



WE TOO HAVE A STAR TO GUIDE US

**A Service for the Celebration
of the Epiphany of Our Lord**

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Great Falls, Virginia

January 5, 2025

10:00 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 10:00/11:00 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 10:00/11:00 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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ the King Lutheran Church

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Drive Up Communion, Thursday, January 9 _____

Drive Up Communion will be Thursday, January 9th, 4:00-6:00 p.m. To sign up, go to https://bit.ly/CtK_Jan_2025_DUC for the sign up genius or click the Drive Up Communion icon at the bottom of the E-Blast.

Hearts for Heroes, Sunday, January 19, 9:30 a.m. _____

On Sunday, January 19th, we will be composing valentines and assembling goody bags for our military serving in harm's way at Forward Operating Bases (FOBs). Valentines will go to individual branches of the military thanking them for their service. **In particular, we need your help in composing valentines in Gysan Hall during the Sunday School hour (beginning at 9:30 a.m.).** This year we will be supporting FOBs representing the following branches of the military: the U.S Air Force stationed in Saudi Arabia, the U.S Navy on ship, and the U.S. Army stationed in Poland. This is a great intergenerational activity and way to thank service members. In addition, we are requesting candy donations (boxes of candy hearts or prewrapped candy) to fill goody bags that will be sent along with the valentines. FOB locations are sponsored by AnySoldier.com, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. AnySoldier.com -- and its related websites, AnyMarine.com, AnyAirmen.com, AnySailor.com, and AnyCoastguardsmen.com -- have served over 2 million troops stationed in many locations. AnySoldier has also offered support to wounded Marines recuperating from injuries; assisted in procuring and importing wheelchairs for crippled Afghani children; brought attention to and arranged shipments of much-needed medical supplies and textbooks distributed throughout the Iraqi medical system; and many other projects. AnySoldier packages from supporters have also contributed to the distribution of toys, books, and necessary supplies to civilians living in war zones.

Invitation to Deeper Connection with CtK Community New Member Reception: January 26 _____

On Sunday, January 26th we will recognize and receive new members, and we invite you to consider joining us. Why now? Because 2025 will be a time of pastoral transition and CtK would like input from everyone who worships with us. Membership brings added value because only members have a voice and a vote in who will be called as a pastor as well as in other matters affecting CtK. This includes **voting on CtK's 2025 budget at the annual meeting on February 9th** which affects our service, outreach, fellowship, and other projects. If you would like to know more about membership in this community, please speak with Pastor Langknecht in the next few weeks.

Welcome!



ELCA

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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



ELCA Good Gifts: Thank You! _____

CtK did a good job providing ELCA Good Gifts for those in need this year. Twenty-five families, the kids in Jump Start, and the Service Committee donated 86 gifts worth \$5,071 this year. Be watching your E-Blast for a complete list of the gifts that were chosen.

Save the Date! Great Falls Philharmonic Concert
Sunday, February 2, at 3:00 p.m., CtK Sanctuary _____

This (neo)classical concert features Stravinsky and Mozart. Discover the beauty of Stravinsky’s Pulcinella Suite, alongside one of Mozart’s greatest triumphs, Symphony No. 41 “Jupiter”. This program prominently features the full orchestra, with impressive solo parts in the principal strings and winds. Tickets are available now. Go to https://bit.ly/GFP_Feb_2025 to get yours!

Prayers for the Congregation _____

Bill Hiatt asks for prayers for his brother Rex who is battling cancer. **Ellie Mickert** as she mourns the death of her husband, **Bob**. **Vivienne Wardian** asks for prayers of healing. **Kristine Heine** requests prayers of healing for her friend Margaret Johnson, who is in the hospital recovering from surgery.

Winter Lay Helper Signup Genius _____

Winter is here and so is our new lay helper signup genius for the winter months. We need about five helpers for each service every Sunday. Please go to <https://bit.ly/4gAABIo> to sign up and help!

