

# ***Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church***

*"To know... To teach... To share Christ"*

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**Fourth 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.

## **4th Candle - (purple) The Candle of Hope**

*We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. "And again, Isaiah says, 'The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* ~ Romans 15:12-13

## **Worship Guide For Today's Service**

Morning Praise, pages 45-51

<b>Our Songs</b>	CW	15	"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"
	CW	23	"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"
	CW	6	"Come, O Long-Expected Jesus"
	CW	42	"Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"
<b>Psalm</b>	CW	97	Psalm 85

## **Our Stewardship Last Week**

Sunday Worship: 50	Communion: 48	Sunday Bible Class: 14
Sunday Offering: General Fund \$2,423.00		Other \$105.77
Tuesday Bible Class: 8		

## **Serving In Worship Today**

Minister	Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Organist	Jonette Jordan
Choir Director	Jonette Jordan & Linda Martin
Accompanist	Sharon Martin
Videographer	Wally Jordan & Larry Martin

# Advent Candle Lighting Carol

Choir: "Light The Candle"

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## Invitation to Worship

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

P: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

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

## Opening Hymn

CW 15 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

## Invitation To Worship (continued)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

**C:  And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

**C:  O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P: Behold the King comes; let us worship him.

## Oh, Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord

CW 46

## The First Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

<sup>2</sup> "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose

origins are from of old, from ancient times.”<sup>3</sup> Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labour gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.<sup>4</sup> He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.<sup>5</sup> And he will be their peace. (NIV1984)

## The Psalm

CW Page 97, Psalm 85

*Congregation sings the refrain and Choir sings the verses.*

## The Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:5-10

<sup>5</sup> So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”<sup>6</sup> And he says in another place, “You are a priest for ever, in the order of Melchizedek.”<sup>7</sup> During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.<sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered<sup>9</sup> and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him<sup>10</sup> and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek. (NIV1984)

## The Gospel

***Please Stand***

Luke 1:39-55

<sup>39</sup> At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea,<sup>40</sup> where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth.<sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.<sup>42</sup> In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!<sup>43</sup> But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?<sup>44</sup> As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.<sup>45</sup> Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord

has said to her will be accomplished!”<sup>46</sup> And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,<sup>48</sup> for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed,<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.<sup>50</sup> His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.<sup>51</sup> He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.<sup>52</sup> He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.<sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful<sup>55</sup> to Abraham and his descendants for ever, even as he said to our fathers.” (NIV1984)

## Seasonal Response

**C: The Lord will come again in glory. The Spirit and the Church cry out: Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

## Sermon Hymn

CW 23 “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

## Sermon

“A Song of Advent”

Luke 1:46-55

## Hymn

CW 6 “Come, O Long-Expected Jesus”

## Offering

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

## **Intercessory Prayers**

### **Lord, Have Mercy**

CW 50

### **The Lord's Prayer**

CW Page 50

### **Prayer For Grace and the Benediction**

CW Page 50

### **Closing Hymn**

CW 42 "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"

### **WELS Connection**

### **Announcements**

# Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

- Today, December 23:      Worship Service, 10:30 AM
- Monday, December 24      Set out Candles, 5:20 PM  
                                  Christmas Eve Candle Light Service, 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 25:    Christmas Day Service, 10:30 AM
- Sunday, December 30:     Worship Service, 10:30 AM
- Monday, December 31:     New Year's Eve Service with Communion, 6:00 PM

Christ The King will be having a garage sale January 11 & 12, if you have any items that you would like to donate for the garage sale you may bring them to church at anytime.

Christ The King will have a "Festival of Friendship Worship Service" at 10:30 AM followed by a potluck dinner, January 13. Please invite any neighbors, friends, or family to attend.

Pastor will be out of the office this week.

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 - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Robby Robinson -6<sup>th</sup>, Stephanie Stromberg- 17<sup>th</sup>, Sam Tran -14<sup>th</sup>. George Davis - 23<sup>rd</sup>, Joyce Rauch - 23<sup>rd</sup>

December Anniversaries: Irwin & Glenda Rhodes Marg - 17<sup>th</sup>

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



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

## **GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK**

Since Adam, all have come to life in the sinful image of the first parents. With that image comes death. But now comes one who will shepherd his people Israel, one born God and man, the Word made flesh to bring salvation to every generation.

### **First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a**

Verse 1 calls on the city to prepare for the onslaught of God's judgment upon rebellious Judah. Yet what follows is a message of deliverance for the faithful. A king will be born to bring peace. But not just a descendant of David. He will trace his roots to Abraham, Adam, indeed before the creation of the world. This same passage that pointed the Magi to Bethlehem and the Savior, points us to this God-man who will rule more than the clans of Judah. He will bring peace and justice to the ends of the earth.

### **Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10**

The writer to the Hebrews explains the significance of God made flesh by stressing the sacrificial purpose for the Christ's body. Quoting Psalm 40:6-8, the Lord gives us confidence in willingness of the Christ to make the only true sacrifice once for all. He had to become man, so that by his body we might be made holy once and for all.

### **The Gospel: Luke 1:39-55**

The exclamation of Elizabeth, the leaping of baby John, and the song of Mary are all Spirit-wrought reactions to the imminent fulfillment of God's promised deliverance. We join Mary in marveling at the great things done by the Mighty One. The contrast of judgment for the wicked and deliverance for the faithful illustrates the depth of God's mercy to every generation in Christ.

## **OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK**

First Sunday after Christmas

Liturgy: Service of the Word, Page 38

Hymns: 282, 35, 41, 707

First Lesson: I Samuel 2:18, 20, 26

Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:10-18

The Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Psalm 111

Sermon Theme: "Jesus Amazes People"

Sermon Text: Luke 2:41-52