

Register **now** for the Gingerbread houses.  
Forms available in the Connections or on the  
nametag table in church.  
Registration due by **Dec 12. Each \$15**

**Mt. Meru coffee** Just in time for Christmas  
Mt. Meru has two great  
gift ideas. The Holiday  
Sampler and a Christ-  
mas Traditions Blend.  
These two gift ideas  
are on display in the  
upper sanctuary. Or-  
ders placed by December 18 th will be avail-  
able for pick up on December 21 st . This  
global outreach is helping farm families in the  
Meru Diocese in Tanzania.



### Join us in prayer

**Ongoing Prayers:** John E, Cheryl, Jill B, Jer-  
ry, Dave, Barb C, Tom F, Donna S, Tom M,  
Dan, Anthony, Adam and Megan, Pam, those  
who suffer from addiction or mental illness,  
those in hospice and care facilities.  
Evangelical Lutheran Churches in El Salvador  
and Tanzania and their Bishops, Imbaseny  
parish in Tanzania, Serenity Inn, Family Prom-  
ise, Reformation Lutheran Church, Lutherdale  
Bible Camp, All God's Children, Mt. Meru Cof-  
fee Project & Outreach for Hope Congrega-  
tions, those serving the military and their fami-  
lies and the Hope Center.

**Musicians:** Maria Tyksinski, Bell Choir,  
**Usher Team:** Mel KirschTeam  
**Tech Team:** Roland Broberg, Randy Gillen,  
Andy Justman, Paul Neumiller, Rich Quinlan,  
& Bob Rooney  
Ask the ushers for a busy bag!

**Confirmation class: class at 5:30 pm**  
**Sunday School class Today Dec 11 for**  
**Christmas program practice after commun-**  
**ion.**

**Blue Christmas** is traditionally held on or around  
the longest night of the year, the Winter Solstice.  
Blue Christmas will be observed at Christ the  
King on Dec. 21st with a meditation vigil from 3  
-4pm for anyone experiencing grief or sadness.  
The Sanctuary will be candlelit and quiet for  
this time of Prayer.

### Stewardship

To celebrate our commitments  
**today**, come join us for break-  
fast bake in the Great Hall hav-  
ing: Egg bake, mini muffins,  
fresh fruit, Danish. This is  
sponsored through a Thrivent  
Grant and a free will donation.



### Women of the Torah Bible Study

Our next Bible Study is Monday, Dec. 12 & 19th  
in the bell room. This Bible study is bi-monthly. No  
experience is necessary, just an open heart to lis-  
ten, learn, and share together.

This is the time of year for sharing. So when  
you are making out your personal Christmas  
cards consider sending one to one or all of the  
people on our care list. Many of our Care list  
people could use the lift of receiving some joy  
in the mail. Please ask for the list in the church  
office.

### Scripture for Next Sunday, Dec 18, 2022

Isaiah 7:10-16

Luke 2:1-14

Christmas Program

Meeting God in surprising places: The Promise of a  
Child



**Christ the King Lutheran Church**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent : Meeting God in Surprising places;**  
Blooms in deserts

**Presiding: Pastor Jackie Cook**  
**Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022**

Delafield, Wisconsin

262-646-2343 [www.ctkdelafield.org](http://www.ctkdelafield.org)

**Stewardship Commitment Sunday**

*Today is the culmination of CTK's stewardship campaign, during the offering time,  
you will have a chance to come forward and place your intent card for 2023 in the  
offering plate as a symbol of your commitment*

Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jackie Cook  
Music Ministry: Maria Tyksinski, Bell Choir  
Youth Ministry: Jenny Nettesheim  
Assisting Minister: Vicky Jaeger  
Readers: Sheryl Skorik  
Acolyte: Anna Wittrock

Please see an usher if you would like a large print bulletin and/or need a hearing assistance device.

\*Indicates when to stand

PRELUDE *Prepare the Royal Highway* Bell Choir

WELCOME

Gathering Hymn *Prepare the Royal Highway* ELW #264  
Lighting of Advent Wreath Wittrock Family  
...Blessed are you, God of might and majesty...  
...O ransomed people of the Lord, come, **let us travel on God's holy way and enter into Zion with singing. Amen**  
Advent Song *Christ Be Our Light* (refrain only) ELW #715  
Greeting  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**  
Prayer of the Day  
Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10  
Second Reading: Luke 1:46b-55 *Read responsively*  
\*Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.* Music by Jeff Honore. Used with permission.

REFRAIN (Cantor/All)  


\*Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
...The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**  
Sermon Meeting God in surprising places: Blooms in Deserts Pr. Jackie Cook  
\*Hymn of the Day *All Earth is Hopeful* ELW #266

Presentation of New Members

Apostles' Creed  
New Members Welcome  
Friends in Christ...**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me**  
People of God... **we do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**  
Let us welcome...**we rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**  
**Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.** We ask this in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

\*Prayers of Intercession God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**  
...in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

MEAL

Offering of your 2023 Intentions Card  
Offering *Mary Did You Know* Shrader  
\*Blessing of our Pledges  
\*Offering Prayer  
Eternal God, you make the desert bloom...  
We ask this through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**  
\*The Great Thanksgiving  
\*Preface  
\*Holy, Holy, Holy (*Tune based on Good King Wenceslas*)  
\*Eucharistic Prayer  
\*Lord's Prayer (traditional) ELW p. 208  
Invitation to Communion-*All are welcome to receive the sacrament who believe that Christ is present for you for the forgiveness of sin, regardless of church affiliation. \*Everyone is asked to kindly complete a Welcome card and put it with your offering in the plate as you come forward for communion. Sunday School children, families, teachers receive communion 1st then proceed to their classrooms.*

*Lamb of God* (*Tune based on Away in the Manger*)  
Communion Song *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* ELW #257  
Special Music *Advent Messenger* arr. How Bell Choir

\*Table Blessing **Amen**  
\*Prayer After Communion  
Faithful God,  
...coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord **Amen.**

Blessing  
God the eternal Word,  
who dwells with us in Jesus, who meets you in surprising places,  
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *He Came Down* ELW #253  
Announcements  
Dismissal Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE