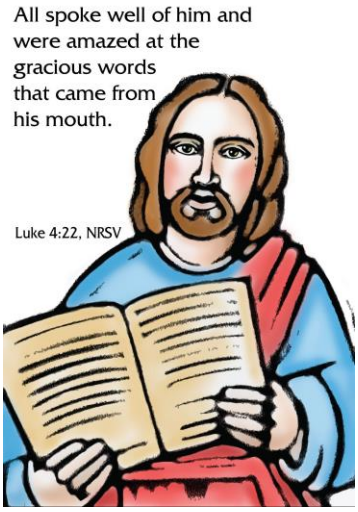
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 17, 2021 ● 10:00 AM

Live Stream Online Worship Guide



Christmas and Epiphany 2021 Worship Series:
Stories from the Life of Jesus

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Hearts Loved By God
Hands To Serve All
Through Jesus Christ

…**Learn the unforced rhythms of grace – Matthew 11:29**

WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

We welcome you to worship with us! We hope you will experience the grace and peace of God's love present with you. For more information, please contact us by email or phone, or by visiting our Facebook page, or at our website, www.ctkvestal.org.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Our online Worship Service of the Word follows a pattern of **Gather-Word-Thanksgiving-Sending** and is concluded by a time of sharing in both small groups and as a gathered online community. We do hope you will stay for this opportunity of about 10 minutes.

OFFERINGS

You may present your offering to God for the work of God through Christ the King Lutheran Church online via our website at www.ctkvestal.org and clicking on the "Give Now" button or by mail.

ZOOM FORMAT (See the homepage of our website for more detailed tips for Zoom.)
Joining worship by Zoom gives you an opportunity to participate in the live worship service. If you are unable to join by Zoom, the worship service will be posted to YouTube and when possible, livestreamed to Facebook (we have experienced numerous difficulties with Facebook's availability due to high demand).

Here are some tips for using Zoom (we are always learning more and will update):

1. Please mute yourself (you will be unmuted to join in the Lord's Prayer and at times to share).
2. Please name yourself (rather than use the name of your device such as iPad) and use Video if you have it so others can see you. Our worship is enhanced by seeing one another.
3. You may view your screen in two different ways: Speaker view or Gallery view (you will see more people in Gallery view and may have to scroll to see everyone).
4. You may share your prayer requests in the "chat" feature.
5. You can "raise your hand" when there are opportunities to make verbal requests.

ABOUT CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ the King is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We are called by Christ to care for, love, understand, and listen to each other. All are welcome, regardless of race, age, gender and gender identities, marital status, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, national origin, or economic status. We celebrate together our unity as God's people, committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith, centered in the Good News of Jesus Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Christ the King is a place for all to discover and develop their God-given gifts and share them with the world.

If you desire Pastoral Care or have a Pastoral Emergency, please contact the Church Office at 607-729-2688 and leave a message. Your message will be automatically forwarded. Our Pastor and team of caring ministers will respond to your call. You may also call the Pastor directly.

GATHERING

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Greeting

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: And also with you.

Opening Hymn *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* **ELW No. 843**

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

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Prayer of the Day (In Unison)

God of the nations, show us how to love all the people of the earth, of all colors and kinds: those with technology and without; those who make due with very little and who use many resources; those with formal education and without; those who call upon your name and who do not; so that all your children may be glorified in the name of the One who brought glory and liberty, Jesus Christ our salvation. Amen.

WORD

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us grace and truth. Alleluia.

Scripture Reading Luke 4:14-30

Leader: A reading from the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 4, verses 14-30.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:
Leader: The Gospel of our Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflections "Stories from the Life of Jesus: God's Preferential Option for the Poor"
Pastor Mack Smith

Song of the Day *Mighty to Save*

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
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Prayers
During the prayers, worshippers will be invited to lift up prayers, wherever they are (you will remain muted), and by posting of your prayer on Zoom Chat or Facebook, for the people, places and situations for which we are thankful or are in need of prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

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.
Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Peace
Leader: The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

Our Offerings are Gathered
Our worship is complete when we bring all of our resources to receive God's blessing and fulfill God's purpose. In joyous gratitude, we bring more than money; we bring ourselves, our time and our talent as an offering to God. Please take moment to offer yourself anew to God. You are also invited to present an offering to God for the work of God's mission through Christ the King by giving online at www.ctkvestal.org and click on the "Give Now" button or by mail.

You are invited to share your offerings of Thanksgiving for God's activity wherever you have witnessed it (God Sightings) by sharing them where you are, by posting them in the chat on Zoom or by posting them in comments on Facebook.

Reflective Music

Thanksgiving for the Word (In Unison)

By your Spirit bless all who receive this Word,
that upheld by the mystery of the body of Christ,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of your Son.
For sustaining us with your Word, we praise you, O God.
Blessed are you, holy God, around us, with us, and in us,
now and forever. Receive the gifts we offer so that your redeeming love
may be made known to all creation. Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Video

Blessing

Leader: God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter keep you in peace.

All: Amen.

Postlude

Looking Ahead:

Monday, January 18	Mindfulness Meditation at 7:00 PM
Sunday, January 24	Online Worship at 10:00 AM
Sunday, January 31	Online Worship at 10:00 AM
Sunday, February 7	Online Worship at 10:00 AM
Sunday, February 14	Online Worship at 10:00 AM Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Rigby W.C. Brown Professor of Theology Austin Theological Seminary
Sunday, February 14	An Hour with Theologian Cynthia Rigby Seeing Ourselves as God Sees Us” What would happen if we really walked around in the world *knowing* we were beloved of God? How would that change us, and how would we, in turn, change the world?

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