

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

Luke 21:25

First Sunday of Advent

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Great Falls, Virginia December 1, 2024 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Our vision is to be a vibrant community of Jesus' disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring God's grace into our world.

ELW refers to Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red hymnal in the pew. *ACS* refers to All Creation Sings. *GS2* refers to Global Songs 2. *HFW* refers to Hymns for Worship compiled by Augsburg Fortress.

A: indicates Assisting Minister; P: indicates Presiding Minister; R: indicates Reader; C: indicates Congregation.

At places where the + appears, it is customary to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism. The Congregation responds with the words in **bold type**.

Should you need to use an enlarged print order of service, complete with Bible readings and hymns, you will find several in red binders located on the usher's table at the back of the sanctuary.

A few notes about worship:

- We are glad to have children in worship. We also know that children sometimes need to move and express themselves in ways that the service (and the pews) don't accommodate. There is a family break room/nursery available with toys, a rocking chair, changing table, and other items. It is staffed during Sunday School and the 11:00 worship service, but you are free to use it as needed.
 - To find the family break room, turn left in the foyer and go past the doors leading to the parking lot. It's the first door on the left down the hall.
- The 11:00 worship service is streamed live on Facebook. The camera angles are set so that worshipers' faces are never seen on camera (the camera may occasionally pick up the back of the heads of those sitting in the front rows); only those leading worship from the chancel, lectern, piano, and organ are ever shown fully or face-on.

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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December 1, 2024

KKP & Jump Start Sing at Celebration of Lights Today _

Come watch the KKP and Jump Start singers at the Great Falls Celebration of Lights today on the Great Falls Village Field. This annual Christmas tree lighting event is from 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. and features local school choirs and other activities. Come support our KKP and Jump Start singers at 4:30 p.m. in front of the Christmas tree!

Drive Up Communion, Thursday, December 5_____

Drive Up Communion will be Thursday, December 5, 4:00-6:00 p.m. To sign up, click here for the signup genius or click the Drive Up Communion icon at the bottom of the E-Blast.

CtK Youth Caroling & Christmas Party:

December 7 at 4:30 p.m. _____

We will gather at CtK at 4:30 p.m. to practice some carols before heading to Brightview Assisted Living to spread some Christmas cheer to the residents. We will then head back to CtK for dinner (youthteam.at.ctk@gmail.com) and reindeer games. We plan to be done by 9:00. Please let us know if your youth is interested in joining us!

CtK Adult Christmas Party, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Our adult Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 7th, 7:00-11:00 p.m. at Carolyn and Peter Saba's home (10759 Riverscape Run, Great Falls). Adult family members and friends are welcome. CtK will provide the main course (ham, salmon, Peruvian chicken) and refreshments. We are asking for items to go with the dinner and for volunteers to help set up or clean up. Click here to let us know that you are coming. Click here to let us know what you would like to bring or if you would like to help set up or clean up. New this year! White elephant gift exchange. Please bring a gift (\$20 max) to participate. Questions? Please contact Carolyn Saba at carolynacsaba@aol.com.

Sunday School Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 15

Welcome!



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Christ the King Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Metro DC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to know more about Christ the King or are interested in living out your discipleship as a member of this community, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068.

If you would like to be on our email list to receive our weekly newsletter, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068 or visit our website: gflutheran.org.

CALENDAR



Our annual Christmas pageant will be on Sunday, December 15, during the 11:00 a.m. service. Come join us for this fun tradition!

Angel Tree 2024

Thank you to everyone who took one or more heart ornaments off our Angel Tree! The gift cards that you purchase will benefit low-income children in our area. Reminder: All gift cards are due back to Dolly Whelan no later than Sunday, December 8th. If you have any questions, please call Dolly at 703-346-3593.

Toy Drive: Reston Fire & Rescue Station __

Reston Fire & Rescue Station has asked members and friends of CtK (and other churches) to collect toys for children from 2-15 years old for this holiday season. Donation boxes will be in the name tag hallway of the back entrance door to the sanctuary and the downstairs hallway of the educational wing. It will be a wrapped box with a sign for the Reston Fire or Police department with a note about the best things to bring. Please bring your new, unwrapped gifts before December 15th. Questions? Please contact Karen Magley at ksmagley875@gmail.com

Prayers for the Congregation

Bill Petersen and family as they mourn the death of his wife, **Marie.**

Ellie Mickert as she mourns the death of her husband, Bob. Vivienne Wardian asks for prayers of healing.

Fall Signup Genius for Worship

Please click <u>here</u> for the fall signup genius.

| This Morning's Lay Helpers | | |
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| 8:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. | |
| Asst Minister – Open | Asst Minister – Open | |
| Lector – Joni Holeman | Lector – Marian Zimmerman | |
| Greeter(s) – Eva & Brooke Soucy | Greeter(s) - Open | |
| Usher(s) – Open | Usher(s) – Open | |
| Beverages - Open | Beverages - Open | |
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AT CTK THIS WEEK December 1 – December 8

Sunday, December 1 First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. — In-person Worship

9:45 a.m.—Adult Forum, In-person & Zoom

11:00 a.m.—In-person Worship

(streaming available on Facebook Live)

4:30 p.m.—KKP/Jump Start Sing at Great Falls Celebration of Lights

7:00 p.m.—AA

Tuesday, December 3

7:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast, la Madeleine

Wednesday, December 4

9:30 a.m.—Journey Women's Bible Study

7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5

4:00 p.m.—Drive Up Communion

Saturday, December 7

4:30 p.m.—Youth: Caroling & Christmas Party

7:00 p.m.—Adult Christmas Party (Sabas' home)

7:00 p.m. - AA

Sunday, December 8 Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. – In-person Worship

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

9:45 a.m. – Adult Forum, In-person & Zoom

11:00 a.m.—In-person Worship

(streaming available on Facebook Live)

7:00 p.m. - AA

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The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: God of mercy,
- C: we confess that we have sinned.
 - We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

- P: God of might,
- C: we confess that we have sinned.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

We have trusted false promises.

