

**Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 16, 2022 • 10:00 AM**

In-Person and Live Stream Online Worship Guide

Unless the
LORD builds
the house,

those who
build it
labor in
vain.

Psalm 127:1, NRSV



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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

+ Call to Confession

Leader: We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children.
With the confidence of the children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

+ Prayer of Adoration and Confession (in unison)

**God of grace,
giver of all creation,
who are we that you are mindful of us
and shower us with your blessing and grace?
Yet, here we are chosen
by your great and ample grace.**

**Lord, you know our temptations,
you know our deepest thoughts,
and we ask your help to resist all sin.**

**O Lord, we confess that
we have failed you,
in our words, our thoughts and our actions.
Whenever we have chosen not
to love, or be kind, or patient
then we have failed you.**

**Lord, we gather here
a mixed bunch of believers,
none of us perfect,
all of us chosen by you.**

**Lord, make us brave to face our
own faults before trying to
show others theirs.**

**Lord, remind us we are
part of a larger organization
and that each part of your church
has its own part to play
in spreading the gospel.**

**Lord, you are the sole judge
of all people,
help us not to try and understand
why some people do what they do
but to trust in you and show them love
and forgiveness.**

**O Lord, we ask you to look
upon each one of us in grace
and keep us humble in our faith.
For all the glory is yours, O Lord.
Amen.**

+ Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news!
Hope does not disappoint us,
for God's love has been given to us in baptism.
Believe this good news and give thanks:
In Jesus Christ, we are loved and forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

+ Opening Hymn

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

ELW No. 645

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever
and our confidence alone.

- 2 To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your lovingkindness,
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.

3 Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

4 Praise and honor to the Father,
praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

+ 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.**

+ Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Patient God, your son, Jesus, expressed anger at abuses and injustice. Help us to show concern, not apathy, for injustice in our world, and teach us to make right all that may be wrong. Amen.

WORD

Psalm Reading

Psalm 127:1-2

Leader: A reading from Psalm 127, verses 1 through 2.

After the reading:

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

+ Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia. (Col. 3:15, 16)

+ Gospel Reading

John 2:13-25

Leader: A reading from the Gospel according to John, chapter 2, verses 13 through 25.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflections

Come and See Jesus Worship Series: Come and See His Passion

Rich Lindstrom

+ **Hymn of the Day**

Built on a Rock

ELW No. 652

- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.

- 2 Surely, in temples made with hands
God the Most High is not dwelling—
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,
all earthly temples excelling.
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above
deigns to abide with us in love,
making our bodies his temple.

- 3 Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.

- 4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name,
faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
making with us his covenant,
granting his children the kingdom.

5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word,
who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me;
you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen."

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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 January, 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

In an act of unity, blessing, and reconciliation, we greet one another with the Peace of Christ. (Matthew 5:23-24). For safety reasons during this time of Covid-19, the peace is shared by uttering words of peace, by gesturing with hands or by bowing.

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 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 clicking the "Give Now" button, by leaving your offering at 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)

**Generous God,
you have given us so much
and we are grateful for it all.
Accept our offerings this day,
take them and use them and us
for the growth of your kin-dom.
Remind us that all our gifts
are to be offered to you,
not just our money,
our bodies are your temple,
our lives are yours,
and we rededicate ourselves to you this day.
Amen.**

SENDING

+ Sending Hymn

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

ELW No. 535

Refrain

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness. *Repeat*

- 1 Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread,
give to all who thirst and hunger. *Refrain*

2 Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel. *Refrain*

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Announcements

Sending Video

+ Blessing

Leader: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,
bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.

All: Amen.

Postlude

Looking Ahead:

Monday, January 17	Mindfulness Meditation at 7:00 PM
Saturday, January 22	Men's Group at 9:00 AM
Sunday, January 23	Worship at 10:00 AM

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