

# *Have a Blessed New Year!*

## 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.*



NEW YEAR'S EVE—  
EVE OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

*December 31, 2022*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship on this special night! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, as we reflect on the blessings of His grace over the previous year and offer our prayers for the year to come!

SERVICE NOTES FOR TODAY

**Another year of God’s grace!** *As we mark the end of one year and the beginning of another, the Word of God assures us that our past and our future are in the hands of a loving God. He has removed the guilt of our sins by the cleansing blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, and in His redeeming grace He promises to care for His people in the ages to come. Therefore, we confidently resolve to love one another.*

**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, based on the Confessional Service. Hymns are found in the red hymnals.

**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	Benjamin Brodhagen
Altar Guild	Sandra Gilluame & Janet Heuser

THANKSGIVING

**M:** The Lord will give strength unto His people.

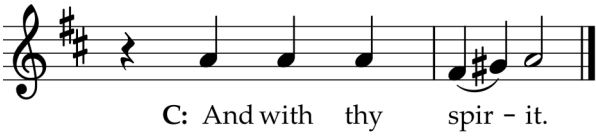
**C:** **The Lord will bless His people with peace.**

**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 to always rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

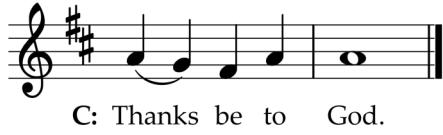


THE BENEDICTION

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**M:** Let us bless the Lord.



**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.



CLOSING HYMN

*Father, Let Me Dedicate* | 118

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Go Now in Peace*

THE DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution of the sacrament, communicants may come forward at the direction of the ushers.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Help Us, O Lord! Behold, We Enter | 120  
Thy Table I Approach | 310

Please stand.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

“Now Dismiss”

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.

Service of Corporate Confession with Holy Communion

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

Across the Sky the Shades of Night | 110

INVOCATION & VERSICLES

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

C: A - men.

M: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

M: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

C: A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not de - spise.  
Glory 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.

PSALM 90

Selected Verses

**M:** Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
**C:** Before the mountains were brought forth, O ever You had formed the earth and the world,  
**M:** Even from everlasting to everlasting You are God.  
**C:** You turn man to destruction,  
**M:** And say, "Return, O children of men."  
**C:** For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past, And like a watch in the night.  
**M:** You have set our iniquities before You,  
**C:** Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.  
**M:** The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years,  
**C:** Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.  
**M:** So teach us to number our days,  
**C:** That we may gain a heart of wisdom.  
**M:** Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,  
**C:** That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
**ALL:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be forevermore. Amen.

*You may be seated.*

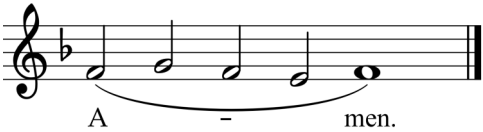
FIRST LESSON: ECCLESIASTES 12:1-7 *Now is the time to remember your Creator, not later.*

Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come,  
And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them":  
<sup>2</sup> While the sun and the light, The moon and the stars, Are not darkened,  
And the clouds do not return after the rain;  
<sup>3</sup> In the day when the keepers of the house tremble, And the strong men bow down;  
When the grinders cease because they are few,  
And those that look through the windows grow dim;  
<sup>4</sup> When the doors are shut in the streets, And the sound of grinding is low;  
When one rises up at the sound of a bird, And all the daughters of music are brought low;  
<sup>5</sup> Also they are afraid of height, And of terrors in the way;  
When the almond tree blossoms, The grasshopper is a burden, And desire fails.  
For man goes to his eternal home, And the mourners go about the streets.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

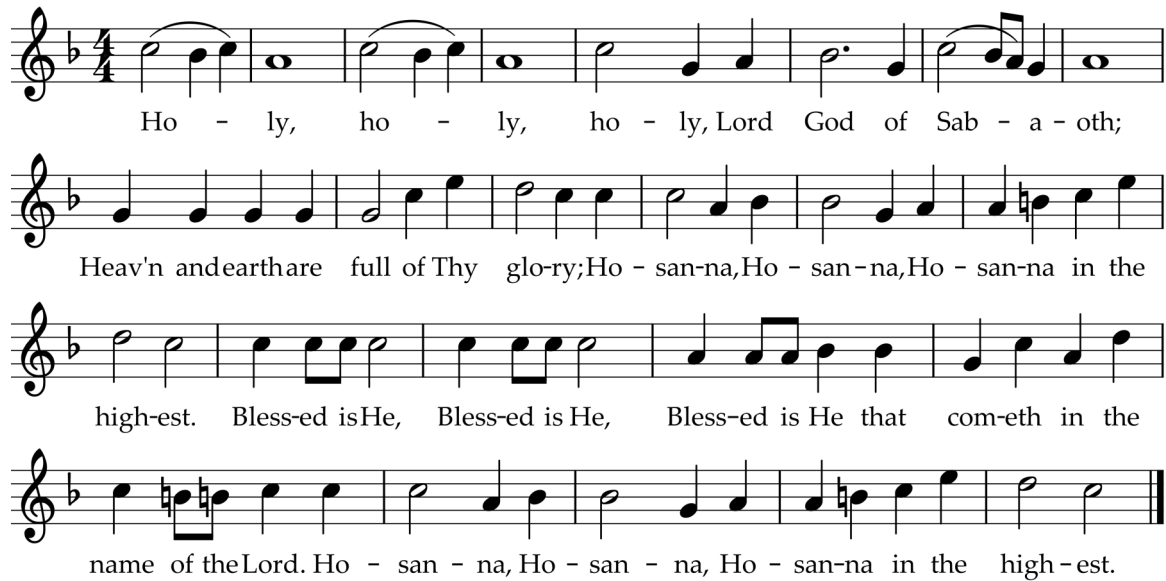
**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."  
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave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

