

# FIRST 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.

## HYMNS for TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

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### PRAYER CONCERNS



**Thomas Crowley**, hospitalized with Covid-19  
**Dwayne Danielson**, coping with Covid-19  
**Connie Johnson**, fell and tore a ligament in her leg  
**Bruce Stevens**, coping with the effects of electrocution  
**Charles Baker**, recovering from a bout of cellulitis  
**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. Thank you.



Ron and I want to thank the carolers who came to our home the other evening. I have gone Christmas caroling many times in past years to the homes of shut-ins and to nursing homes, but this is the first time to be *on the receiving end* and we want to thank you so much for bringing the spirit of Christmas to our home during this Covid-19 pandemic year!! God Bless! Lila Feiken

Acolytes	SERVANTS for THIS WEEK	SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK
<b>8:00am</b>	Jilian Belli & Ava Belli	
<b>10:30am</b>	Dominick Vasquez & Christian Vasquez	
<b>Altar</b>	Nicole Creavy	Linda Whittier
<b>Elders</b>	Tony Lombardo	Roger Loewecke
<b>Finance</b>	Mary Coppenger & Steve Aimar	To be determined
<b>Flowers</b>	Poinsettias	Poinsettias
<b>Ushers</b>	Hayden Ramsey    Dwayne Mugiishi	Hayden Ramsey    Dwayne Mugiishi

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 8:00AM ..... Divine Service  
 9:00AM ..... Adult Bible Study & Sunday School  
 10:30AM ..... Divine Service  
 NO Jr. Confirmation Class (Resumes January 3)  
 WEDNESDAY NO Adult Bible Study (Resumes January 6)  
 SATURDAY NO Adult Bible Study (Resumes January 2)

## DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS – LSB pg. 303

<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>		<b>Dec 27</b>	Is. 51:17—52:12 Matt. 2:1-12	<b>Dec 28</b>	Is. 52:13—54:10 Matt. 2:13-23
<b>Dec 29</b>	Is. 55:1-13 Luke 1:1-25	<b>Dec 30</b>	Is. 58:1—59:3, 14-21 Luke 1:26-38	<b>Dec 31</b>	Is. 60:1-22 Luke 1:39-56
<b>Jan 1</b>	Is. 61:1-11 Luke 1:57-80	<b>Jan 2</b>	Is. 62:1-12 Luke 2:1-20	<b>Christmas Tidings</b>	

 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.

## KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



### Why was it so important for Jesus to be born as a man?

Jesus had a big job ahead of Him when He was born! If you really think about it, Jesus was born to die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. But before He died, He lived a perfect life under God's Law. That means that during His entire life, Jesus never sinned. Not even once! As a man, Jesus took the place of mankind under the Law and fulfilled it. That means that for every time we failed to keep the Law, Christ succeeded!

### Why was it important for Jesus to be true God?

It would take more than an ordinary man to suffer and die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. Jesus had to be true God so that He could live a perfect life and fulfill the requirements of the Law, die a perfect death on the cross, and rise from the dead victorious over sin, death and the devil! All of this He did in obedience to the Father and out of complete and total love for us. Through faith, the Holy Spirit delivers all of the great things Jesus won for us in His death and resurrection!



**Parents:** Review the Ten Commandments with your child (Ex. 20:1–17). Discuss the commandments and be sure to point out just how often we fail to keep them. Remind your child that because of Christ's perfect sacrifice on the cross, in faith we have the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.



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## THE READINGS

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### ISAIAH 61:10-62:3

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>62:1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep  
silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be  
quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as  
brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

<sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the  
hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of  
your God.

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### GALATIANS 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent

the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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### LUKE 2:22-40

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary & Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name

was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>"Lord, now you are letting your servant  
depart in peace,  
according to your word;  
<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation  
<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the  
presence of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

<sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

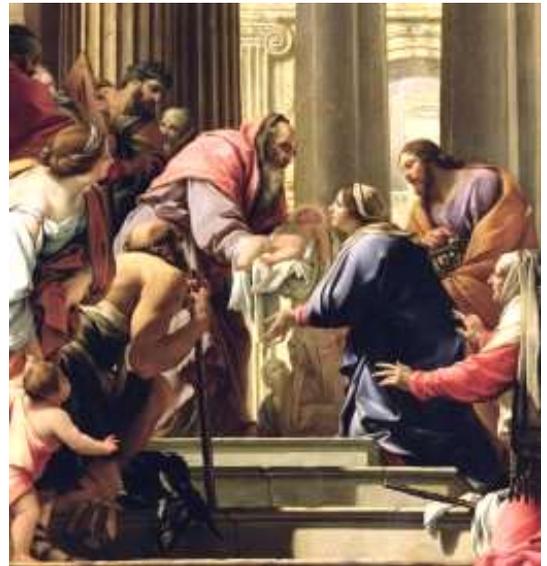
<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the Child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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### *The Time Has Fully Come for Redemption and Purification through Jesus Christ, Our Lord*

"When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son," born of the Woman, "to redeem those who were under the law" (Gal. 4:4–5). Therefore, "according to the Law of Moses," Mary and Joseph "brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord" (Luke 2:22). There He was received and taken up into the arms of Simeon, who was righteous and devout, "waiting for the consolation of Israel" (Luke 2:25). Simeon praised God and blessed the parents by confessing the Cross for which this Child was appointed. "At that very hour," old and faithful Anna, who had watched, prayed and worshiped in the Temple for so long, came up and "began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). The Lord causes "righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations" (Is. 61:11). We also "greatly rejoice in the Lord," because this Child Jesus has clothed us "with the garments of salvation," covered us "with the robe of righteousness," and called us "by a new name" (Is. 61:10; 62:2).



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**THE INTROIT** (*Ps. . 98:1-4; antiphon: Is. 52:10*)



The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,\*  
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

**Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\***  
**His right hand and His holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.**

The Lord has made known his sal- | vation;\*  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.\***  
**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth;\*  
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,\*  
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

**THE COLLECT**

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**THE GRADUAL** (*Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a*)

**To us a child is born, to us a Son is | given;\***  
**and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.**  
**And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God,\***  
**Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.**  
**Sing to the Lord a | new song,\***  
**for he has done | marvelous things!**

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