

**First Sunday in Lent  
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**Hearts Loved By God  
Hands To Serve All  
Through Jesus Christ**



## WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.ckvestal.org](http://www.ckvestal.org).

### ABOUT OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

#### ***ORDER OF WORSHIP***

The Worship Service this morning follows the pattern of Gather-Word-Meal-Sending. It will include the distribution of communion.

#### ***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.ckvestal.org](http://www.ckvestal.org) and clicking the "Give Now" button, by leaving it at the church, or by mail.

### 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 team of caring ministers will respond to your call.

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## GATHERING

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+ *Please stand as you are able*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

#### **+ Confession and Forgiveness**

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Leader: Holy God,

**All: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Leader: Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

*Refrain*

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*
- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940  
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+ **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)**

**Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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**WORD**

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**First Reading**

Genesis 9:8-17

**Reading of the Psalm (responsively)**

Psalm 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness,  
O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

**Second Reading**

1 Peter 3:18-22

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

**One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of  
God. (Matt. 4:4)**

**+ Gospel Reading**

Mark 9:1-15

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 9, verses 1 through 15.

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

*After the reading:*

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Judy Mica Guerin

- 1 Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

- 2 On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

- 3 Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

- 4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

+ **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**

*During the prayers, worshippers are invited to lift up prayers 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 Peace**

*In an act of unity, blessing, and reconciliation, we greet one another with the Peace of Christ.  
(Matthew 5:23-24).*

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.**

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## **MEAL**

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### **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](http://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)**

**Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.  
Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.  
Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.  
We pray this in your name.  
Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The thanksgiving continues with the proper preface... "and join their unending hymn."*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna In the highest.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Leader: ...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Leader: ...Grace our table with your presence.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: ...burning with justice, peace, and love.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: ...now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Words of Institution**



**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.**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Distribution of Communion**

*We go to the table to encounter the body and blood of the living Christ in bread and wine, through which faith is nourished and sins are forgiven. Please proceed to the altar through the center aisle where you will receive a piece of bread from a worship leader. Then proceed to one of the chalice bearers and dip your bread in the wine (silver chalice) or grape juice (glass chalice).*

**Communion Hymn**

*Here is Bread*

**ELW No. 483**

*Refrain*

In this bread there is healing,  
in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit,  
Christ is with us here.

Here is bread here is wine  
Christ is with us He is with us  
Break the bread drink the wine  
Christ is with us here *Refrain*

Here is grace here is peace  
Christ is with us He is with us  
Know His grace find His peace  
Feast on Jesus here *Refrain*

Here we are joined in one  
Christ is with us He is with us  
We'll proclaim 'til He comes  
Jesus crucified *Refrain*

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## Communion

### + Prayer after Communion (in unison)

**Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.  
Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### + Sending Hymn

*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

**ELW No. 318**

- 1 Alleluia, song of gladness,  
voice of joy that cannot die;  
alleluia is the anthem  
ever dear to choirs on high;  
in the house of God abiding  
thus they sing eternally.
- 2 Alleluia you are sounding,  
true Jerusalem and free;  
alleluia, joyful mother,  
bring us to your jubilee;  
here by Babylon's sad waters  
mourning exiles still are we.
- 3 Alleluia cannot always  
be our song while here below;  
alleluia our transgressions  
make us for a while forgo;  
for the solemn time is coming  
when our tears for sin shall flow.
- 4 In our hymns we pray with longing:  
Grant us, blessed Trinity,  
at the last to keep glad Easter  
with the faithful saints on high;  
there to you forever singing  
alleluia joyfully.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

## **Announcements**

### **+ Blessing**

Leader: Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and give you peace.

**All: Amen.**

## **Postlude**

### **Looking Ahead:**

Saturday, February 24	Men's Group at 9:00 AM
Sunday, February 28	No Service at CTK
Sunday, March 3	Worship Service with Communion at 10:00 AM
Thursday, March 14	Leadership Team Meeting at 6:00 PM

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