

**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.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE** - New Year's Eve Communion Service will take place this Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

*Have a Blessed, Merry Christmas!*

**THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING:**

SUNDAY (12/25)      **Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m.**  
*Christmas Day*

TUESDAY              Brookview Meadows Service, 2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY (12/31)   **New Year's Eve Service (Comm.), 5:30 p.m.**  
*New Year's Eve*

SUNDAY (1/1/2023)   **Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m.**  
*Christmas Day*              Fellowship, 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.*



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**A SAVIOR IS BORN**

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD—CHRISTMAS DAY  
DECEMBER 25, 2022**

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

**A Savior is born—to dwell among us!** Christmas Day is the festival of the Incarnation: the eternal Son of God was born in time as the son of Mary so that in His flesh He might free us from the bondage of sin. We rejoice that, because God sent His only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, through faith in Him we are now God’s children and heirs of life everlasting.

**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.

**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

Minister	Rev. S. Piet Van Kampen
Organist	Deb Meyer
Elder on Duty	Daniel Lindquist
Ushers	Joseph Massie, Joseph Massie, Jr., James Van Kampen
Altar Guild	Sandra Gillaume & Janet Heuser

**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.



C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

*Rejoice, Rejoice, This Happy Morn* | 79

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** Thank you to all who donated Christmas poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

- Jay and Jill Brown
- Brian and Julie Busse
- Donna Carter
- Dave and Jeanette Diestler
- Sharon Dunbar
- Sue Engberg
- Sandra Gillaume
- John and Lori Greenwood
- Charles and Barb Hartwig
- Janet and Phil Heuser
- Allen and Janice Johnson
- Ardis Junco
- Marilyn Lietzke
- Joseph Massie
- Rick and Barb Schnese
- Terri Tilkens
- Sandra VanderHeyden
- Eileen Vanderstappen - In Memory of: Frank Vanderstappen, Wayne and Vera Roth and Patricia Roth
- Sue Wallenfang

THANKSGIVING

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



C: And His mercy en - dureth for - ev - er.


M: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled to constantly serve You; 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 BENEDICTION

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spir - it.

M: Let us bless the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

The Festival Service for Christmas Day

Please stand.

HYMN

Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come | 87

INVOCATION & RESPONSIVE DIALOGUE

Isaiah 9 & Psalm 148 (selected verses)

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

C: Amen.

M: The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light;  
Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.

C: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights!

M: You have multiplied the nation And increased its joy;  
They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest,  
As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

C: Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!

M: For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;

C: And the government will be upon His shoulder.

M: And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

C: Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end,  
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,

M: To order it and establish it with judgment and justice  
From that time forward, even forever.

C: Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth;  
Both young men and maidens; Old men and children:  
Let them praise the name of the LORD.

M: For His name alone is exalted; And He has exalted the horn of His people—A  
people near to Him.

C: Praise the LORD!

HYMN OF PRAISE

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim.  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!"

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing | 94 v. 1-2

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell;  
Jesus, our Immanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!" Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION & COLLECT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spir - it.

M: Let us pray: Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

You may be seated.

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

THE DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Oh, Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly | 96  
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come | 85

Please stand.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

"Now Dismiss" - The Song of Simeon

Musical notation for The Nunc Dimittis. It consists of eight staves of music in G major (one sharp) on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: 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 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!



THE AGNUS DEI (“LAMB OF GOD”)

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei. It consists of five staves with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (half). The lyrics are: 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.

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 52:7-10

*All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*

How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news,  
Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things,  
Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"  
<sup>8</sup> Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, With their voices they shall sing together;  
For they shall see eye to eye When the LORD brings back Zion.  
<sup>9</sup> Break forth into joy, sing together, You waste places of Jerusalem!  
For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.  
<sup>10</sup> The LORD has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations;  
And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God.

PSALM 96

Musical notation for Psalm 96. It consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F-sharp). The melody is: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (half). The lyrics are: To-day is born our Sav-ior, Christ the Lord.

*The verses are sung by the choir; the **refrain** is sung by the congregation.*

**Choir:** Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.  
**Refrain:** Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.  
**Choir:** Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Sing to the LORD; bless his name.  
**Refrain**  
**Choir:** Announce his salvation day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all the peoples, his wondrous deeds.  
**Refrain**  
**Choir:** Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful, joyful and all that is in them! Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.  
**Refrain**  
**Choir:** They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes; for he comes to rule the earth. He shall rule the world with justice and the peoples with his constancy.  
**Refrain**

SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 1:1-9

*In these last days God has spoken to us by His Son.*

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; <sup>3</sup> who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

<sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"? <sup>6</sup> But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."

