

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Service

at 4:00 pm will be our traditional worship service with choirs, carols, candles, and communion. Celebrate the birth of Jesus with us!



It's not too late

to stop by the Giving Tree to purchase an ornament 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.

Year End Reminders

As we approach the end of 2023, here are a few things to keep in mind regarding your December, 2023 donations.

First, check your total giving this year to ensure that you have met, or exceeded, your planned contributions to Christ the King Church. This includes your support for daily church operations as well as specific ministries you wish to support.

Second: Please be aware that offerings received at the Christmas Eve service, received in a Christmas offering envelope, or checks with "Christmas" on the memo line, will be used for CTK Missions ministry and not for general church operations.

Third, be aware of the following cutoff dates for 2023:

Cash and Check donations:

In person donations must be received in the office by December 31, 2023.

By Mail:

Please do not mail any cash to the church. However, your checks are most welcome. Place your check and your personal offering envelop, inside an envelope addressed to Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1660 Birch Lake Ave., White Bear Lake, MN 55110. Only donations postmarked no later than December 31, 2023, will be included on your 2023 giving statement.

Electronic donations:

Visit the church's website at ctkwbl.org, click on "Give", and follow the instructions. Although gifts made by bank card are deductible in the year the donor makes the charge, generally speaking, we cannot acknowledge the receipt of these donations until the funds are deposited into the church's account, which may take several days to complete. Therefore, we recommend that you make your tax-deductible donation a few business days prior to December 31, 2023.

Finally, please direct any questions concerning your annual estimate of giving or your 2023 giving statements to our financial secretary Joe Moore at "finance@ctkwbl.org".

Thank you for your wonderful support of CTK and our ministries and have a Merry Christmas.

Pastor Rebecca will be away 12/26/23-1/1/24

Call Pastor Dan Streeper for any pastoral care emergencies at 612-801-0571.



Pastor Rebecca Sullivan
Music Leader Lyn Campbell
LAM Trip Sullivan
Reader Bea Jones
Communion Lori Wills, Jack Sullivan
Acolyte John Murray
Ushers Ann Jonell, Peggy Keohen
AV Janelle VanSloun, Joe Moore
Altar Guild Lori Fredericks, Lori Wills
Hospitality Mike Wallace, Joan Macheledt, Terry & Peggy Keohen

**Please stand as you are able.*

GATHERING "Not That Far From Bethlehem," by *Borders / Alexander* KHB
 "Gloria," by *M.W. Smith*

CALL TO WORSHIP

CANDLE LIGHTING "Christ Be Our Light," by *B. Farrell* King's Choir

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*OPENING HYMN "Hear the Angels," *R. Cain, P. Kadidlo* Screen

*GREETING Screen

*PRAYER OF THE DAY Screen

Leader: Let us pray.

All: ... Loving God, the grass withers and the flowers fade, but your Word stands forever. So today we pray— help us to truly hear it. Allow your words to sink deep into the marrow of our bones. Allow your words to lift our hearts in hope, that we might feel one day closer to your promised day. With hopeful and grateful hearts we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Is Your Heart Prepared?" by *R. Lau* King's Choir

LESSON Romans 16:25-27, *p 926 NRSV*

RESPONSIVE READING Luke 1:46b-55, *p 832 NRSV* Screen

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

*GOSPEL Luke 1:67-80, *p 832 NRSV*

CHILDREN / YOUTH TIME Pastor Rebecca

SERMON Pastor Rebecca

*HYMN OF THE DAY "The Word Who Sang the Light into Creation," *ACS #973* Screen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		Screen
*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
	<i>With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.</i>	
	<i>A brief silence.</i>	
	<u>After each petition:</u>	
	<i>Leader: . . . Merciful God,</i>	
	All: hear our prayer.	
	<i>Leader: Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.</i>	
	All: Amen.	
*PEACE		
OFFERING	"A Baby Will Come" by B. Wolf	KHB
*OFFERTORY	"Lord of All Good," by B. B. Tradup	Screen
*OFFERING PRAYER		
	<i>Let us pray.</i>	
	God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.	
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		
*SANCTUS	Holy, Holy, Holy," ELW p. 108 setting 1	Screen
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION		
*THE LORD'S PRAYER		Screen
DISTRIBUTION	"Away in a Manger," ELW #277	Screen
	"There is Room for the Stranger," by Tice, Dengler	King's Choir
	"He Brings Peace," STS #30	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	"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness," ELW #251	Screen
*SENDING OUT		
POSTLUDE	"Carol of Bells," arr by King's House Band	KHB

Thank you for worshiping with us today!
Please join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

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 and traveling for Christmas.
For our musicians and choirs offering special music this Christmas Eve.

THOSE GRIEVING:

For the family of Dennis Felix, grieving his death.

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 Mike Stepan, prayers for healing.
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).

*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.