- P: God in our midst,
 - we confess that we have sinned.
 - We plead: come to us.
 - Bring your mercy to birth in us.
- P: A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.
- C: Amen.

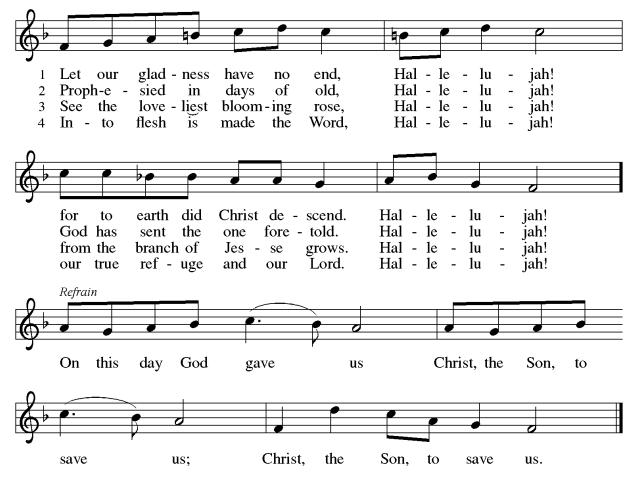
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GREETING

- P: 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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: ELW 291 Let Our Gladness Have No End



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 33:14-16

R: A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says 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 live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10 said responsively

The Reader (R) says the regular text; the Congregation (C) says the **bold text**.

- R: ¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- C: ²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- R: ³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- C: ⁴ Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
- R: ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- C: ⁶ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
- R: ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- C: ⁸ You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- R: ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.
- C: 10 All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

- R: A reading from Thessalonians.
 - ⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever 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, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia





HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

- P: The holy gospel according to Luke.
- C: Glory to you, O LORD.
- P: [Jesus said:] ²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ 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, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."
 - ²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ As soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourself and know that 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 tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
 - ³⁴ "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." The gospel of the LORD.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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SERMON

The Rev. Henry Langknecht

Silence for meditation may follow the sermon.

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APOSTLES' CREED said in unison

- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
- On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

A: As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission, and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world. Lord, in your mercy,

- C: receive our prayer.
- A: God of the cosmos, all creation shows that your presence is near. Help us sense your goodness and love in the sun and moon, in sprouting leaves and bare branches, in the roaring sea and quiet breeze. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: receive our prayer.
- A: God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit the common good. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: receive our prayer.
- A: God of change, you accompany us through life's transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering. In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: receive our prayer.
- A: God of community, your Spirit holds us together. Sustain our care for one another. Inspire us to seek new ways to live together and to embrace the diversity of thought and identity in our communities. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: receive our prayer.
- A: God of memory, we give you thanks for faithful ones who have died. Tend to our grief and sorrow with renewed trust in your promise of abundant and eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: receive our prayer.
- A: Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying Peace be with you as you shake hands or embrace. Please be seated following the sharing of the peace.

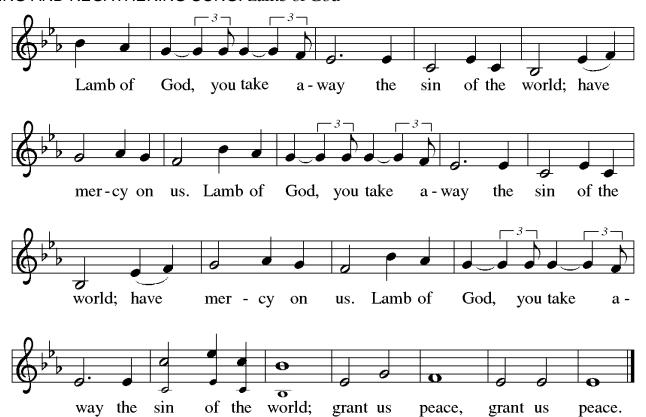
- P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: And also with you.



OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

During the offering, plates will be passed along the pews in which to place your offering. Make checks payable to "Christ the King Lutheran Church". Contributions go toward the ministries and programs of Christ the King Lutheran Church.

OFFERING AND REGATHERING SONG: Lamb of God



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

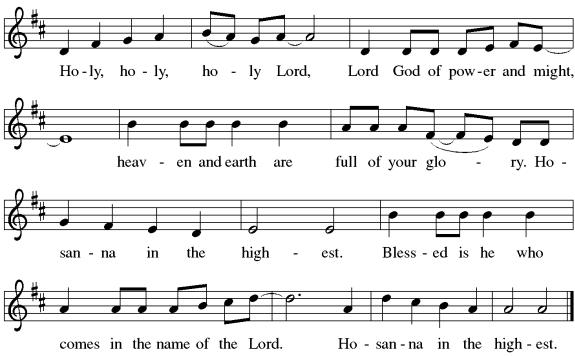
PREFACE

P: 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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy. At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C: 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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

DISTRIBUTION WITH MUSICAL OFFERING

Instructions for communion distribution will be given at this time.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Those who have not received instruction or who wish not to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation.

We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace.

We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

C: Amen.

| Sending | |
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God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

- P: God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, + bless and keep you now and forever.
- C: Amen.

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: Thanks be to God!

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