

**First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022 • 10:00 AM**

In-Person and Live Stream Online Worship Guide



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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 ongoing pandemic, we are following CDC guidelines for Broome County. When the risk for our county is high, we ask 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

Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting - Candle of Hope

"...you know what time it is. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep... the night is far gone, the day is near." Romans 13:11-14

"Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." Matthew 24:36-44

Leader: Today we light the first candle of The Advent Season, the candle of Hope.

Let us pray:

**All: Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.
You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.
You show up in our lives at unexpected times.
Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.
We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour,
you hurry to gather all people to your peace.
Amen.**

Advent Candle Song

Light One Candle

ELW No. 240, vs. 1

- 1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

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+ Confession

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

**All: Blessed be God's name forever.
Amen.**

Leader: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: God of new beginnings,

**All: we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.
We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace.
We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.
Amen.**

+ Words of Assurance

Leader: People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
You have put on Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

All: Amen.

+ Gathering Hymn

Each Winter As the Year Grows Older

ELW No. 252

- 1 Each winter as the year grows older,
we each grow older, too.
The chill sets in a little colder;
the verities we knew
seem shaken and untrue.

- 2 When race and class cry out for treason,
when sirens call for war,
they overshout the voice of reason
and scream till we ignore
all we held dear before.

- 3 Yet I believe beyond believing
that life can spring from death,
that growth can flower from our grieving,
that we can catch our breath
and turn transfixed by faith.
- 4 So even as the sun is turning
to journey to the north,
the living flame, in secret burning,
can kindle on the earth
and bring God's love to birth.
- 5 O Child of ecstasy and sorrows,
O Prince of peace and pain,
brighten today's world by tomorrow's,
renew our lives again;
Lord Jesus, come and reign!

Text: William Gay, b. 1920, alt.
Text © 1971 United Church Press.

+ Greeting

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

All: **And also with you.**

+ Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm (responsively)

Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

²**Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:**

“May they prosper who love you.

⁷Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

⁸**For the sake of my kindred and companions,**

I pray for your prosperity.

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

+ Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your
salvation. *Alleluia.* (Ps. 85:7)

+ Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 24, verses 36 through 44.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rich Lindstrom

+ Hymn of the Day

My Lord, What a Morning

ELW No. 438

Refrain

My Lord, what a morning;
my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.

1 You will hear the trumpet sound,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

2 You will hear the sinner cry,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

- 3 You will hear the Christian shout,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

+ **The Apostles Creed (in unison)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
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.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

During the prayers, worshippers are invited to lift up prayers, wherever they are, and by the 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.

We will pray 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 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 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.

Offertory

Offering Prayer (in unison)

**Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

SENDING

+ Sending Hymn

People Look East

ELW No. 248

- 1 People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

- 2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flow'r may flourish.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

- 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Star, is on the way.

- 4 Angels announce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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Announcements

+ Blessing

Leader: God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Postlude

Looking Ahead:

Saturday, December 3 Men's Group at 9:00 AM
Sunday, December 4 *Second Sunday of Advent*
 Worship at 10:00 AM
Thursday, December 8 Leadership Team at 6:30 PM

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