski** (friend of Jodi Haddox), and **Cynthia Schmidt** (Rachel Bernier and Sarah Marotz's mom)
- **New Prayers:** **Rick Turnquist** and **Mike Anderson** (Sandy Roisum's nephew)
- **Erik Carlson** 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**
- **Global Health Ministries**

February Gift of Love – Lutheran Campus Ministry-Twin Cities

Lutheran Campus Ministry-Twin Cities is the largest Christian queer affirming ministry on the campus of the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Our community centers the unconditional love of God and is marked by a commitment to integrity, curiosity, and creating belonging for one another and our neighbors. At a time when your lives as students are in flux, our ministry helps you as students at the University of Minnesota grow in your faith, ask big and beautiful questions about God, your vocation, your emerging identities, and experience the healing power of belonging and the transformational nature of Christ's welcome. ***There's a place for you here, just as you are. Go to <https://lcmtc.org/#> for more information.***

<p>This Week at Christ the King Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal Monday-Friday from 5-6 MONDAY – February 2 8:30a Church Chore Crew 9:00a Quilting – Social Hall</p> <p>TUESDAY – February 3 10:00a Staff Meeting - Office 6:30p Yoga 6:30p Chapel Ringers</p> <p>WEDNESDAY – February 4 9:00a Bible Study – Lounge 2:00p Walk & Talk - MOA 5:40p Children's Choir 6:00p Worship 6:00p WOW 7:00p Trinity Choir</p> <p>THURSDAY – February 5 9:30a-Noon Country Jammers – Social Hall</p> <p>FRIDAY – February 6 Office Closed 6:30p Souperbowl Lock-In</p>

Family Play Space-Saturday, February 7
Families with young children are invited to play together at this free indoor play space that operates the first Saturday of the month, 9am-3pm, November through March. The play space is ideal for children ages 6 months through about 6 years old, but younger and older children are welcome. All are welcome! If you'd like to volunteer to help set up or clean-up for one or more events, please call or email us: jbishop@ctkb.org; 952-881-8600.



<p>Next Weekend at Christ the King SATURDAY – February 7 9am-3pm Family Play Space – Social Hall</p> <p>SUNDAY – February 8 Soup-er bowl Fundraiser 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge 10:45a BLAST – Room 36 10:45a Confirmation 10:45a CTK Foundation – Room 110 10:45a Book Club – Room 11 No Walk & Talk</p> <p>Bible Reading for next week: Isaiah 58:1-9a Psalm 112:1-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 Matthew 5:13-20</p> <p>Volunteers for February If you would like to greet, read, assist, serve/prep communion, or serve coffee on any of the following Sundays: Greeter 2/8, 2/15, 2/22 Reader 2/8, 2/15, 2/22 Assisting 2/8, 2/15, 2/22 Prayers 2/8, 2/15, 2/22 Communion servers (2) 2/8, 2/15, 2/22 Communion prep on 2/15 Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org.</p> <p>Feed My Starving Children Hello! I (Naomi Bernier) am hosting a Feed My Starving Children event on February 21 from 9:30-11:30am! 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> https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EA9A82DA2FAC16-61426369-feed</p> <p>Walk and Talks at the Mall of America <u>You have 2 opportunities each week to join us.</u> <u>Sundays at 6:00pm and Wednesdays at 2:00 pm</u> 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>
