

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



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CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH, REDLANDS, CA

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SUNDAY MORNING

9:00a.m. -- Divine Service

10:30a.m. – 11:30a.m. -- Sunday School & Adult Bible Study



TO GUEST AND VISITORS

We welcome you to our congregation in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book near the main door. We pray that the Holy Spirit would richly bless your hearing of God's Word with a living trust in Jesus Christ who died and rose for you. **For more information regarding Baptism, instruction in the Christian faith, and communicant membership, please see Pastor Smith.**

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER AT CHRIST THE KING

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- A) who have been **baptized** in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- B) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the **Lutheran Confessions**, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran Faith, and who **now confess** the same doctrine that is taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the **Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**;
- C) who believe that in this sacrament the **real body and blood** of Christ are truly distributed to them and **orally received** by them, bestowing on them the **forgiveness of sins, life and salvation**;
- D) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and **desire to receive** God's forgiveness in this holy meal.



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PRAYER CONCERNS



Thomas Crowley, recovering well at home from Covid-19
Dwayne Danielson, coping with Covid-19
Connie Johnson, fell and tore a ligament in her leg
Diane Ronchetto, experiencing severe hip pain
Susan Jay, at home receiving immune therapy infusions
Daniel Conrad, our missionary to Mexico
Shut-ins: Bill Nye, Troy & Louava Wideman



THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE LOVELY POINSETTIAS

It’s not too late. If you would like to contribute to the poinsettias, please make checks out to Christ the King and earmark “Poinsettias” on the memo line. Today, after the second service, please take a poinsettia home or to a loved one. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED



Altar flowers are needed for next Sunday and for more Divine Services in January and February. Other dates throughout the year also need altar flowers. Please feel free to sign-up for any open dates. Sign-up chart is in the overflow. Thank you.


Acolytes	SERVANTS for THIS WEEK	SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK
8:00am	Dustin Hogue	Lauren Hathaway & Alex Hathaway
10:30am	Brooke Cleary & Emma Hansen	Dominick Vasquez & Christian Vasquez
Altar	Linda Whittier	Alise Smith
Elders	Roger Loewecke	James Wilson
Finance	Lucy Becker & Roger Loewecke	Lucy Becker & Roger Loewecke
Flowers	Poinsettias	FLOWERS NEEDED
Ushers	Hayden Ramsey Dwayne Mugiishi	Tom Crowley Joe Belli

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	8:00AM	Divine Service
	9:00AM	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30AM	Divine Service
	Following.....	Jr. Confirmation Class
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM	Adult Bible Study
SATURDAY	8:30AM	Adult Bible Study
	11:00AM	Marianne Anderson's Memorial

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Jan 5	Is. 65:8-25 Luke 3:1-20	Jan 6	Is. 66:1-20 Luke 3:21-38	Jan 7	Ezek. 1:1-14, 22-28, Hab. 1:1—3:19 Rom. 1:1-17
Jan 8	Ezek. 2:1—3:11 Rom. 1:18-32	Jan 9	Ezek. 3:12-27, Ezek. 4:1—11:25 Rom. 2:1-16		

 Today's service will be broadcast live, and for later viewing, on Christ the King's YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CTKRedlands>

✂ Sermon manuscripts are also available on our website at:

<https://www.ctlredlands.org/sermons-online/sermon-manuscripts/>

CHURCH MEMBER ENVELOPES FOR 2021 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX



Every year your offering envelope number changes so please make sure to use the correct envelope year for its corresponding offering. **ALSO**, please use your numbered envelopes for every offering you submit. This helps the counters to accurately post your giving amounts and saves them time from looking up your number. Thank you.



PORTALS OF PRAYER

The new issue of our excellent daily devotional resource is available on the table in the narthex – get yours today.



SATURDAY MORNINGS @ 8:30AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Studying the book of John with Deacon Russ

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is “prayer”?

Have you ever wanted to talk to God? Well, guess what ... you can! God promises to hear and answer us when we pray. Because we want to concentrate on what we are praying and who we are praying to, we may close our eyes, fold our hands and bow our heads so that we are not distracted by the things around us. You don't have to do all that, though. You can pray anywhere and at anytime.

What should we pray for?

We not only ask God for what we need, but we praise and thank Him for what He has already given us. If you want to, you can pray to God just to talk to him. We pray especially that God would keep us strong in our faith, and that He might bring others to faith too.

Are there different types of prayer?

There are many different types of prayer. Much of our worship is prayers, including the Confession, the Agnus Dei, and the Post-Communion Canticle. You can find prayers for different times and needs on pages 305–18 in *Lutheran Service Book*.



Parents: Direct your child to the different prayers in our worship. (For example The Prayer of the Church) Turn to pages 327 in *Lutheran Service Book*. Read through Luther's Morning and Evening Prayers. Try using them at home with your children when they wake up in the morning and before they go to bed at night.



THE READINGS



1 KINGS 3:4-15

⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your

great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In

him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance,

having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel

of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

LUKE 2:40-52

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom.⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it,⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances,⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them

questions.⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.⁴⁸ And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress."⁴⁹ And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them.⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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THE LORD JESUS IS FOUND IN THE TEMPLE OF HIS CHURCH

The Lord Jesus "*grew and became strong*" (Luke 2:40); He "*increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man*" (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. As our brother in the flesh, Jesus lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up "*to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover*" (Luke 2:41); and when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father's house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in "*the Word of truth, the Gospel,*" by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain "*an understanding mind*" to go about our vocations, discerning "*between good and evil*" (1 Kings 3:9). And so we also go up to Jerusalem, to stand "*before the ark of the covenant of the Lord*" (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.
