

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Advent - the first word in Adventure!**

After worship, get some coffee and come to Pastor's office for bible study. Join us to experience the season in a new way.

12/11 **Risky Curiosity** - Matthew 11:2-11



### **The Longest Night An Invitation to Worship Together**

Christmas can be a painful time for some. The constant refrain on the radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, 'reminds many people of what they have lost or never had. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern; we need to know we are not alone.

We will offer a special "Longest Night" service on December 18 at 4:00pm. Come and join us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle—and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it) is welcome. The short service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship.

### **Christmas Worship**



**Children's Sunday School Program**  
December 18 during 9:00 am worship

**Christmas Eve**  
Candlelight and Communion 4 & 10 pm

**Christmas Day**  
Lessons & Carols 9 am

### **Youth Group Christmas Party**

Please join us for the Youth Group Christmas Party for grades 6-12 on

**Wednesday, December 14 from 6:00-7:30 pm.**

We will gather for games, conversation, and connection. Please RSVP to Erica Johnson [ericajohnson78@gmail.com](mailto:ericajohnson78@gmail.com) by **Monday, December 12** so we will be sure to have enough pizza, snacks and prizes available!

### **Good Gifts Tree**



Help support folks who need it as part of your Christmas gifting. See all the choices on the Giving Tree in the narthex.

### **Home Communion**

Please let the office or Pastor Sarah know if you, or anyone you know would like a visit and communion at home this season.

For pastoral care or other needs please contact the Pastor or the church office at 651-429-4828.

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December 11, 2022  
*Third Sunday of Advent*

## CHRIST THE KING

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Pastor Sarah Henrich**  
**Director of Music** Lyn Campbell  
**LAM** Cyndi Frankel  
**Advent Candles** Sandy Serier, Sterling Hintz  
**Ushers** Mike Wallace, Michele Murray  
**AV** Joe Moore, Janelle VanSloun  
**Altar Guild** Cathy Carlson, Stephanie Clapper  
**Hospitality** Mike Wallace, Terry & Peggy Koehn

\*Please stand as you are able.

***Because God is chasing us, we are called to simply wait, to savor, to listen with patience, all things that we, "just-get-it-done" people aren't very good at. Advent reminds us that "wide-eyed listening" is the posture for Christian adults.***

GATHERING "Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn," *ELW #242* KHB  
"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," *by Tommy Walker*

WELCOME

\*OPENING HYMN "Messiah," *by Larry Olson* Screen

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Screen

CANDLE LIGHTING "He Came Down," *ELW #253 v. 4* Screen

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Leader: Let us pray. Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God. . .*

**All: . . . And strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "People of Promise," *by M. K. Beall, J. Carter* Kings Choir

READING James 5:7-10

LESSON Isaiah 35:1-10

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Emmanuel," *by B. McGee* Screen

\*GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Pastor Sarah
HYMN	"Hark, the Glad Sound!" <i>ELW # 239 vs.1 &amp; 2</i>	Screen
SERMON		Pastor Sarah
*HYMN	"Hark, the Glad Sound!" <i>ELW # 239 vs.3 &amp; 4</i>	Screen
OFFERING	"Ukranian Bell Carol," <i>traditional (arr. by KHB)</i> (bring ornaments up and place them on the tree)	KHB
OFFERATORY	"Lord of All Good," <i>words by Beth Beebe Tradup</i> (sung to the tune of Joy to the World)	Screen
OFFERING PRAYER		Screen
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	"Come Now, O Prince of Peace," <i>ELW #247</i>	Screen
THE LORD'S PRAYER		Screen
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*BLESSING		Screen
*SENDING HYMN	"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee," <i>ELW # 836</i>	Screen
*SENDING OUT		
	<i>Leader: Go in peace. Christ is near.</i>	
	<b>People: Thanks be to God.</b>	
POSTLUDE	"Joyful, Joyful," <i>by B. Herms</i>	KHB

***Please join us for coffee and Adult Bible Study in Pastor Sarah's office immediately following the service. Sunday School is available for Pre K - Grade 5 at the same time in the Education Wing (down the hall and to the left.)***

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***Thank you for worshipping with us today!***

**CTK PRAYER CONCERNS:**

**PRAISE & THANKSGIVING:**

For generous gifts of the people of CTK.

For CTK's Call Committee as they prepare to receive names of candidates.

For all Christian communities as we prepare for God's coming among us.

**THOSE GRIEVING:**

For the family of Janet Getchell as they grieve the loss of her brother, David.

For the Norberg family as they grieve the loss of Marilyn.

**THOSE EXPERIENCING CANCER:**

For Carolyn Tonneson (friend of Pastor Sarah) receiving cancer treatment.

For Phyliss, (Bea's friend) transitioned to hospice care.

Harvey Schindler (family member of Sharon Scott ), cancer.

Heinz Schneemann (father of Gerrit Schneemann), cancer treatment.

Tracee Schultz (daughter of Patti Rund), receiving treatment.

Chris Kløver (brother of Alvina Peterson), receiving treatment for bone cancer.

Oliver, 12-year-old nephew of Julie (friend of Elida Olson), recently diagnosed with leukemia.

Robert Crane (nephew of Sandy Serier) receiving treatment.

Anne Brucker (niece of Sandy Serier) receiving treatment.

Mark Peterson (son of Alvina Peterson), receiving treatment for leukemia.

**OTHER HEALTH ISSUES:**

For healing for Pastor Betsy.

For all those battling addiction to drugs & alcohol as well as all other addictions and mental health issues.

Sally Hesse, recovering from a fall at her home.

Joan Machehedt, recovering from broken shoulder.

Camden Astrup (great nephew of Beth & Scott Tradup) receiving the treatment he needs.

Elaine (Lori Will's mother) for healing broken bones after a fall.

Bob Miller (friend of Elida Olson), heart issues.

**GLOBAL CONCERNS:**

For our nation, that can't seem to figure out how to stop gun violence.

For the people of Ukraine and Europe as they suffer from a lack of fuel.

Our partner congregation in Masisiwe, Tanzania.

Staff & students at Birch Lake Elementary.

For those being hit hard by the economic realities of war, oil prices, and post-COVID changes.

Those continually impacted by the war in Ukraine.

**MILITARY CONCERNS:**

LCpl Marine Wyatt Reeves and all those who serve to protect us.

\*Please remember to contact the church office to keep the continuing prayer list current.  
Prayers listed in the bulletin will also appear on the website within the bulletin.