

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thank you to all who participated in our Christmas Program, **A Very Special Child.**

Your time, talent and enthusiasm to spread the good news of Jesus' birth was so meaningful and a blessing to all who worshiped with us.

Thank You

To all our talented musicians, wonderful worship leaders and behind the scenes helpers who made the Advent season and Christmas so meaningful for us all. Christ the King is truly blessed to have such an involved and caring community.

Year End Reminders

Cash and Check donations:
Your last opportunity for in person donations must be received **TODAY**, December 31, 2023 to apply to your 2023 giving.

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 Happy New Year.

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

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December 31, 2023
First Sunday
of Christmas

Worship Leader Ruthie Mhanga
Music Leader Lyn Campbell
LAM Julie Ramer
Readers Julie Ramer, Jason Clapper, Ann Jonell, Mike Nollan, Howard Juni,
Ushers Howard Juni, Mike Wallace
AV Joe Moore
Altar Guild Karen Eian, Becky Thompson
Hospitality Mike Wallace, Joan Macheledt, Terry & Peggy Keohen

PRELUDE	"Jesus, the Light of the World," ACS #914	KHB
WELCOME		
CALL TO WORSHIP	"The Work of Christmas," by H. Thurman	Ruthie Mhanga
*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS		Screen
*PRAYER OF THE DAY		
	<i>Leader: Almighty God,</i>	
	All: You wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.	
	<i>You may be seated as we begin our lessons, poems, and carols.</i>	
LESSONS, POEMS, AND CAROLS		
Lesson	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Julie Ramer
Carol	"He Came Down," ELW #253	KHB
Poem	"Carol," by Thomas Merton	Ruthie Mhanga
Carol	"Away in a Manger," ELW #278	KHB
Poem	"Christmas Bells," by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	Jason Clapper
Carol	"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice," ELW #288 v. 1-2	KHB
Poem	"A Christmas Carol," by G.K. Chesterton	Ann Jonell
Carol	"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly," ELW #276	KHB
Poem	"The Nativity," by C.S. Lewis	Mike Nollan
Carol	"What Child Is This," ELW #296	KHB
Poem	"Let the Stable Still Astonish," by Leslie Leyland Fields	Howard Juni
Carol	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," ELW #270 v 1&3	KHB

Lesson	John 1:10-18	Ann Jonell
Poem	"If We Had Been There," by Martin Luther	Ann Jonell
Carol	"Go Tell It on the Mountain," ELW #290	KHB

CHILDREN/YOUTH TIME Ruthie Mhanga

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Screen

Leader: Trusting in God's good news of great joy for all people, we offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world God loves.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

Leader: . . . Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Abide with us, O God of mercy, and receive our prayers according to your abundant grace.

All: Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING	"All is Well," by M.W. Smith	KHB
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OFFERTORY	"Lord of All Good," by B. Beebe Tradup (sung to the tune of "Joy to the World")	Screen
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OFFERING PRAYER		Screen
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LORD'S PRAYER		Screen
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BENEDICTION	"It is Not Over," by Ann Weems	Ruthie Mhanga
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SENDING HYMN	"Joy to the World," ELW #267	KHB
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POSTLUDE	"Light of the Stable," by S. Rhymer, E. Rhymer	KHB
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Thank you for worshipping 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 change and joy as we prepare for 2024.
For the Administration-Finance Team as they prepare for a new budget and a new year.

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 Kyle and his family, (Bev Osborne's friend) as he goes on comfort care.
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 peace in Ukraine.
For our partner congregation in Masisiwe, Tanzania.

MILITARY CONCERNS:

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