<sup>7</sup> And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire." <sup>8</sup> But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. <sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Of the Father's Love Begotten* | 98 v. 2

*Please stand.*

GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 1:1-14

*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*

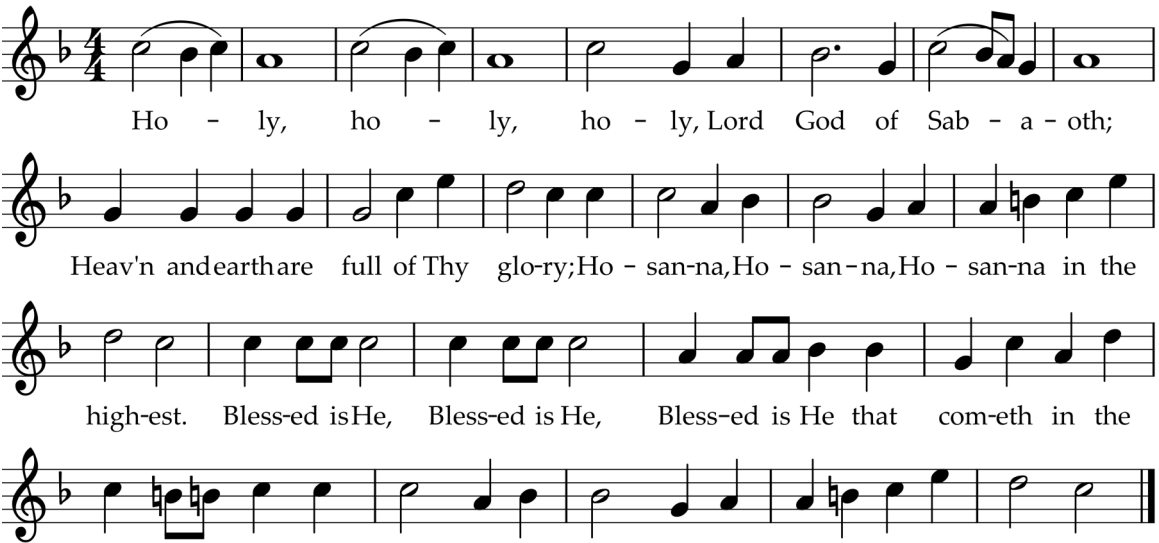


C: Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. <sup>8</sup> He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.


<sup>9</sup> That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: <sup>13</sup> who were



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.

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 SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

We hold to the ancient, biblical practice of “close communion.” This means that we commune only confirmed members of our church or churches of our fellowship (ELS and WELS). Communicants, please register prior to the service. **If you are a guest who is interested in communing, please speak with the pastor prior to the service.** Thank you for your courteous respect of our beliefs and practices.

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

M: The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the response: C: And with thy spir - it.

M: Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation for the response: C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

Musical notation for the response: 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, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory, that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

Musical notation for the response: 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.

CHOIR

Be Joyful Together

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now Sing, We, Now Rejoice | 92

Please stand for the singing of the last verse.

SERMON - John 1:1-14      *This Is My Son: Jesus, The Son of Man and Son of God*  
1. The Word who became flesh.  
2. The perfect Son in our place.

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 FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

**M:** Heavenly Father, we give You thanks that Your Son, the eternal Word, became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Extend His praise into all the world, that many would come to hope in His steadfast love with us. Send faithful men to declare Your peace and bring us Your good news. Bless the work of missionaries at home and abroad, that all the ends of the earth may see Your salvation. Grant that all who come to Your table today would worthily receive the body and blood of Your Son, with faith in His bodily presence, that we may depart with grace for grace and blessing for blessing.

**C: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**M:** As we gather with our families during this holy time, give us patience so that we may be slow to judge and quick to forgive. Comfort the lonely with Your presence, and help us extend the welcome of our homes and the friendship of Your grace. Teach us to be generous, making us mindful of those who are less fortunate. Accept all of our gifts, according to Your grace and mercy. As Your Son upholds all things by the word of His power, grant that our nation would walk humbly before You. Bless all who stand watch to protect us this day. Keep them in safety as they serve us, and uphold their families while they are apart.

**C: Make us living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to You through Your Son Jesus Christ.**

**M:** Merciful Father, guard and keep all who are sick, lonely, overwhelmed by grief or poor in spirit, that they may be comforted and healed according to Your good and gracious will.

**C: Let them look to Jesus Christ and be reminded that He is the light no darkness can overcome.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we offer our private prayers and petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** We thank You, Lord God, for all Your people who have gone before us and now rest in Your presence. Keep us faithful with them until that day when You make all things new; for You live and reign with Christ and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**