

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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SUNDAY MORNING

9:00 a.m. – Divine Service

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



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

Christian Vasquez, recovering from an appendectomy
Vic and Sharon Haynes, recovering well from COVID
Lysah Mitchell, whose aunt Beatrice fell asleep in Christ
Virginia Alhorn, healing at home
Diane Ronchetto, awaiting hip replacement surgery, scheduled for January
Susan Jay, recovering at home from a successful surgery
Daniel Conrad, our missionary to Mexico
Shut-ins: Elsie Albanese, Pat Krahn, Bill Nye, Harriet Ouimette, Gloria Paulus,
 Troy & Louava Wideman, and Irene Pickering



ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Vic and Sharon Haynes. Given in gratefulness for CTK - God bless you all for your prayers, calls, cards, flowers, and meals while we recovered. Thanks for sharing Jesus' love with us. We love you all and thank God for you.

SERVANTS for THIS WEEK		SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK
Acolytes	Samuel Lombardo & William Lombardo	Emma Hansen & Gabriela Vasquez
Altar	Nicole Creavy	Anna Bush
Elders	David Alder	Dwayne Danielson
Finance	Steve Aimar & Robert Arnold	Mary Coppenger & Steve Aimar
Flowers	Vic & Sharon Haynes	Don & Bernice David
Ushers	Robert DeCent & Glenn Henderson	Robert DeCent & Glenn Henderson

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:00AM	Divine Service
	10:30AM	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
WEDNESDAY	6:00PM	Soup Supper
	7:00PM	Vespers
FRIDAY	11:00AM	Charles Baker Funeral
SATURDAY	8:30AM	Adult Bible Study

TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON (Pre-K through 8)



Lesson 4: In today's lesson, "The Unlikely Ally," the Israelites prepare to enter the Promised Land. Joshua sends two spies to explore Jericho. Rahab, a prostitute, first hides the spies from the authorities, and later she helps them escape out her window in the city wall. Because of her faithfulness, the spies promise to spare Rahab and her family when the Israelites come to occupy the city

DON'T FORGET!

There are several sign ups in the narthex for participation in upcoming gatherings and events. Please sign up to join and share!



MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Beginning on December 1st, we will be conducting Midweek Advent Services (Vespers) on Wednesday evenings (7:00 pm). These are times of reflection, prayer, and preparation for the High Feast of Christmas. There is another purpose to these services. Not only are we making our hearts hospitable places for the Lord to dwell but we are actively preparing ourselves for His promised return. Advent accents the reality that as Christians, we are to ready ourselves for our ultimate encounter with Christ the Lord. This encounter could be very soon. The unprepared will be sorely grieved that they are unprepared. The prepared will rejoice at the Lord's return

Advent Theme ~ The Incarnation and Your Neighbor
December 1st ~ The Incarnation and a Sacrificial Spirit
December 8th ~ The Incarnation and a Forgiving Spirit
December 15th ~ The Incarnation and a Humble Spirit

These Vespers services are preceded by a soup supper at 6:00 pm. These times of breaking bread together are sweet familial occasions where the saints of Christ the King enjoy one another's company and the camaraderie of table fellowship. Please sign-up on the board in the narthex to bring a soup, a salad, or a dessert.



THE READINGS



Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and

he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you,

¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹ And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is

near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ "But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.

³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Charles Baker Funeral

The Funeral Service for our brother in Christ will be
Friday, December 3rd at 11:00 am.

Please honor our shared confession of faith by attending this service where the driving force of our common life, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, will be proclaimed in Word and Song for the comfort and confidence of those who mourn the death of our dear friend.

Yard Signs

The Evangelism/Stewardship Committee has lighted upon a brilliant idea to leaven our community with the joy of Christmas and an implicit invitation to our beloved congregation. This merging of noble notions comes in the form of Yard Signs. The signs depict a manger scene with our website address posted beneath. If we put these signs in our yards then our neighbors (of all sorts) will see them, perhaps be intrigued, and God can/will/may use it to prompt them to discover the truth that is so warmly embraced at Christ the King Lutheran Church. The signs are attractive to be sure, thanks to Rebecca Mugiishi in particular. They are well made and can be used over multiple years, so please hold onto them for 2022 and beyond. Many thanks to John Hinkleman who applied for a Thrivent project card and we were awarded \$250. Our cost for the signs was about \$20 a piece.

Grab a sign. There is a "free-will" offering basket if you choose to help defray our costs. May God use this to bring light to those in darkness and for the glory of His Name.



Wassail Party

On December 12th, we will celebrate our annual Lutheran Hootenanny by congregating at Steve and Debbie Wolff's home for some wassail (if you don't like wassail that won't be all there is to drink), some caroling (thanks Jiggs), and a white elephant gift exchange. One memory stands out: Ruth Wood, who was maybe 80 years old at the time, opened up a gift and it was a Justin Bieber backpack – hilarious!

This is a very fun night and we have much to celebrate this year. You are requested to bring a hearty appetizer to share and you can sign up for the Wassail Party in the narthex.

The party starts at 5:00 pm.

The Wolff's address is:
6764 Van Leuven Lane
Highland, CA 92346.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is Advent?

Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is made up of the four Sundays that come right before Christmas. In other words, the deeper into Advent you go, the closer you get to Christmas Day. For Christians, the First Sunday in Advent is kind of like the “New Year’s Day” of the Church Year calendar.



Why do we celebrate Advent?

The word Advent means “coming.” During Advent, we prepare for the coming of the One who was born that first Christmas in a stable. We prepare for the One who saved us from sin, death and the power of the devil: our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful and exciting time of preparation!



Parents:

At home, in order to help your children better prepare for the birth of Jesus, try using an Advent devotional booklet provided by the church for family devotions.



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The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this first Sunday establishes this theme for the rest of the season. The Son of God came long ago to be our Savior, “*a righteous Branch*” descended from David (Jer. 33:15). As He then came into Jerusalem, riding on a lowly donkey to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world (Luke 19:28–40), so does He come to His Church today in the humility of Word and Sacrament to deliver the fruits of His Passion: the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He absolves us and establishes our hearts “*blameless in holiness before our God and Father*” (1 Thess. 3:13). The same Lord Jesus, who came to Jerusalem then and who comes to us now in peace, will come again with power and great glory on the Last Day. Then there will be “*distress of nations in perplexity,*” with “*people fainting with fear.*” Yet, as we anticipate that great and terrible day, He bids us to rest securely in Him: “*Raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near*” (Luke 21:25, 26, 28).

THE INTROIT Ps. 89:6, 14-16, 18; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.



Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; *
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Who in the skies can be compared | to the Lord? *

Who among the heavenly beings is | like the Lord,
Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of your throne; *
steadfast love and faithfulness go be- | fore you.

Blessed are the people who know the | festal shout, *

who walk, O Lord, in the light | of your face,
who exult in your name | all the day *
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

For our shield belongs | to the Lord, *

our king to the Holy One of | Israel.

**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.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; *
righteous and having sal- | vation.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sin and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE GRADUAL Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion. *

Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.

Behold, your King is com- | ing to you; *

righteous and having sal- | vation.

Blessed is He who comes in the name | of the Lord. *

From the house of the Lord we | bless you.
