

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



“I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness...”

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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.



HYMNS for TODAY’S DIVINE SERVICE

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Marianne Anderson’s family, she has gone to her eternal home of peace with our Lord
Bruce Stevens, coping with the effects of electrocution
Charles Baker, recovering from a bout of cellulitis
Dwayne Danielson, recovering from eye surgery again
Diane Ronchetto, experiencing severe hip pain
Susan Jay, at home receiving immune therapy infusions
Daniel Conrad, our missionary to Mexico
Shut-ins: Marianne Anderson, Bill Nye, Troy & Louava Wideman



ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers today are given by Patrick & Amy Edwards to the glory of God in thanksgiving and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and many blessings for the coming new year.



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.ckredlands.org/sermons-online/sermon-manuscripts/>

Acolytes	SERVANTS for THIS WEEK	SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK
8:00am	Gabriela Vasquez & Emma Hinkleman	Gabriela Vasquez & Emma Hinkleman
10:30am	Brooke Cleary & Emma Hansen	Hayden Hinkleman & Aiden DeCent
Altar	Nicole Creavy	Tammy Hathaway
Elders	Anthony Lombardo	Tom Crowley
Finance	Robert Arnold & Steve Aimar	Mary Coppenger & Steve Aimar
Flowers	Pat & Amy Edwards	Tom & Donna Crowley
Ushers	David Alder Loren Scott	David Alder Mike Bush

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	8:00AM.....	Divine Service
	9:30AM.....	Adult Bible Study
	10:30AM.....	Divine Service
	FOLLOWING	Jr. Confirmation Class Today
	5:00PM.....	Christmas Wassail Party
WEDNESDAY	7:00PM.....	Vespers (No a.m. bible study)
	FOLLOWING	Choir Practice in the Sanctuary
FRIDAY	6:00PM.....	Christmas Caroling
SATURDAY	NO Adult Bible Study (Resuming January 2)	

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS – LSB pg. 303

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Dec 15	Is. 30:27-31:9 Rev. 3:1-22	Dec 16	Is. 32:1-20 Rev. 4:1-11	Dec 17	Is. 33:1-24 Rev. 5:1-14
Dec 18	Is. 34:1-2, 8-35:10, Micah 1:1-7:20 Rev. 6:1-17	Dec 19	Is. 40:1-17 Rev. 7:1-17	Christmas Tidings	

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Today we are receiving new members during the 10:30am Divine Service. What a great cheer it is to be joined by such a faithful tribe of Lutherans. You have enlarged the fellowship and strength of our congregation – thanks be to God. Those being received are:

Robert & Cathryn and their children Aiden, Charlie, & Dylan
Robert Holman

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 16th

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.



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.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR TONIGHT'S CHRISTMAS WASSAIL PARTY



Pastor and Alise Smith have graciously offered to host this year's Wassail party in their home, **1566 Campus Avenue**, Redlands, intersecting N. Dearborn Street.

This is an adult only evening of food, fellowship, laughter, and singing.

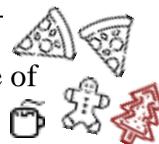


There will also be an optional white elephant gift exchange. You don't need to buy a gift. You can just grab something odd lying around the house that you aren't using and wrap it up. So bring a **heartly** appetizer, a gift for the white elephant gift exchange, and your best Christmas caroling voice for this festive evening. **The festivities start tonight at 5:00pm.**



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.



Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

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1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near,"
 2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the earth -
 3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, Comes with par -
 4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry And the world

we hear it say, "Cast a - way the works of
 bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all sloth dis -
 don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of
 is wrapped in fear, He will shield us with his

dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
 pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
 mer - cy And with words of love draw near.

5 Honor, glory, might, dominion
 To the Father and the Son

With the everliving Spirit
 While eternal ages run!



THE READINGS



ISAIAH 61:1-4, 8-11

¹ The Spirit of the Lord GOD is
upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
He has sent me to bind up the
brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those
who are bound;
² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress
instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint
spirit;
that they may be called oaks of
righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that He may
be glorified.
⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former
devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many
generations....
⁸ For I the LORD love justice,

I hate robbery and wrong;
I will faithfully give them their
recompense,
and I will make an everlasting
covenant with them.
⁹ Their offspring shall be known among
the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of
the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
them,
that they are an offspring the LORD
has blessed.
¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for He has clothed me with the garments
of salvation;
He has covered me with the robe of
righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a
priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her
jewels.
¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown
in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause
righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of

evil.

²³Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

JOHN 1:6-8. 19-28

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light....

¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²²So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What

do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands One you do not know, ²⁷even He who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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The Coming of the Christ Brings True Rejoicing in His Forgiveness



When he preaches repentance, John the Baptist points us to Christ Jesus. John was sent by God "*as a witness, to bear witness about the Light, that all might believe through him*" (John 1:7). He baptizes with water in order to "*make straight the way of the Lord,*" who shall redeem His people from their sins (John 1:23). That Lord Jesus "*who comes after*" John now stands among us and makes Himself known to us (John 1:26–27). He has been anointed by the Holy Spirit "*to bring good news to the poor*" and "*to bind up the brokenhearted*" (Is. 61:1). By the washing of the water with His Word and Spirit, He clothes His Church with "*the garments of salvation*" and adorns her with His own righteousness "*as a bride adorns herself with her jewels*" (Is. 61:10). Therefore, we "*rejoice always*" in the Lord, "*pray without ceasing,*" and "*give thanks in all circumstances*" (1 Thess. 5:16–18). For "*the God of peace,*" who has called you by the Gospel, will surely "*sanctify you completely,*" so that "*your whole spirit and soul and body*" will "*be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (1 Thess. 5:23–24).
