

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING:

SUNDAY (12/11)	Divine Service, 9:00 a.m. Education Hour, 10:20 a.m. Advent By Candlelight, 1:00 p.m.
MONDAY	Confirmation Class, 3:15 p.m.
TUESDAY	Tuesday Bible Class, 9:00 a.m. Brookview Meadows Service, 2:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m. Advent Supper, 5:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Service, 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY (12/18)	Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m. Christmas Fellowship w/Cookies, 10:15 a.m.



OUR MISSION

Christ the King Ev. Lutheran Church gives all praise and thanks to the Triune God for His grace received through Word and Sacrament by sharing the saving Gospel of Christ with the people of this community and the world.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer Him our prayers and praises, hear His holy and powerful Word, and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments. Through His Word and Sacraments, our gracious God strengthens our faith and leads us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES FOR TODAY

Christ’s coming drives the darkness from our hearts. In this world appearances can be deceiving and lead to doubt. Yet in Jesus’ arrival we find the fulfillment of God’s promises that strengthens and encourages us as we patiently wait for the fullness of His kingdom.

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

Guests and visitors, thank you for joining us today! Please sign the Guest Book before you leave (the red binder in the front of church). Please, come and worship with us again!

There is a Parents’ Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From there you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience the order of service is printed on the following pages. It is based on the Order of Morning Service, beginning on page 5 in The Lutheran Hymnal.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher	Rev. S. Piet Van Kampen
Organist	Deb Meyer
Elder on Duty	Daniel Lindquist
Ushers	David Diestler, Charles Hartwig, and Rick Schnese
Altar Guild	Sandra Gillaume & Janet Heuser

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE - Here are the dates for this year’s special Advent and Christmas services:

- Midweek Advent Service, Wed., 12/14, 6:30 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Saturday, 12/24, 5:30 p.m.
- Christmas Day Festival Service (with Holy Comm.), Sunday, 12/25, 9:00 a.m.
- New Year’s Eve Communion Service, Saturday, 12/31, 5:30 p.m.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE - The theme for our midweek Advent services this year is “This Is My Son.” We will take a look at sons who were born in the Old Testament who were thought to be the fulfillment of God’s promises—but ultimately were not. Our midweek Advent journey will prepare us to receive the one of whom God the Father says, “This is My Son”: Jesus Christ. Join us this Wednesday at 6:30 as we meditate on the theme: “This Is My Son—Absalom, Son of David”. Come early for supper at 5:00 p.m. (You can also sign up to help with Advent suppers in the fellowship hall.)

OLD MEDITATIONS - Anyone wishing to donate their old Meditations devotional booklet, may place it in a box that is labeled in the usher's closet. These will be made available at a Laundry Love event for others to read if they so wish.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - Christ the King is looking to hire an administrative assistant for 10 hours/week. Qualified applicants need to be members in good standing of Christ The King Lutheran, or of a church of our fellowship (ELS/WELS), have experience running various computer applications, utilize effective communication skills and demonstrate attention to detail. Interested applicants can bring their resume to Pastor Van Kampen for a detailed job description.

THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Musical notation for the benediction in C major, 4/4 time. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4-E4 (beamed eighth notes), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The lyrics are: C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Hosanna to the Living Lord | 70

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS - If you'd like to donate altar flowers for one of our worship services, please sign up and find details on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP SNACKS - If you'd like to serve treats for our fellowship time on Sundays, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT - All members, friends, and family are invited to our Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, December 11, 2022 1-3 pm. Our program this year is called, O Christmas Tree! Refreshments will follow the program in the Fellowship Hall.

COOKIES! - On Sunday, December 18, please join us after church for fellowship and cookies. For those who like to bake, bring 2 dozen cookies to share. Everyone else should bring their sweet tooth and have fun. There of course will be coffee, juice, and possibly milk to dunk those cookies into; or enjoy your cookies with a side of ice cream.

The Order of Morning Service

Please stand.

HYMN

The Advent of Our King | 68

INVOCATION & CONFESSION OF SINS

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Musical notation for the invocation in C major, 4/4 time. The melody consists of a series of half notes: C4 (half), D4 (half), E4 (half), F#4 (half), G4 (half), A4 (half), B4 (half), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4-E4 (beamed eighth notes), D4 (half), C4 (half). The lyrics are: C: A - men.

M: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to 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.

Musical notation for the confession in C major, 4/4 time. The melody consists of a series of half notes: C4 (half), D4 (half), E4 (half), F#4 (half), G4 (half), A4 (half), B4 (half), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4-E4 (beamed eighth notes), D4 (half), C4 (half). The lyrics are: C: Who made heaven and earth.

M: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

Musical notation for the confession in C major, 4/4 time. The melody consists of a series of half notes: C4 (half), D4 (half), E4 (half), F#4 (half), G4 (half), A4 (half), B4 (half), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4-E4 (beamed eighth notes), D4 (half), C4 (half). The lyrics are: C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

M: 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. Therefore 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, You have 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.

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all!



C: A - men.

THE INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

Philippians 4:4-6; Psalm 85:1

M: Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.




C: Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;




As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,



world with - out end. A - men.



Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;



and up-hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

You may be seated.

THE OFFERING

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD’S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

You may be seated.

HYMN

Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Hearken | 75

Please stand.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

M: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

You may be seated.

HYMN

Arise, Sons of the Kingdom | 69

Please stand for the singing of the last verse.

SERMON - Isaiah 35:1-10

Isaiah’s Gospel Promises:
God’s Coming Kingdom Brings Great Joy!
1. Joy that strengthens us now.
2. Joy that will last forever.

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY

“Create In Me”

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right.
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence;
and take not Thy Ho - ly Spi - rit from me.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Advent 3

M: We light three Advent candles remembering Jesus, the Light of the world. He came to defeat the prince of darkness.
C: We remember Jesus, who came in answer to His people’s prayers. John proclaimed Him the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
M: We hear His call to see the light.
C: We light three Advent candles as a sign of our trust and confidence.
M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.
C: Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

The third Advent candle is lit.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION & COLLECT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spir - it.

M: Let us pray: Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of Your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with Your light; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 35:1-10

The LORD's ransomed people will obtain everlasting joy.

The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them,
And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;
² It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, The excellence of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD, The excellency of our God.
³ Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees.
⁴ Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear!
Behold, your God will come with vengeance, With the recompense of God;
He will come and save you."
⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
⁶ Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing.
For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert.
⁷ The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water;
In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, There shall be grass with reeds and rushes.
⁸ A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness.
The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others.
Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray.
⁹ No lion shall be there, Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it;
It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there,
¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads.
They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

SECOND LESSON: JAMES 5:7-11

Learn to wait patiently for the Lord's coming.

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. ⁸ You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! ¹⁰ My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. ¹¹ Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

GRADUAL

Matthew 11:10, cf. NIV

M: Alleluia. I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia.

C: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 11:2-11

John the Baptist sends his disciples to question Jesus.

C: Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples ³ and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"
⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: ⁵ "The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. ⁶ "And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."
⁷ As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ "But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹ "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ "For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.' ¹¹ "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!