

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Worship for the Weary

December 17, 4pm

Join us at the “Worship for the Weary” service this afternoon for prayer, reflection, and remembrance amidst the hustle and bustle of December. You are invited to this service to draw close to God and find space for quiet and healing.



Giving Tree

CTK will again have a Giving Tree with ornaments to support ELCA Good Gifts. Select the gift you’d like to give to grow the church, fight hunger, and transform lives and write a check to CTK with “ELCA Good Gifts” in the memo. Ornaments can be taken from the tree to put your Christmas tree or to share with someone you are giving the gift in honor of. We’ll also have \$10 ornaments to support a meal at Shobi’s Table, a pay-as-you-can mobile café in St. Paul. Shobi’s Table is a part of our Saint Paul Area Synod and works to create community where everyone has access to real nutritious food, no matter what they are able to pay. Take an ornament and write a check to CTK with “Shobi’s Table” in the memo. You can then share your ornament with someone to give a gift in honor of them or bring it home to put on your Christmas tree.



How does a weary world rejoice?

Advent Visio Divina Bible Study

Visio Divina, latin for “divine seeing,” is a method of meditation, reflection, and prayer through a process of intentional seeing. Visio Divina extends the 6th century Benedictine practice of Lectio Divina by the use of visual imagery. We’ll meet in the Conference room for Bible study and to explore images from our Advent theme,

“How does a weary world rejoice?”

Tuesday, December 19: 9:30 am

Fourth Week in Advent:

Sing stories of hope.

Food Shelf Donations

During this Advent season, when the need is so great, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item and place it in the grocery cart. We will get your donations to the White Bear Area Food Shelf by Christmas.



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

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December 17, 2023

Third Sunday
of Advent

CHRIST THE KING
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE	“Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding,” by E.W. Cassler	Betsy Murray
CALL TO WORSHIP		Screen
CANDLE LIGHTING	“Christ Be Our Light,” by B. Farrell	King’s Choir
*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS		Screen
*OPENING HYMN	“Light Dawns on a Weary World,” ELW #726	Screen
*GREETING		Screen
*PRAYER OF THE DAY		Screen
LESSON	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, p 960 NRSV	
PSALM	Psalms 126 (read responsively) p 499 NRSV	Screen
*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	“Emmanuel,” by B. McGee	Screen
*GOSPEL	Luke 1:57-66, p 832 NRSV	
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM	“A Very Special Child”	
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Lullaby of Praise,” Leverette & Strickland Soloists : Bea Jones, Scott Freburg	King’s Choir
*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		

Leader: With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God’s day of restoration.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

Leader: . . . Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor Rebecca Sullivan
Music Leader Betsy Murray
LAM Lee Wood
Reader Sterling Hintz
Communion Bonnie Jackelen, Karen Eian
Ushers Scott & Beth Tradup
AV Janelle VanSloun, Craig Carlson
Altar Guild Cathy Carlson, Stephanie Clapper
Hospitality Mike Wallace, Joan Macheledt,
 Terry & Peggy Keohen

Leader: Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.

All: Amen.

*PEACE		Screen
OFFERING	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," arr by D. Cherwien	Betsy Murray
*OFFERTORY	"Lord of All Good," by B. Beebe Tradup (sung to the tune of "Joy to the World")	Screen
*OFFERING PRAYER		Screen
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		
*SANCTUS	Holy, Holy, Holy," ELW p. 108 setting 1	Screen
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION		
*THE LORD'S PRAYER		Screen
DISTRIBUTION	"Lamb of God," ELW p.191 setting 8 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People," ELW #256	Screen
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER		
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*BLESSING	"I Can Celebrate You," (sung to the tune of "In the Bleak Midwinter")	Screen
*SENDING	"Drawn to the Light," ELW #593	Screen
*SENDING OUT		
POSTLUDE	"Echoes from Bethlehem," by R. Peery	Betsy Murray

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Please join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.
Sunday School is available for Pre-K - Grade 5 at the same time in the Education Wing.

CTK PRAYER CONCERNS:

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING:

For the continued support of CTK's mission and ministry as we seek to bear fruit in the world.
For all preparing for Advent and Christmas.
For our Discipleship Team and all who participated in "A Very Special Child" today.

THOSE GRIEVING:

For all grieving the death of loved ones.

THOSE EXPERIENCING CANCER:

For Ron Nelson, starting cancer treatment.
For Laurie, (Peggy Keohen's friend) in her ongoing cancer battle.
For Mike Jones, receiving treatment for kidney cancer.
For Lee Boyce, cancer treatment.
For Barb, (Jan Hamstead's friend) continued prayers for recovery.
For Paul Wagener, treatment for stage 3 melanoma.
Gary Kloos (friend of Julie Ramer) multiple tumors, aggressive cancer.
Oliver, 12-year-old nephew of Julie (friend of Elida Olson), diagnosed with leukemia.
Robert Crane (nephew of Sandy Serier) receiving treatment.

OTHER HEALTH ISSUES:

For Cyndi Frankel, prayers for healing.
For Sterling Hintz, prayers for healing and strength.
For Joel Miner, brother of Sharon Johnson, prayers for healing.
For Justin (Peggy & Terry Keohn's son) as he continues in his recovery.
For Dennis Felix, prayers for healing.
For Alana, (Sue Kohler's granddaughter) prayers for strength as her disease progresses.
For Corrine Erlandson's sister Janice, for peace and pain relief.
Camden Astrup (great nephew of Beth & Scott Tradup) receiving the treatment he needs.

GLOBAL CONCERNS:

For peace between Israel and Palestine. Prayers for all impacted by war between these nations.
For Armenians facing genocide in Artsakh.
For our partner congregation in Masisiwe, Tanzania.

MILITARY CONCERNS:

For all serving and especially LCpl Marine Wyatt Reeves, (Elida's grandson).