This Morning’s Lay Helpers
Asst Minister – Austin Grisard
Lector – Brooke Soucy
Greeter(s) – Charlotte & Liam Grisard
Usher(s) – Kristine Heine
Beverages - Open

Next Week’s Lay Helpers	
8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister – Brad Ney	Asst Minister – Open
Lector – Open	Lector – Open
Greeters/Ushers – Open	Greeter(s)/Ushers – Open
Beverages - Open	Beverages - Open 4-

At CtK This Week
January 5 – January 12

Sunday, January 5
Celebration of Epiphany
Bring Your Child to Worship
 8:45 a.m.— Adult Forum, In-person & Zoom
 10:00 a.m.— In-person Worship –
 Celebrating Epiphany (*streaming available on Facebook Live*)
 7:00 p.m.— AA

Monday, January 6
 2:30 p.m.— Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 7
 7:00 a.m.— Men’s Breakfast, la Madeleine

Wednesday, January 8
 7:30 p.m.— Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 9
 4:00 p.m.— Drive Up Communion
 7:30 p.m.— Service Team Meeting, Zoom

Saturday, January 11
 7:00 p.m.— AA

Sunday, January 12
 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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REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

Christmas 2 • John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Jesus, the light of the world, helps us see, even in the darkness. How does my life, as a faithful steward, help this light to shine in our world?

Gathering

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

PROCESSION OF THE MAGI

The service begins with a procession, starting in Gysan Hall, recalling the journey of the magi to see the Messiah.

READING: Isaiah 60:1-3

R: A reading from Isaiah.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

The word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

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1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

- 5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
 Our joy be all with music crowned,
 our voices gaily blending!
 For Christ goes with us all the way—
 today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
 His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation!
 Exultation!
 Tell the story!
 Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,
 the Lord we love is first and last,
 the end and the beginning!
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 transport us to that happy place
 beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus!
 Crown of gladness!
 We are yearning
 for the day of your returning.

The procession moves to the narthex.

READING: Isaiah 60:4-5

R: A reading from Isaiah.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

The word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: ELW 308 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

verses 3-4

The hymn is on the previous page, page 4.

The procession moves into the sanctuary.

READING: Isaiah 60:6

R: A reading from Isaiah.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: ELW 308 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

verses 5-6

The hymn is on the previous page, page 4.

GREETING

P: We give thanks on this holy day, adorned with epiphanies:
for the star that led the magi to the manger,

C: that the nations may see the light of Christ;

P: for the water turned to wine at Cana's wedding,

C: that the people taste the goodness of the Lord;

P: for the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Jordan,

C: that the Christ would save us all.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made,

C: we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

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 301 Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
 2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness
 3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this
 4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no

heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
 beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing.
 won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions
 di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly

All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
 all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous
 and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the
 with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her

heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
 star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.
 new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.
 lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found
 him whose praise the ages sound.
 We too have a star to guide us,
 which forever will provide us
 with the light to find our Lord,
 with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,
 that will never lead astray
 with its message so appealing,
 is the Word of God, revealing
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Word

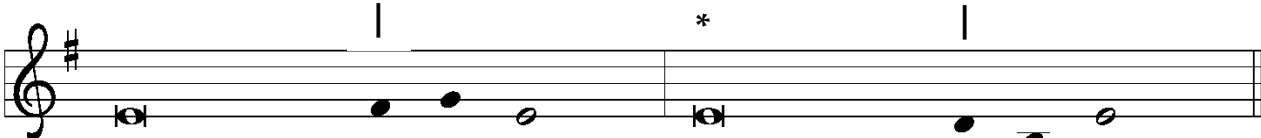
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.


CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

PSALMODY: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

sung responsively

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

Tone: 

Refrain: 

All kings shall bow down be - fore him.