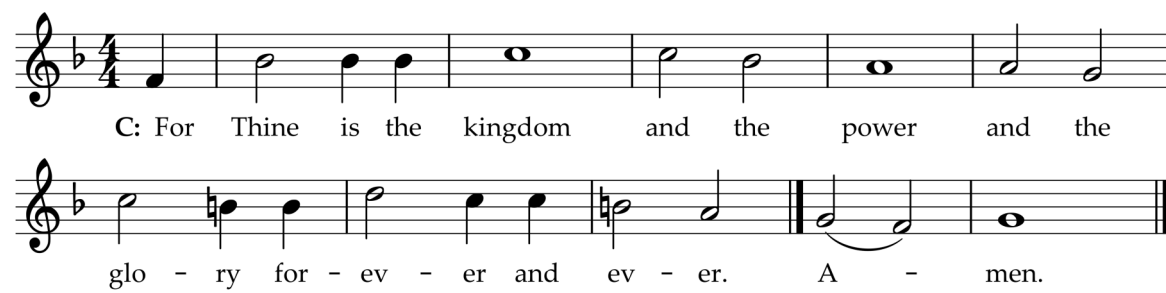




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the  
 high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

## 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.

<sup>6</sup> Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed,  
 Or the golden bowl is broken,  
 Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, Or the wheel broken at the well.  
<sup>7</sup> Then the dust will return to the earth as it was,  
 And the spirit will return to God who gave it.

## HYMN

*Abide with Me! Fast Falls the Eventide* | **552 v. 1-2**

## SECOND LESSON: 1 PETER 1:22-25

*Love one another with a pure heart.*

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, <sup>23</sup> having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, <sup>24</sup> because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, <sup>25</sup> But the word of the LORD endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

## HYMN

*Abide with Me! Fast Falls the Eventide* | **552 v. 3-5**

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 13:6-9

*One more year of God’s grace in Christ.*

He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> "Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?'

<sup>8</sup> "But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup> 'And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.' "

*You may be seated.*

## HYMN

*Abide with Me! Fast Falls the Eventide* | **552 v. 6-8**

*Please stand for the singing of the last verse.*

## SERMON - Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

*Remember Your Creator in the Days of Your Youth*

*Please stand.*

**THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** Having now heard the Word of God, from the heart let us confess our sins.

**C:** O Lord, our God! We come before You as poor sinful beings, and are without excuse in that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. But we believe in Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who has suffered for our salvation; and for His sake we pray You: Forgive us all our sins! Grant us Your Holy Spirit, to the end that we may believe Your pardoning Word, and that, according to the purpose and desire of our hearts, we may flee all sin, and may let Your holy and blessed will rule in all things. Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

**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 to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

May He comfort Your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His sacraments, that your joy may be full!

Peace be with you! Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR NEW YEAR’S EVE**

**M:** Lord Jesus Christ, You have given apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to Your Church, for the perfecting of the saints and the edification of Your faithful people. Thank You for Your great mercy! Bless Your holy Name!

**C:** You have not dealt with us as we have deserved, but have preserved Your Holy Word and Your precious Sacraments even to this day.

**M:** Continue to have mercy on us in the coming new year. Let the Holy Spirit enlighten and direct us, comfort and strengthen us to the joy of the angels and the increase of Your kingdom.

**C:** Let Your blessing abide on our pastors, whom You have appointed to be the shepherds of our souls.

**M:** Build us up in the true and living faith, as the Rock of our Salvation, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit is worthy of all praise and glory, now and forever.

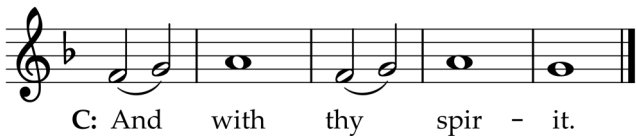
**C:** Amen.

**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.

**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, 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: