Christ the King Lutheran Church
First Sunday in Advent – November 29, 2026

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

WREATH LIGHTING/CALL TO WORSHIP *liturgy on screen*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel ELW 257 v.1

The first candle of the Advent wreath is lit.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel ELW 257 v.2

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who calls out to the weary, whose word endures forever. **Amen.**
A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord!" We are called to confess our sin and turn back toward God's love.
Silence is kept for reflection.
Comforting God, **we are your people, but we have neglected to call on your name. We are your people, but we have not remembered your ways. We are your people, but we have forgotten your hold on us. We are your people, but now we fade like a leaf, and our sins, like the wind, take us away. Restore us as your people. Cleanse us from our sin, and clothe us in your righteousness. Amen.**
"Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God, who has clothed you with the garments of salvation and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness. God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. In the name of ☩ Christ, your sins are forgiven: Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice in the Lord! **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

*GATHERING HYMN *Christ Be Our Light* ELW 715

GREETING & 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: **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

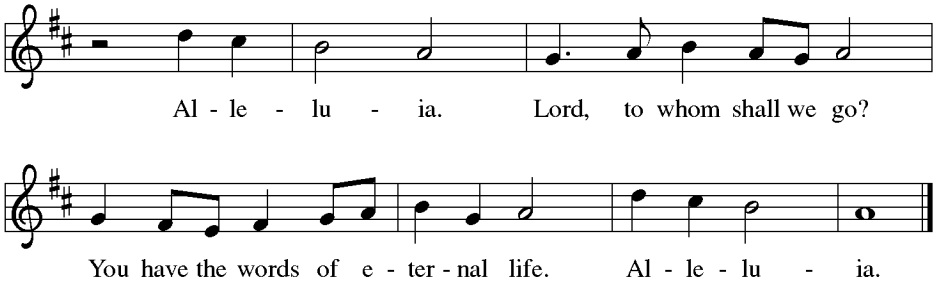
[1] Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
[2] **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**
[3] Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
[4] **O Lord God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**
[5] You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

[6] You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
[7] Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
[17] Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.
[18] And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.
[9] Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37 (NT page 47)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Wake Awake for Night Is Flying* ELW 436

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 on 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 worshipped 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
SHARING OF THE PEACE
The peace Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

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OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING front of ELW page 152
SANCTUS front of ELW page 153
*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION
THE LORD'S PRAYER front of ELW page 154
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.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Lamb of God* front of ELW page 154
COMMUNION HYMN *The King Shall Come* ELW 260

TABLE BLESSING
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Providing God, you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your people in your arms. We praise you for the care and sustenance you give at this meal and always. As we leave your table, carry us near your heart, and send us with confidence in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.
ANNOUNCEMENTS
BLESSING
God our provider, God our feast, God our companion, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers* ELW 244 verses 1 & 4
DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Bring good news the brokenhearted. **Thanks be to God.**
POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Assisting Minister	Chris Gabel
Lector	Lynda Tysdal
Prayers	Sarah Marotz
Interim Director of Music Ministries	Angela House Gritton
Organist	Mary Newton
Assistant Music Director	Darin Tysdal
Special Music	Trinity Choir

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SUNDAY – November 29 – 1st Sunday in Advent

9:30a	**Worship with Holy Communion**
10:30a	Maranatha Christian Congregation
10:45a	Advent Event – Social Hall
6:00p	Walk & Talk - MOA

Altar flowers in honor of Don Perlich's 93rd birthday on 11/26.

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **For Carol Rathje and her family at the death of her husband, Bob. Funeral at CTK on 12/3 at 3pm.**
- **Continuing Prayers: Robert Thornton** (Carol's husband), **Lavonne Kennedy** (Clare Erickson's sister), **Jackie Schmeidlin** (friend of Sean Bernier), **Susan Hanson, Jim and Arlene Knutson, Cori Shuck** (sister of Jodi Haddox), **Angela Breitenfeldt** (friend of Heidi Price), **Beth Michaelsen** (Jean Stoll's sister), **Beth Dallmann, Diana Bernier** (Sean Bernier's mom), **Twila Rockwell** (Bonnie Erickson's cousin), **Ryan Koenig** (friend of David Tillotson), **Barb Rhodes, Jen Tourville** (friend of the Gasterlands), and **Michael R. Vogel** (Mike & Mary Ann's son)
- **Arlene Knutson** 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 in Richfield**
- **ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission**

This Week at Christ the King

Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal Monday-Friday from 5-6pm

MONDAY – November 30
8:30a Church Chore Crew
9:00a Quilting – Social Hall
4:15p Public Witness Team

TUESDAY – December 1
10:00a Staff Meeting – Office
3:30p Advent Book Club - Lounge
6:30p Yoga
7:00p Emotions Anonymous

WEDNESDAY – December 2
9:00a Bible Study - Lounge
2:00p Walk & Talk
6:00p Worship – Holden Evening Prayer
6:00p Chapel Ringers
7:00p Trinity Choir

THURSDAY – December 3
9am-Noon Country Jammers – Social Hall
3:00p Funeral for Bob Rathje
5:30p AA Meeting – Room 110



If you haven't already, please turn in your pledge for 2027. You can pop it in the mail, pick up a card in the library or give me a call in the office. We *knead* you! Grace & Peace! Jane Bishop

Family Play Space – Dec. 5 – 9am-3pm

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, December 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!

Loaves & Fishes—Wednesday Night Dinner December 9

If you can help, please contact the office—952-881-8600 or email Jane V. Thank you! Prep @ 2:30p Hand out @ 4:30p

Next Weekend at Christ the King

SATURDAY – December 5
9am-3pm Play Space – Social Hall

SUNDAY – December 6 – 2nd Sunday in Advent
9:30a Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
10:45a BLAST and Confirmation
6:00p Walk & Talk - MOA

Next week's Bible Readings:
Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8

November Gift of Love — Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes mission is to provide nutritious meals to people who are hungry across Minnesota in an atmosphere of hospitality at site locations where the need is greatest and to develop joint ventures/partnerships with like-minded organizations assisting guests with additional basic needs key to becoming self-sufficient. For more information go to

Volunteers for December

If you would like to greet, read, prep/serve communion or make coffee:
Greeter **12/6**, 12/13, 12/20, 12/24, 12/27
Assistant Minister **12/6**, 12/13, 12/20, 12/24, 12/27
Reader **12/6**, 12/13, 12/20, 12/24, 12/27
Prayers **12/6**, 12/13, 12/20, 12/24, 12/27
Communion prep **12/6**, 12/20, 12/24
Communion servers **12/6**, 12/13, 12/20, 12/24
Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org.

Advent/Christmas Season

Please consider making a donation "in honor of" or "in memory of" loved ones to beautify our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season. The forms can be found on the narthex table or in the office. **Forms are due by 12/21.**

Christmas Cookies for Homebound Members

Christ the King members will again deliver Christmas cookies to our homebound members. We need volunteers to bake cookies. **A sign-up sheet is at the Library desk**. **Bring your ready-to-pack cookies to the CTKB kitchen on 12/14 by 9am**. Our quilters will pack them that morning. The packed cookies will then be delivered later in the week. **If you would like to deliver cookies, please notify the office!**