



## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

### January 31 and February 1, 2026

### Christ the King Lutheran Church

Ministers: All the Baptized  
Pastor Timothy Anderson

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND LISTENING DEVICES  
are here for you on the table in the Narthex**

### CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the <sup>☩</sup> Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the <sup>☩</sup> Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN**

***We Are Called***

**ELW 720**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

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**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**C: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8**

**1** Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

**2** Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

**3** “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

**4** For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

**5** O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

**6** “With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

**7** Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

**8** He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 15

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**C: <sup>2</sup> Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**C: <sup>4</sup> In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear  
the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup> The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,  
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

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## **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

- <sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- <sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- <sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- <sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- <sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- <sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN**

*Let Steams of Living Justice*

**ELW 710**

## **CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

**OFFERING** (Saturday) *We Come to the Hungry Feast*  
(Sunday) *Epiphany Carol*

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Choir

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **COMMUNION**

#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

*Lamb of God*

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*Blest Are They*

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*Now We Join in Celebration*

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### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

#### **HYMN**

*Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

**ELW 717**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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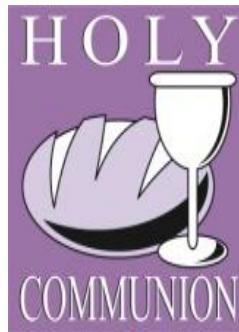
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**Musicians:** Connie and Bruce Jacobs, Bonnie Lantz

**\* The loose offering will go to Helping Hands**

Coffee money will go towards Youth Activities



### **Holy Communion**

Sustaining God, as we come to your table of Grace, you give to us the bread of life – your very self so we might never be hungry. As Christ come to us in bread and wine of Holy Communion, our deepest needs are fed.

Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to communion when they are visiting Christ the King Lutheran Church. Red wine and white grape juice are offered at Communion.

*Gluten Free Wafers are available*

**If you are visiting** Christ the King Lutheran Church today and would like information about the church, there is a table under the Welcome sign that has information for you to take with you. If you have any questions, please contact the church office 507-354-4672. Thank you for visiting today and we pray you were spiritually fed by the Word of God

### **Adult Education**

**Women's Bible Study has resumed, studying the women in the Bible. We will continue to meet at 3:00 p.m.**

**Men's Bible Study has resumed with a study of the book of Esther, meeting on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.**

**The Adult Bible Study is meeting Monday's at 7:00pm.**

#### **Regarding New Members:**

Since we don't have designated times for new members to join Christ the King now, we just want to let you know that if you are interested in receiving more information about membership please contact Helen Christenson at 505-276-3551 or the church office at 507-354-4672.



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## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

**Bob Wise** as he is continuing treatment for cancer.

**DuWayne Witt** having surgery soon.

**Darryl Weigel** dealing with foot issues

**Paul Huseby** has suffered a stroke

**Tim Kruse** recovering from knee surgery

**Lanis Curtis's Family** upon the passing of her mother, Charlotte; her sister, Mary, experiencing a return of breast cancer; her daughter-in-law's mother, Robin who is suffering seizures, and her daughter, Robin, who is dealing with multiple stresses

**Kyle Howk** recovering from surgery

**Doug Shrader** dealing with some health issues

**Sharon Brennan** suffering from shingles and leg spasms

**Brian Kloos** recovering from foot surgery

**Char Klocke** is now residing at Valley View Home in Lamberton

**\*\*There is a new Care List available in the office for those who would like to send cards\*\***

**The Caregivers Support Group** continues to meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday's at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be February 5th. The group is enjoying this social time to share stories and talk about issues surrounding being Caregivers. Anyone is welcome to attend – just come on by!



**Thanks so much for your continued donations to the Little Pantry, particularly in these uncertain times.**

Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce	Toilet paper
Pasta, Tuna & Cream of Mushroom Soup	Paper towels
Canned vegetables	Cleaning supplies
Canned fruit	Personal Hygiene
Canned pasta such as Ravioli or Spaghetti Os	Diapers &
Boxed Meals	Wipes
Cereal	

**Everyone is invited to the Chili and Challenge Event**, and we particularly want our new members to attend to get to know other members. There will be a 300 piece puzzle competition and also a chili cook-off! The Puzzle Challenge will start at 4:00pm and the Chili Cook-off will start at 4:30pm. Chili final votes need to be in by 5:40pm. There will be a movie, puzzles and activities for the kids – FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!

# Youth News



- **February 1<sup>st</sup> – Chili and Challenges**
- **February 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> – First Communion Lessons**
- **February 8<sup>th</sup> – Mission Trip Meeting**
- **February 13<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Movie Night**
- **February 16<sup>th</sup> – Tubing at Mt. Kato with OSL**
- **March 1<sup>st</sup> – First Communion**

**Club 1515** resumed January 8<sup>th</sup>. 3rd-6th graders are invited to come after school on Wednesdays from 3:30-5pm throughout the year. We meet at Washington School and walk up to church. This year we are having a snack, devotion, and then trying to focus on Service projects in the community. Come and check it out!

## **Summer Camp Information**

Important dates to keep in mind:

**Camp week is June 21-25** - This is the week that Our Savior's goes as well, however, you are welcome to register for any week of camp.

\$65 Early Bird Discount for camp is **February 19**

When registering for camp, please sign up as paying the supported fee. If you would like a church scholarship, once you have registered, please send me a copy of your registration. Church will give scholarships for 1/2 the cost of camp. If you are in need of a scholarship larger than that, please talk to Geri.

**The Youth made \$530.00 to support Camp costs during the recent Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser.**

## Mission Trip Information

We have a group of 10 youth that are interested in going to Madison, Wisconsin this summer for a mission trip with Serve Boldly. We will have a meeting to discuss details of the trip at **10:15 on February 8th**. If you are unable to make this meeting, please contact Geri.



**Valentine's Movie Night- Feb. 13th 6-8pm** - There will be a movie (Elemental), crafts, popcorn, pizza and other activities. Sign up so we know how many kids to plan for.

## First Communion

3rd graders will take part in First Communion lessons and paint their chalices on February 7 or February 21. Pastor Tim will meet with the 3rd graders and their families on February 22 at 10:15 in the sanctuary to go over details. First Communion will be on March 1 at the 9:00 service.



**Mount Kato Tubing with Our Savior's February 16th** - We will leave Our Saviors at 12:30 and return about 4:00. The cost is \$20. Let Geri know by February 8th if your child(ren) would like to go.

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**Watch for Valentine and Lent Scratch off Family Activity sheets coming home with your children and youth. This is a great way for families to spend a little time each day in the Word and talking to our Lord.**

**Reminder: There will not be Confirmation class from Ash Wednesday, February 18 through Easter Sunday, April 5. Confirmation groups will be helping with Lenten worship, so attendance will be required.**

**THIS COMING WEEK: FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Sunday FB Live  
*Coffee and Cookies after services*  
10:15am Sunday School  
4:00 p.m. Chili and Challenges

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl  
3:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
5:00 p.m. Youth Ministry  
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Worship TV on Public Access  
3:45 p.m. Personnel Committee

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

5:15 p.m. Worship TV on Public Access  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Meal  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class  
6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

1:00pm Caregivers Support Group

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
9:00 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Lessons  
5:33 p.m. Worship and FB Live

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Sunday FB Live  
*Coffee and Cookies after services*  
10:15am Sunday School  
10:15. Mission Trip Meeting

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