

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

- 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.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING:

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| SUNDAY (12/18) | Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m. Christmas Fellowship w/Cookies, 10:15 a.m. |
| MONDAY | Confirmation Class, 1:00 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. Choir Practice, 6:00 p.m. |
| SATURDAY (12/24) <i>Christmas Eve</i> | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:30 p.m. |
| SUNDAY (12/25) <i>Christmas Day</i> | Christmas Day Festival Service (Comm.), 9:00 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 hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES FOR TODAY

God will save His people, just as He promised! The promise of Immanuel—“God-with-us”—is fulfilled in the virgin birth of the Son of David who is also the Son of God. With Christmas right around the corner, we see how in the coming of Christ God kept every promise to give us what we so desperately needed: grace and peace.

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. The Service of Holy Communion is also found on p. 15ff in the front of the red hymnal.

Holy Communion: We hold to the ancient, biblical practice of “close communion,” communing only confirmed members of our church or churches of our fellowship (ELS and WELS). Guests, please speak with the pastor prior to the service if you wish to commune. Thank you for your courteous respect of our beliefs and practices.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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| Minister | Rev. S. Piet Van Kampen |
| Organist | Deb Meyer |
| Elder on Duty | Daniel Lindquist |
| Ushers | Brian Busse, Jason Diestler, Harmen Van Kampen |
| Altar Guild | Sandra Gillaume & Janet Heuser |

CLOSING HYMN

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 Sunday, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS COOKIES! - Please join us after church for our annual Christmas fellowship! Today we are especially looking forward to Christmas cookies!

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.

YEAR-END SYNOD OFFERING - Our delegates and pastors set a budget of \$820,000 for gifts from congregations to our ELS missions and ministries for 2022 as we strive to *Tell of Jesus and His Love*. As we come to the end of the year, note the special envelope provided in the bulletin to support the ELS and its missions. If you’d like to offer a special gift, **please make your check out to Christ The King Lutheran Church** and designate it for the synod’s budget from your congregations. May our gifts be in accord with our Lord’s abundant blessings to us.

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.

THANKSGIVING

M: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

Musical notation for the first line of the Thanksgiving hymn. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and C major (no sharps or flats). The lyrics are: C: And His mercy en - dureth for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

Musical notation for the second line of the Thanksgiving hymn. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and C major (no sharps or flats). The lyrics are: C: A - men.

THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the first line of the Benediction. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and C major (no sharps or flats). The lyrics are: C: And with thy spir - it.

M: Let us bless the Lord.

Musical notation for the second line of the Benediction. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and C major (no sharps or flats). The lyrics are: C: Thanks be to God.

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 third line of the Benediction. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and C major (no sharps or flats). The lyrics are: C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Order of the Holy Communion

Please stand.

HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates | 73

INVOCATION & CONFESSION OF SINS

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

Musical notation for the first line of the Invocation. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and C major (no sharps or flats). 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 second line of the Invocation. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and C major (no sharps or flats). The lyrics are: C: Who made heaven and earth.

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

Musical notation for the third line of the Invocation. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and C major (no sharps or flats). The lyrics are: C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

M: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

THE INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

Isaiah 45:8; Psalm 19:1

M: Rain down, you heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. Let the earth open, and bring forth salvation. The heavens declare the glory of God, And the firmament shows His handiwork.



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.

Please stand.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

“Now Dismiss” - The Song of Simeon



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people, a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy people Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

THE *AGNUS DEI* (“LAMB OF GOD”)

O Christ,Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,

have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ,Thou Lamb of God, that

tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ,Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,

grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

You may be seated.
During the Distribution, communicants may come forward at the direction of the ushers.

THE DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Of the Father’s Love Begotten | 98
A Great and Mighty Wonder | 76

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

M: We light four Advent candles remembering Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary.
He came to share our humanity.
C: **We remember Jesus, whose name means Savior. He came to save His people from their sins.**
M: We hear His call to give Him a place in our hearts.
C: **We light four Advent candles as a sign of our joy and hope.**
M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.
C: **Through Your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

The fourth 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: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of Your birth, that we may receive You in joy and serve You always; 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 7:10-14

The virgin will bear a Son, and call Him Immanuel.

Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ "Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above."

¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!"

¹³ Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? ¹⁴ "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 1:1-7

Peace through Jesus Christ, the Son of God and seed of David.

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God ² which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, ³ concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, ⁴ and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. ⁵ Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, ⁶ among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; ⁷ To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

GRADUAL

Matthew 1:23

M: Alleluia. The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel. Alleluia.

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER

M: 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;

C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

A - men.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

M: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the Messiah, the very Lamb of God, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the
high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 1:18-25

“You shall call His name JESUS.”

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

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

²² So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

²⁴ Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, ²⁵ and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

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

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

THE NICENE CREED

C: 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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

You may be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Immanuel | 62

Please stand for the singing of the last verse.

SERMON - Isaiah 7:10-14

Isaiah’s Gospel Promises:
God’s Kingdom Comes Through the Child Immanuel
1. As a sign for sinners.
2. As a sign of salvation.

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY

C: 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 Spir-it from me. 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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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THE PREFACES & THE SANCTUS (“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spir - it.