

Christ the King Sunday
November 24, 2024
10:15 AM Service
Baptism

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING

INTRODUCTION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

And so, with sincere and repentant hearts, let us turn to God and confess our sins against Christ and one another.

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the lamb upon the throne. Amen.

Friends, however long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever. Sisters and brothers, be assured: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN – ACS 977 Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ’s ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f’rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they’re in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they’ve done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - ’ry - one.
fruit - less ef - ferts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

Advent

A Season of Preparation

READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

At the conclusion of the reading:

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN ELW 266 All Earth is Hopeful

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:
this, the labor of people who struggle to see
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.

Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
new highways opened, new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

Christmas

Emmanuel, God-with-Us

READING: Luke 2:1-20

At the conclusion of the reading:

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Thanks be to God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN Away in a Manger

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Epiphany

The Light Shines in the Darkness

READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

¹ But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.**

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
**when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.**

³ For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

**I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.**

⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,

**I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.**

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
**I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;**

⁶ I will say to the north, “Give them up,”
and to the south, “Do not withhold;

**bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—**

⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

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HYMN ELW 451 We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

Lent

Penitence and Preparation

READING: Mark 1:12-13

At the conclusion of the reading:

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN ELW 319 O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days
O Lord, throughout these forty days
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.

Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed
and fixed your mind above;
so teach us to deny ourselves
that we may know God's love.

Holy Week *God's Love Revealed*

READING: Mark 15:25-41

At the conclusion of the reading:

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN ELW 616 Jesus, Remember Me

Easter *The Lord Is Risen!*

READING: Mark 16:1-8

¹ When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.

² **And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.**

⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN ELW 365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today vs. 1 and 4

Pentecost

The Holy Spirit Comes Among Us

READING: Acts 2:1-13

At the conclusion of the reading:

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN ACS 944 O Spirit All-Embracing



1 O Spir - it all-em-brac-ing and coun-sel - or all - wise,
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz-ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3 Come, pas - sion's pow-er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen-dor grac-ing a shore - less sea of skies:
you show your-self a - maz-ing in un - ex - spect - ed place.
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der-stand-ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea-sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea-sure, the rich-es you af - ford.
you fan the glow-ing em - ber and kin-dle hope with - in.
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end-less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis-dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring-time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

Ordinary Time
for the Living of Our Days

READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

BENEDICTION

As this church year comes to an end and a new one begins,
may the Lord bless you and keep you;
may the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you;
may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.
Now let us join with all creation and sing our praises to God, who was and is and who is
to come.

HYMN ELW 843 Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

We welcome Grace Mae Meitzler into the family of God through the sacrament of
Baptism this morning. Grace is the daughter of Tyler and Kristen (Hutt) Meitzler.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 25	7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday, December 1	8am Sunday Worship 9am Cards, Cookies, Cocoa, Coffee & Carols 10:15am Sunday Worship 3pm Girl Scouts

Worship Note for December: There will be ONE Service at 10:15am during the month
of December due to the variety of opportunities following the services.

Operation Open Link Wish List During the month of November, new gifts for kids will
be collected to help stock Open Link's Operation Holiday Cheer room where families in
the community can 'shop' for Christmas presents for their kids. All gifts are to be
dropped off at church by Sun. December 1 and should be UNWRAPPED! Thank you in
advance for your generosity!

Devotions & Dessert—6:30pm Wednesdays in Advent (December 4,11,18) at Frieden's UCC Join us as we dig into the book *Women of the Nativity: An Advent and Christmas Journey in nine stories* by Paula Goodner. Books are available in the church office for \$15.

Advent is coming and we need helpers. Individuals or families are encouraged to sign up for one of the four weeks of Advent to read a short responsive reading and light the candle on the wreath. Can you help? Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA8AD2CAAFD0-53028179-advent#/>

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place during the 10:15 AM service on Sunday, December 8. All confirmed members of the congregation have voice and vote – we hope you will join us as we tend to the business that stands before our congregation. Copies of the proposed 2025 budget will be available for review in the narthex, if you have any questions about the budget, please reach out to treasurer, Mike Herm (m.herm@comcast.net).

Wreaths Across America - Saturday, December 14th 10AM at Friedens Cemetery
Our 2nd annual Wreaths Across America ceremony will be held at Friedens cemetery on Saturday, December 14th at 10:00 am. For \$17 you can sponsor a wreath to be placed on a veteran's headstone, and you can choose to place it yourself during the ceremony, or have a volunteer place it for you. Updates and order link will be posted on the Facebook page: "Wreaths Across America - VFW Post 5954 / Friedens Cemetery"
For more information contact Sharon Shipe at 215-896-1324 or Shipe112@comcast.net.

Christmas is Caroling! Join us on Sunday, December 8th (following the 10:15 worship) to go out caroling to some of our home bound members. Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA8AD2CAAFD0-52823767-christmas#/>

Fun & Faith Christmas Wonderland, Sunday, December 15th from 5-7pm.
Come out for movie, snacks, games and crafts! All ages welcome.



Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Orders are due in the church office by Sunday, December 8.



Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Plant Information -

_____ 6" Red Poinsettia

_____ 6" White Poinsettia

_____ Total # plants (\$10 each)

Please return this form in an envelope marked **Poinsettia Flower Order** on the outside to the church office or offering plate. Please provide exact cash or checks made payable to "St. John's Lutheran Church".

Please indicate how you would like the flower donation listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins (use back, if needed):

In honor / memory of _____

by _____

2024 Cookie Walk Sign-Up

Please fill out this slip and return to the church office or complete the form online.

<https://forms.gle/icpTz5Kme2KqwZfR8> or scan the QR code here!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Check all that apply:

I am able to help set up the evening of December 13.

I am able to help on December 14 (sign-up with times coming later)

I am able to bake cookies (10 dozen of the same cookie) for the Cookie Walk, to be dropped off no later than December 13 at 5pm.

I will make _____ dozen

of _____ (style of cookie).

Cookie contains nuts.

