

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. (Mark 1:3)

**DECEMBER 6, 2020**

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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.



## EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 8:00AM.....Divine Service  
 9:30AM.....Adult Bible Study  
 10:30AM.....Divine Service  
 FOLLOWING ..... Jr. Confirmation Class Today  
 TUESDAY 11:30AM..... CTK Women’s Luncheon  
 WEDNESDAY 7:00PM.....Vespers (No a.m. bible study)  
 FOLLOWING .....Choir Practice in the Sanctuary  
 SATURDAY 8:30AM..... Adult Bible Study (Parish Hall)

## DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS – LSB pg. 303

<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>		<b>Dec 6</b>	Is. 14:1-23 2 Peter 3:1-18	<b>Dec 7</b>	Is. 24:1-13 1 John 1:1-2:14
<b>Dec 8</b>	Is. 24:14-25:12, Obad. 1-21 1 John 2:15-29	<b>Dec 9</b>	Is. 26:1-19 1 John 3:1-24	<b>Dec 10</b>	Is. 26:20-27:13 1 John 4:1-21
<b>Dec 11</b>	Is. 28:14-29 1 John 5:1-21, 2 John 1-13, 3 John 1-15	<b>Dec 12</b>	Is. 29:1-14 Jude 1-25	<b>Christmas Tidings</b>	



### TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO DEPOSIT YOUR STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Since the school will be closed during the Christmas school break in December please bring your wrapped and tagged gifts and put them into the Christmas box in the narthex today so we can distribute them to the staff tomorrow. Thank you.

### ADVENT SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING VESPERS AT 7PM

The marvelous and grace laden season of Advent is near. Our hope and prayer is that all the saints of Christ the King would grow in faith and be prepared for our Lord’s return as we journey through these Advent weeks. Ultimately, we will celebrate with exceedingly great joy the gift of Immanuel, God with us, the birth of the infant Savior. During Advent we will gather on Wednesday evenings for Vespers (a brief worship service) at 7pm. This time of quiet reflection on the goodness of God and the fulfillment of our salvation in the person of His Son is a fruitful time for our soul and we will discover how hope flourishes within us by way of His Word. Let us prepare for His arrival.

December 9<sup>th</sup>

**THE INCARNATION AND THE PRESENT**

December 16<sup>th</sup>

**THE INCARNATION AND THE PAST**



Preceding the Advent Vespers Services will be a soup/salad dinner at 6:00pm. Please come and join us for food and comaraderie! Sign ups are in the narthex.



INVITING ALL LADIES AND LADY-FRIENDS OF CTK

The Women's Christmas Luncheon is this Tuesday, December 8, at 11:30am at the Tartan of Redlands, 24 E. Redlands Blvd. If you would like to attend, or want more information, please contact Alise Smith at 909-800-4495 today. The cost is \$20.



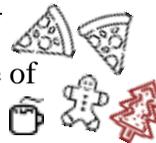
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 5PM-8PM: CHRISTMAS WASSAIL PARTY

Pastor and Alise Smith have graciously offered to host this year's Wassail party in their home. This is an adult only evening of food, fellowship, laughter, and singing. There will also be an optional white elephant gift exchange. You don't need to buy a gift. You can just grab something odd lying around the house that you aren't using and wrap it up. So bring a **heartly** appetizer, a gift for the white elephant gift exchange, and your best Christmas caroling voice for this festive evening.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 6:00PM: CHRISTMAS CAROLING!

**EVERYONE** is INVITED!! We will meet at CTK to van pool to our Christmas caroling destinations to sing in front of the homes for some of our shut-ins around Redlands. Afterwards, we will return to CTK for pizza, cookies, and hot cocoa. Please sign up in the narthex.



Attention Thrivent Members,

Christ the King Lutheran Church and School is about to embark on a project to renovate one of our playgrounds. The grass in particular is in a state of disrepair and in need of rejuvenation – that's where Thrivent members come into view. Due to the school's reduced income (coronavirus related), we are going to attempt to use Action Team Thrivent sponsored project funds to give our students a refreshed playground. Toward that end, we have put a sign-up board in the narthex for all you Thrivent members to jot down your name. These kinds of projects are dependent on Thrivent members simply lending their name to the project (each member can enable us to procure \$250 toward the monetary goal). This is another opportunity for the saints of Christ the King to support our marvelous school as it serves the many children who grow and prosper as they attend CTK. Please, if you are a Thrivent member, add your name to the sign-up board so that we can marshal the resources necessary to accomplish our noble goal. In the future, we will have a seminar for those unfamiliar with Thrivent to learn about all the things this partner of the church offers. Thank you so very kindly.





## THE READINGS



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### ISAIAH 40:1-11

- <sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort my people, says  
your God.
- <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the Lord's  
hand  
double for all her sins.
- <sup>3</sup> A voice cries:  
“In the wilderness prepare the way of the  
Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway  
for our God.
- <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made  
low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.
- <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the Lord shall be  
revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has  
spoken.”
- <sup>6</sup> A voice says, “Cry!”  
And I said, “What shall I cry?”  
All flesh is grass,
- and all its beauty is like the flower of  
the field.
- <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades  
when the breath of the Lord blows  
on it;  
surely the people are grass.
- <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand  
forever.
- <sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, fear not;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
“Behold your God!”
- <sup>10</sup> Behold, the Lord God comes with  
might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.
- <sup>11</sup> He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with  
young.

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### 2 PETER 3:8-14

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact,  
beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a  
thousand years, and a thousand years as one  
day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his  
promise as some count slowness, but is patient  
toward you, not wishing that any should

perish, but that all should reach repentance.  
<sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a  
thief, and then the heavens will pass away  
with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be  
burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the  
works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies

will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

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## MARK 1:1-8

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.  
<sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,  
“Behold, I send my messenger before  
your face,  
who will prepare your way,  
<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the  
wilderness:  
“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,”  
<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness  
and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for

the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”



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### *You Are Prepared through Repentance for the Coming of the Lord*

“*The Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God*” (Mark 1:1) begins when John the Baptist appears and comes “*proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins*” (Mark 1:4). As the Prophet Isaiah had written, John is the messenger of the Lord, sent before His face to prepare His way. To this day, the ministry of the Forerunner continues in the preaching of the Law and the Gospel, and in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. By these ways and means “*the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together*” (Is. 40:5), and the Good Shepherd “*will gather the lambs in His arms*” (Is. 40:11). He speaks “*tenderly to Jerusalem,*” and He comforts His people by pardoning their iniquity (Is. 40:1–2). What is more, He promises “*new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells*” (2 Pet. 3:13). Repent, therefore, and humble yourself as you wait for His coming in peace (2 Pet. 3:14), because He “*is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance*” (2 Pet. 3:9).

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