

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

“To know... To teach... To share Christ”

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**Third Sunday in Advent
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Our Worship Today

Welcome! We pray that your worship here will draw you closer to your Savior and equip you for a continuing life of Christian discipleship. For your spiritual needs we offer you the Word of Him who can supply all our needs - Jesus Christ, our Savior. Rejoice in His love for you. He cares for you. You are His own dear child.

3rd Candle - (pink)

The Candle of Joy

The angels sang a message of JOY! An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord ~ Luke 2:9-11

Worship Guide For Today's Service

The Common Service, page 15-25

Our Songs CW 366 "O Jesus So Sweet, Jesus So Mild"

CW 68 "Away in a Manger"

CW 234 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Psalm CW 114 Psalm 130

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship: 51

Sunday Bible Class: 18

Sunday Offering: General Fund \$2,231.10

Serving In Worship Today

Minister

Organist and Accompanist

Choir Director

Cellist

Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm

Sharon Martin

Linda Martin

Linda Martin

Larry Martin

Prelude

Cello Solo: "Christ Be My Leader"

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Advent Candle Lighting Carol

Choir: "Light The Candle"

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Invitation to Worship

P: 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 Sins of the world.**

P: We hear his call to see the light.

C: We light three Advent candles as a sign of our trust and confidence.

P: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C: Through your word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

Opening Hymn

CW 366 "O Jesus So Sweet, Jesus So Mild"

Guide For Worship

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The First Lesson

Zephaniah 3:14-17

¹⁴ Sing, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. ¹⁶ On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. ¹⁷ The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing." (NIV1984)

The Psalm

CW Page 114, Psalm 130

Congregation sings the refrain and choir sings the verses

The Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (NIV1984)

Verse of the Day

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

After the Verse of the Day, the congregation sings:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel

Please Stand

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings

Glory be to you, O Lord

Luke 3:7-18

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." ¹⁰ "What should we do then?" the crowd asked. ¹¹ John answered, "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?" ¹³ "Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them. ¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay." ¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. ¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptise you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the

thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and preached the good news to them. (NIV1984)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

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Sermon Hymn

CW 68 “Away in a Manger“

Sermon

“Away in a Manger”

Luke 2:7

Response to God’s Word

CW Page 20 “Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God”

Offering

Our Offerings to the Lord are free will. Let your offerings be a joyful response to God’s grace to you.

Intercessory Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

CW Page 20

The Sacrament

Dear visitors, we request those who are not members of our congregation or a sister church in the WELS or ELS, to refrain from coming to Communion today. We want you at the Lord's table with us, but we ask that there be an opportunity for pastor and you to study God's Word together first. Close Communion is the historic and biblical practice of the Christian Church. The practice has the purpose of ensuring that, as far as humanly possible, those receiving the Sacrament do so to their benefit and not their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-30), and that the oneness that is expressed in receiving the Sacrament is genuine and not contrived (1 Corinthians 10:17).

Please feel free to talk to the Pastor concerning what the Word of God declares concerning the Lord's Supper.

Make sure to indicate your attendance at communion on the communion sign up list in the narthex.

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Prayer and Benediction

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Closing Hymn

CW 234 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Announcements

Postlude

Cello Solo: "Canticle of Praise"

Arranger: Edward B. Jury.

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- Today, December 16: Bible Class, "Hell?", 9:30 AM
Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM
- Tuesday, December 18 Bible Class, "Romans", 9:30 AM
- Thursday, December 20: Men's Breakfast, 8:30 AM
Church Council, 9:30 AM
Choir, 7:00 PM
- Saturday, December 22: Work Day, 9:00 AM.
- Sunday, December 23: Worship Service, 10:30 AM

The Poinsettia has traditionally been used as a Christmas decoration, perhaps because of their bright red color. If you are planning to purchase one of these tropical plants and would be willing to loan it to our church for this festive season please bring it any time.

Christ The King will be having a garage sale in January, if you have any items that you would like to donate for the garage sale you may bring them to church at anytime.

Pastor in the Office: Tuesday, 9:00 AM to 12:00PM
Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM; 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM; 6:00 to 8:00PM

Please remember to bring in non-perishable food items for our food bank.

Serving our congregation:

Church Council; President-Larry Martin, Secretary-Bill Halberg, Finance Chairman-John Smith, Head Elder-Robby Robinson, Worship Chairman-Marlyn Rische, Education Chairman-Ron Gorske, Outreach Chairman-Don Schoening, Properties Chairman-Wally Jordan

Mary/Martha; President-EyVonne Robinson, Vice President-Gloria Rische, Secretary-Jodi Roberts, Treasurer-Jan Boyle, Sunshine Chairman-Stephanie Stromberg, LWMS Reporter-Jonette Jordan

December Birthdays: Rosa Teitzel - 2nd, Robby Robinson -6th, Stephanie Stromberg- 17th, Sam Tran -14th. George Davis - 23rd, Joyce Rauch - 23rd

December Anniversaries: Irwin & Glenda Rhodes Marg - 17th

Prayer List: Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Keith Haslam, Marge Krueger, Barb Wiese, Marlene Fleming, John Smith, Curtis Whittier, Gene Broecker, Joan Smith, Vickie Weston, Roger Rauch, Pastor Martin



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

This Sunday, traditionally called *Gaudete*, (Rejoice) captures the heightening anticipation of the coming Savior. Each lesson reinforces the “good news” on which the Gospel lesson ends. Those who anticipate the arrival of the Christ rejoice, because the Lord and his deliverance is near. *Gaudeamus pariter*.

First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-17

The Gospel lesson continues the account of John the Baptist. John minced no words in his message, neither to those hypocrites who did not want to listen to John’s call to repentance nor to those believers who heeded John’s call and desired to change their ways. So near is the Lord’s judgment that the ax man has already placed his blade on the trunk to line up his first swing. Yet with repentance comes good news: the winnowing fork in his hand does more than expose the chaff in the winds of judgment, it gathers the wheat into his barn. Rejoice!

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7

As we anticipate the coming deliverance, Paul says, “Rejoice always,” for “the Lord is near.” Let our Advent joy be expressed in prayer and thanksgiving that stem from God’s peace, given us in his transcendent gift of his Son as our Savior. So many parts of this sorted world seek to rob our joy in Christ. No wonder Paul told us twice: “I say it again, Rejoice!”

The Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

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OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Liturgy: Morning Praise, Page 45

Hymns: 15, 23, 6, 42

First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10

The Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

Psalm 85

Sermon Theme: “A Song of Advent”

Sermon Text: Luke 1:46-55