R: ¹ Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,

* and your righteousness to | the king's son;

C: ² **that he may rule your | people righteously**

* **and the | poor with justice;**

R: ³ that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,

* and the | hills, in righteousness.

C: ⁴ **Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,**

* **rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. R**

R: ⁵ May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,

* from one generation | to another.

C: ⁶ **Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,**

* **like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**

R: ⁷ In his time may the | righteous flourish;

* and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.

C: ¹⁰ **May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute,**

* **and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts. R**

R: ¹¹ May all kings bow | down before him,

* and all the nations | do him service.

C: ¹² **For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,**

* **the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.**

R: ¹³ He has compassion on the low-ly and poor,
* and preserves the lives of the needy.

C: ¹⁴ **From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,
* and precious is their blood in his sight. R**

READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

R: A reading from Ephesians.

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles —²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

sung to the tune of ELW 301 (on page 6)

**As a star, God's holy word
leads us to our King and Lord;
brightly from its sacred pages
shall this light throughout the ages
shine upon our path of life,
shine upon our path of life.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O LORD.**

P: ¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When

they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Henry Langknecht

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 303 Brightest and Best of the Stars

1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn-ing,
 2 Cold on his cra-dle the dew-drops are shin-ing;
 3 What shall we give him, in cost-ly de-vo-tion?
 4 Vain-ly we of-fer each am-ple ob-la-tion,
 5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn-ing,
 dawn on our dark-ness and lend us your aid.
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 Shall we bring in-cense and of-f'rings di-vine,
 vain-ly with gifts would his fa-vor se-ure;
 dawn on our dark-ness and lend us your aid.
 Star of the east, the ho-ri-zon a-dorn-ing,
 an-gels a-dore him in slum-ber re-clin-ing,
 gems of the moun-tain and pearls of the o-cean,
 rich-er by far is the heart's ad-o-ra-tion,
 Star of the east, the ho-ri-zon a-dorn-ing,
 guide where our in-fant re-deem-er is laid.
 mak-er and mon-arch and sav-ior of all.
 myrrh from the for-est or gold from the mine?
 dear-er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 guide where our in-fant re-deem-er is laid.

NICENE CREED

said in unison

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION FOR HEALING AND PEACE

- A: Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people. Your glory fills the earth. Bless the work of all who engage in dialogue with people of other traditions and faiths. Bridge our differences with a shared mission of revealing your boundless love to the world. God of grace,
- C: **receive our prayer.**
- A: Restore the glory of creation. Send rain to water-parched lands. Revive ecosystems and habitats threatened by a changing climate, and protect the peoples and creatures who live in them. God of grace,
- C: **receive our prayer.**
- A: Give the rulers your justice and reveal your righteousness to those who govern. Frustrate the plans of tyrants and oppressors. Encourage the work of community organizers and activists who speak out against injustice. God of grace,
- C: **receive our prayer.**
- A: Help those who have no helper. Draw near to those who have no one to advocate for them or those who feel forgotten. Deliver those who call to you. Precious are they in your sight. God of grace,
- C: **receive our prayer.**
- A: Liberate this congregation from a yearning for the past that forgets the future. Fuel in us a passion for discovery. Give us the boldness to dream and to imagine our ministries in new and different ways. God of grace,
- C: **receive our prayer.**
- A: We give thanks for your holy ones who now rest in your radiant glory. Make us, with them, sharers in the boundless riches of Christ, our hope and promise. God of grace,
- C: **receive our prayer.**
- A: We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- 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.

Meal

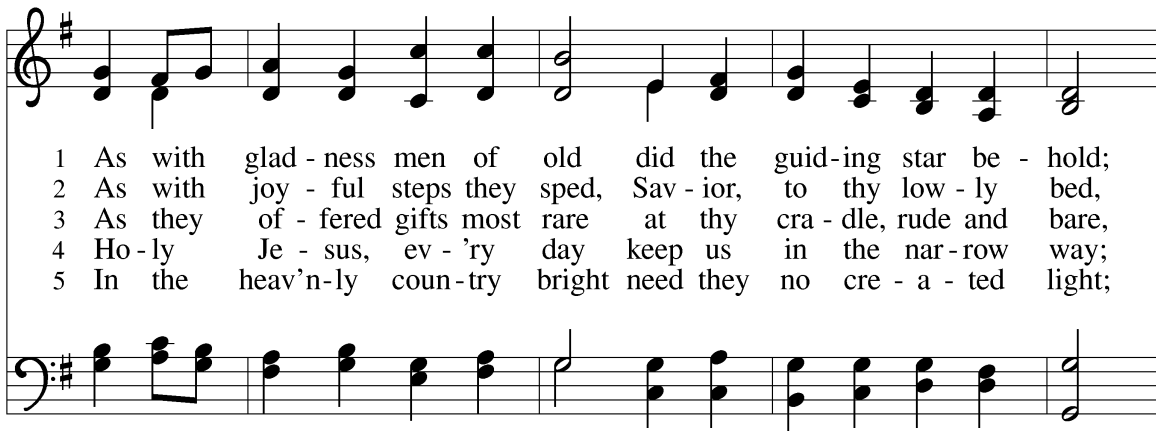
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

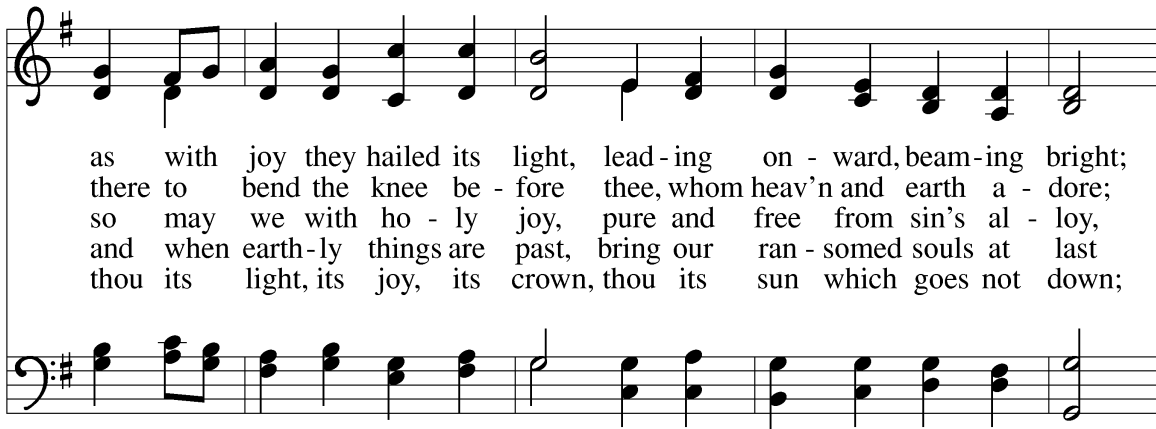
During the offering, plates will be passed along the pews in which to place your offering. Make checks payable to "Christ the King Lutheran Church". Contributions go toward the ministries and programs of Christ the King Lutheran Church.

OFFERING AND REGATHERING SONG: ELW 302 As with Gladness Men of Old

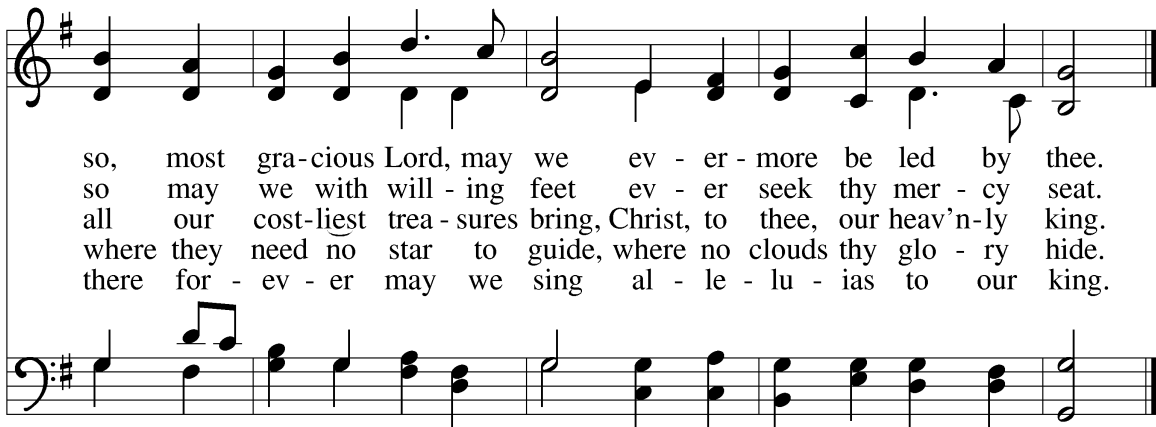
verse 3 only



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.

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.**

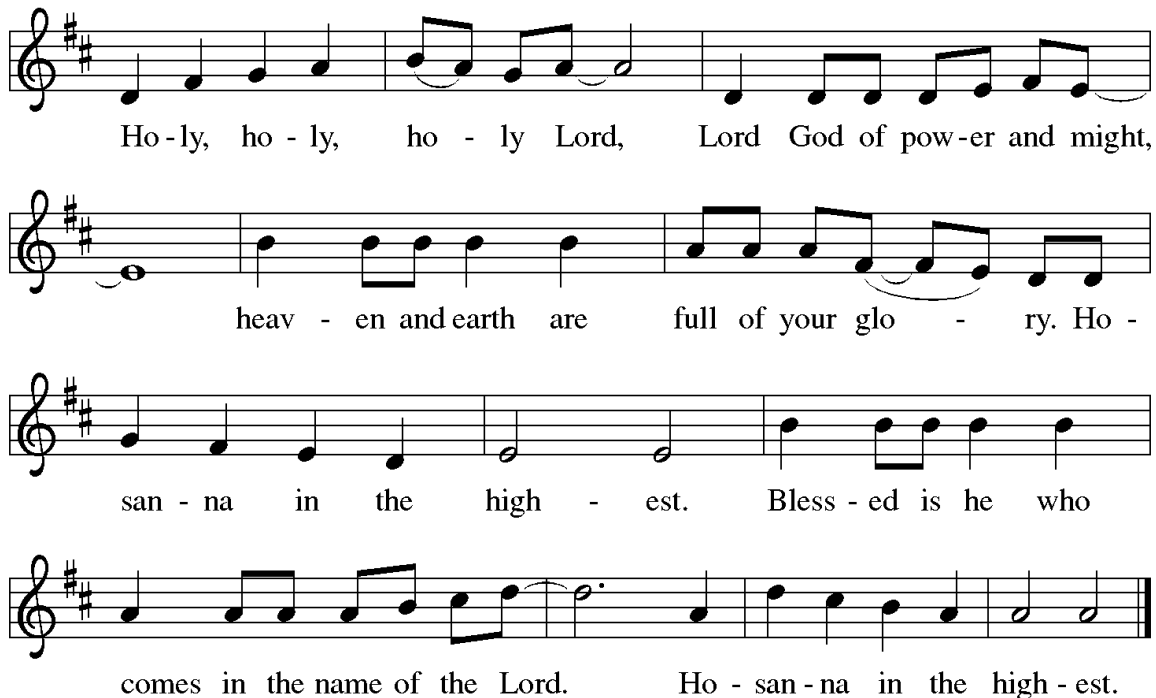
PREFACE

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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

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



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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: A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

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.

Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.

Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy.

C: Amen.

Sending

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

BENEDICTION

P: The God of love, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 715 Christ Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE