

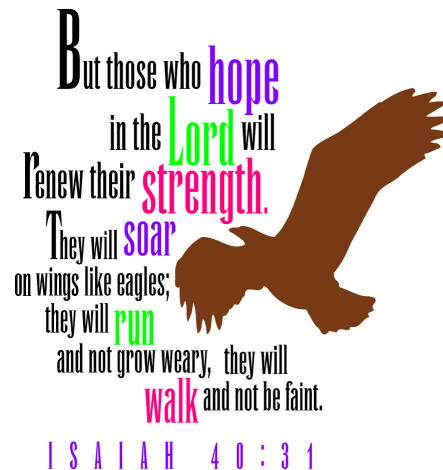
Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

"To know... To teach... To share Christ"

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 4, 2024

Welcome

We pray that your worship here will draw you closer to your Savior and equip you for a continuing life of Christian discipleship. For your spiritual needs we offer you the Word of Him who can supply all our needs - Jesus Christ, our Savior. Rejoice in His love for you. He cares for you. You are His own dear child.

Prayer Before Worship

Dear Heavenly Father, as we gather here today, we acknowledge the sacredness of this moment. We recognize that worship is not just a routine, but a sacred encounter with You. We ask for Your guidance as we commence this service, that everything we do may bring honor and glory to Your name. Amen.

Vistors

If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to sign the "guest register" in the narthex so that we might better get to know and serve you. Please make yourself at home and feel free to ask an usher if you have questions or need assistance. We hope you can join us again soon! Restrooms are located in the narthex as well as in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Offering of Thanks to our God

Deuteronomy 14:23 *"The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives."* We do not pass the offering plate around during the service. You may place your offering in the offering plate as you enter or leave the sanctuary. If you are a visitor, you are welcome to participate in this offering, however, do not feel obligated.

The Sacrament

If you are a guest or visitor, you may be relieved to know that we do not seek to impose our practice of Holy Communion upon you. In fact, we intend the sacrament only for those who have previously expressed their communicant fellowship with the Wisconsin Synod and our congregation. This is what is meant by the Scriptural practice of "close communion". If you are not a member of Christ the King but are a guest or visitor and have not had the opportunity to declare your fellowship with us, please observe our communion service today and speak with the Pastor after the service or during the week. He'd be delighted to help you come to appreciate a "close" relationship with our congregation so that you can commune with us in the future. Communicant members of our sister WELS or ELS congregations are welcome to commune with us, but please announce your intention to do so to the Pastor before the service begins.. Thank You.

Large Print Bulletins/Personal Assistive Listening Devices

Large print bulletins as well as personal assistive listening devices are available. Please contact an usher for any assistance.

Standing During the Worship Service

We stand to honor God, and we sit to learn. That's why we sit during the hymns, which primarily teach us what God has done for us, but sometimes stand for the last verse (if it praises the Triune God). We also stand to honor our Savior during the Gospel reading. However, if you are **not** able to rise, please remain seated. No one will look down on you for doing so.

Opening Hymn

614 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Please stand, if able

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



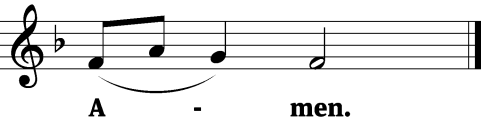
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Pease be seated


First Reading

Isaiah 40:27–31


²⁷Why do you complain, Jacob?
Why do you say, Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD;
my cause is disregarded by my God”?
²⁸Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.
²⁹He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
³⁰Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
³¹but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Congregation sings the refrain and speaks the print in bold
Refrain



The LORD is kind and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and rich in com - pas - sion.

Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name—
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. Refrain

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
He does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen. Refrain

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⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.
⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
⁸Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.
¹⁰And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand, if able



Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles.

Refrain

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²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.
³²That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed.
³³The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He

also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

³⁵Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”

³⁸Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” ³⁹So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

384 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Sermon *“The Lord Gives Strength to the Weary”* Isaiah 40:27-31

Please stand, if able

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated

Intercessory Prayers

Our Offering of Thanks to Our God - Brought Forward

You may place your offering in the offering plate as you enter the sanctuary.

Communion Preparation Hymn 654 *Jesus Sinners Does Receive* sts. 1, 4-5

The Sacrament

Please stand, if able

Preface

CW 165

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

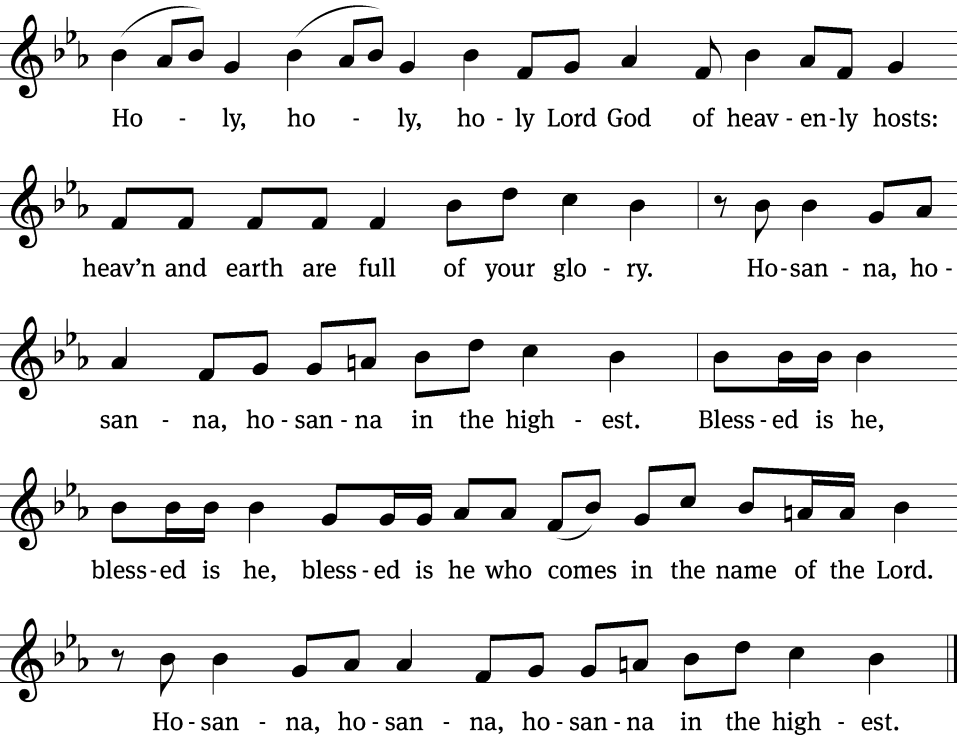
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in

him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus’ death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son’s body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

**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;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated

Distribution

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + in peace.
Amen.

Please stand, if able

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask

this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Song of Simeon

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

928 May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

January Birthdays

This Week at Christ The King

Today, February 4	Bible Class, 9:30am Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 am Pastor Rutschow’s Installation Service, 3:00 pm. A light supper will follow the Installation Service.
Monday, February 5	Low Vision Support Group, 10:00 am Charlotte Choral Rehearsal
Tuesday, February 6	Mary/Martha, 10:30 am
Thursday, February 8	Mahjong, 9:30 am Choir, 7:00 pm
Sunday, February 11	Bible Class, 9:30am Worship Service, 10:30 am

Thank you Pastor Luchterhand for Conducting Today’s Service

If you are interested in Online Giving to Christ the King, there are instruction sheets in the narthex. Please see Jim or Sandi Birschbach with questions or for assistance.

If you have electronic payments sent directly to church, please alert Jim Birschbach and Linda Kysely of the date(s) and amount, so they may properly credit your Statement of Giving.

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Morning Prayer from Christian Worship

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