

**First Sunday of Advent
The Sacrament of Baptism for Emery Ann Leonard
November 28, 2021 • 10:00 AM**

In-Person and Live Stream Online Worship Guide



“Finding Our Stories in God’s Story”

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**Hearts Loved By God
Hands To Serve All
Through Jesus Christ**



WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH IN PERSON AND 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

Worship this morning will be both in person and simultaneously online via Zoom with a live feed to Facebook. Our Worship Service of the Word this morning follows a pattern of Gather-Word-Thanksgiving-Sending.

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, by leaving it at the church, or by mail.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Christ the King Leadership Team has adopted a series of safety protocols. Due to the increase of cases of Covid-19 and the contagious nature of the delta variant, we are asking all in-person worshippers to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status for the safety of everyone. Thank you for your understanding. Sanitizing stations are available in the narthex.

ZOOM ONLINE OR FACEBOOK LIVE

Joining worship by Zoom online or Facebook Live gives you an opportunity to participate in the live worship service. You may share prayer requests in the chat feature on Zoom or comments on Facebook Live.

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

+ *Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Opening Video

Words of Welcome

Lighting the Advent Candle – First Sunday of Advent: HOPE

Waiting in Hope: Recovering from Hurricanes Eta and Iota

God of Hope, your light shines. Your presence walks with us. Your Spirit longs to draw us close. We are waiting. We are alert. We are hopeful. We light candles trusting that the smallest flame can drive out our greatest fears. We anticipate your coming among us with peace and thankfulness. As we await your coming, light a flame within us:

May we shine with the brightness of your hope.

God of Hope, as we light this first candle, open our eyes to your signs and wonders. Turn our attention to the beauty of creation and the gifts of humanity. When our hearts are heavy, give us peace. When our world feels uncertain, ground us in your grace. Light a flame within us:

(Light one blue candle.)

May we shine with the brightness of your hope.

God of hope, we remember today our sisters and brothers in Latin America. The people who have lost so much from Hurricanes Eta and Iota, the people who trust in your solid ground, the people who long to find relief from the storms of life. We pray for your presence, attention, and protection for our neighbors. Light a flame within us:

May we shine with the brightness of your hope.

God of Hope, keep us on guard for signs of your presence and love. Fill our hearts with strength.

Guide us in these advent days until our savior is born among us.

Turn our attention to you, the One who is our song, our hope and our joy. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the light that has no end.

Amen.

Candle Lighting liturgy provided by the Lutheran World Relief.

Advent Candle Lighting Song

Candles Glowing, Promise Showing (verse 1)

Candles glowing, promise showing the great hope that calms our fear.
Darkness scatters, worry shatters, Christ will always draw us near.
Calms our sighing, hears our crying, helps our trying, love undying –
Christ will always draw us near! Christ will always draw us near!

Tune: W Żłobie Leży, a Polish folk melody – the same as “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
Lyrics by Rev. Elana Keppel Levy, 2021. Used by permission.

+ Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death by joining us to the new life found in the risen Lord Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Presentation and Promises

Pastor: as together they nurture their children in the faith?

All: We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

Pastor: pray for her new life in Christ?

All: We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

+ Profession of Faith

Pastor: I ask you, as parents and sponsors and receiving congregation, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

All: We give you thanks for your salvation through water and for making us yours.

Pastor: Holy and Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life.

All: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Baptism

Pastor: *...and of the Holy Spirit.*

All: Amen.

Pastor: *...both now and forever.*

All: Amen.

Pastor: *...and marked with the cross of Christ forever.*

All: Amen.

Welcome to the Newly Baptized

Leader: Let us welcome Jennifer who has reaffirmed her baptism and let us welcome the newly baptized: Emery Ann.

All: Jennifer and Emery, we welcome you into the body of Christ at Christ the King, and into the mission we share: with help from God, we will include you, as you grow: to join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

ELW No. 677, vs. 1

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

+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

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

ELW No. 254

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.
- 2 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

+ Prayer of the Day (In Unison)

God of hope, how often have we found ourselves in exile, separated from your presence! Restore us, and let us find you when we seek you. Amen.

WORD

Prayer Before the Reading of Scripture

Speak to us, Lord in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorry, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

Leader: A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 29, verses 1 and 4-14.

After the reading:

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

+Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia. (Luke 3:4, 6)

+ Gospel Reading

John 14:27

Leader: A reading from the Gospel according to John, chapter 14, verse 27.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflections

“Fullness of God: Full of Promise”

Hope for the Future: Seek the welfare of the city; I know the plans I have for you.

Pastor Cheryl Ann Elfond

+ Song of the Day

Freedom is Coming

All Creation Sings No. 903

Freedom is coming.
Freedom is coming.
Freedom is coming. Oh, yes, I know.
Freedom is coming.
Freedom is coming.
Freedom is coming. Oh, yes, I know.

Oh, oh, yes, I know.
Oh, oh, yes, I know.
Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know.
Oh, oh, yes, I know.
Oh, oh, yes, I know.
Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know.

Oh, Jesus is coming.
Jesus is coming.
Jesus is coming. Oh, yes, I know.
Jesus is coming.
Jesus is coming.
Jesus is coming. Oh, yes, I know.

Oh, oh, yes, I know.
Oh, oh, yes, I know.
Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know.
Oh, oh, yes, I know.
Oh, oh, yes, I know.
Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know.

Freedom is coming.
Freedom is coming.
Freedom is coming. Oh, yes, I know.
Freedom is coming.
Freedom is coming.
Freedom is coming. Oh, yes, I know.

Oh, oh, yes, I know.
Oh, oh, yes, I know.
Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know.
Oh, oh, yes, I know.
Oh, oh, yes, I know.
Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know.

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Prayers of the People

During the prayers, worshippers will be invited to lift up prayers, wherever they are, 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.

For the month of November, we will be praying following the petition bidding style:

*Each petition concludes, “God of grace...”
to which the congregation responds, “...hear our 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: Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you. 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 a 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 the “Give Now” button, by leaving your offering at the church, or by mail. For those present in the sanctuary, you may leave your offering in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary.

Reflective Music

Thanksgiving for the Word (In Unison)

God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.
Amen.

SENDING

+ Sending Hymn

Blessed Be the God of Israel

ELW No. 250

- 1 Blessed be the God of Israel
who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us:
a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared
that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies
and all who wish us harm.

- 2 With promised mercy will God still
the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham,
from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear
and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness
to serve God all our days.

- 3 My child, as prophet of the Lord
you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved
from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high
shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death
and lead us into peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79

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Announcements

Sending Video

+ Blessing

Leader: The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

Postlude

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, December 5	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> Worship with Communion at 10:00 AM Celebration of the Ministry of Kevin Murphy
Thursday, December 9	Leadership Team Meeting at 6:00 PM
Sunday, December 12	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Worship at 10:00 AM

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