

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church

December 3, 2023

OUR MISSION: CHANGED LIVES!

To EVANGELIZE the lost;

To ESTABLISH Us in Christ;

To EQUIP Us for Service!

Welcome

Advent Reading: Hope Candle Tanner Thomson

Worship Songs # 168 (Hymnal) *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
169 (Hymnal) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Praise & Prayer Time *Lord's Prayer*

Children's Message

Confession of Faith Romans 8: 18 – 25 ESV

Message Christmas Miracle:

The Miracle of the Moment Galatians 4:1-7 Pastor Joe

Celebration of Communion

Confession of Sin Romans 3: 10 – 20 ESV

Songs During Distribution

1. # 180 *What Child is This*
2. # 194 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*
3. # 197 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

*Blessing & Announcements

***Closing Song** # 170 (Hymnal) *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

**Denotes congregation to stand*

Please note: The offering plates are on tables in the back of the sanctuary.

Welcome to worship this morning!
We are a fellowship who believes the Bible is the inspired, inerrant
Word of God which emphasizes a personal,
living relationship with Jesus Christ.

Connecting to God's Glory:

- * Praise God for His love & guidance in the year ahead
- * Praise God as we celebrate the Advent Season in anticipation of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
- * Praise God for all the blessings we receive throughout the year.
- * Praise God for the generosity for Military BibleSticks

Connecting to God's Heart:

- * Keep Pastor Brent Raan and his wife, Emily, from Gulu, Uganda, in your prayers this week.
- * Pray for Todd and Barb Schierkolk Mexico *Two girls in confirmation class *The mother of 4 young adults and those children *For spiritual growth of youth and their families *For God's wisdom and open doors regarding a church building *For their children: Rachel & Ben Davis, Megan & Josh Hedstrom, & Kirstie *For health and safety
- * Pray for the committee members reviewing CTK's constitution.
- * Pray for the family of Blanche Quincy as they mourn her passing.
- * Pray for all who have lost loved ones over the past year. May God comfort them during this holiday season.
- * Pray for the leadership of CTK as they prepare for the Annual meeting; the Trustee nominees; the nominating committee as they begin the process of seeking people to serve on the Trustee board.
- * Pray for Rose Beck as she has medical tests.
- * Pray for the unspoken prayer concerns.

***Cancer Patients:** Mary Stangeland, Sharon Minet **Health Concerns:** Rose Beck, Charis Conrad, Tim Steuck, Craig Stangeland, Barb Hubner, Kyle Swanson **Nursing & Assisted Living :** Charlie Sowden, Sharon Claussen, Rich & Kathy Hess, Carol Meyer **Hospice:** **Military:** Sam Kolle, Jesse Petersen, Aaron Halbersma, Marcus Westfield, Ethan Amdahl, Derrick Timm **Mission:** Kvaales

Please let the church office know if you are going into the hospital or have other prayer needs

Message for next Sunday: Christmas Miracle:

The Miracle of the Message Hebrews 1: 1 - 4 Pastor Tim

Christ the King Announcements/Events

Family of the Week:

Steve & Marla Viland

There will be a prayer time every Sunday morning in the multipurpose room from 8:45 - 9:15 AM for our church family and world. Anyone is welcome.

HELP! for Sunday morning brunch! We need volunteers to help setup up and prepare the brunch items, serve, and clean up. The food will be purchased and at the church for your convenience.

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK: 146

OFFERING FROM LAST WEEK:

General Offering: \$ 5,388.00

Children's Mission: \$ 0.00

Total Children's offering for November \$ 364.50

Building: \$ 0.00

Total Building fund for November \$ 0.00

Memorial: \$ 92.00

BibleSticks: \$ 1,045.00 **Total: \$ 1,670.00**

TOTAL OFFERING: \$ 6,525.00

Total general offering received for November: \$ 20,757.02

General offering needed each month to meet budget: \$ 29,375.00

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Thanksgiving Eve Offering: \$ 165.00

Christ the King Announcements/Events

Planning meeting: There will be a planning meeting today following the Sunday School time for a baby shower for Sarah Larson and baby. The Baby Shower will be Sunday, January 14. Pastor Joe and Sarah are registered at <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/sarah-larson-january-2024-pipestone/1SNUAZE1F0YHL>

Church directory update: Please look over your address, phone #, email, etc. on the sheets provided on the table in the foyer. Place your initials by your name if everything is correct. Please make corrections or additions, such as email address or cell phone number, by December 10, on the information sheets provided. Also, if your birthday has not been in the Messenger, or is wrong, it is because we don't have it, or it is wrong in our records. Please let the office know so information will be correct.

Special Thanks to Ginger McNickle and family for all the work they have completed for the landscaping. It is beautiful. Thanks also to Jim & Braden Otter for installing the cross on the roof of the entry.

Sunday School children and youth will be presenting their Christmas Program and Youth-led service Sunday, Dec. 17.

Women's Christmas Tea/Coffee Party Wednesday, December 20

2:00 PM Jeanette Larson's Home 155 Ridgeview Drive, Pipestone, Join us to celebrate the Season! Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex

Youth and Family Study:

December 3: TONIGHT @ Bob & Jeanette Larson

December 10: Parent Date Night (if you haven't talked to Pastor Joe, do so ASAP)

December 17: Youth only Youth Party (grades 6 - 12) at Pastor Joe & Sarah home, 411 6th Ave SE Pipestone.

Youth Parent Date Night Information: See Newsletter or talk to Pastor Joe TODAY!!

Community Events

The Al Opland Singers will present their Christmas show "Finding The Hope Of Christmas" on November 30, December 1 and 2 at 7:30 pm and December 3 at 2:00 pm at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center. This show will take you on a journey of commercial Christmas and Santa Claus at the beginning, to finding the true Reason we celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students.

Pipestone Women's Connection Cordially invites you to a luncheon at the Christian Reformed Church, 800 2nd Ave SE, Pipestone, MN Monday, December 11, \$10.00 (includes tax & tip) 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
First time guest tickets are complimentary Feature: "A Vintage Christmas" Paula Solma will share her love for old vintage Christmas items, some from generations past. Speaker: Cynthia Sheppard, Flandreau, SD "An Exchanged Life" Do you like to shop, especially for the Christmas season? With stories and humor, Cynthia will help you learn how to exchange those unwanted gifts. RESERVATIONS FOR LUNCH & COMPLIMENTARY CHILD CARE BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, PLEASE PLEASE CALL • SUSAN: 507-920-6675 CANCELLATIONS ARE NECESSARY BY SUNDAY, December 7, 2023 Affiliated with Stonecroft

Kaffi-Ti Saturday, December 9 1:00 to 3:00 PM First Lutheran Church of Pipestone 401 7th Ave SW will hold their annual Kaffi-Ti bake sale complete with Scandinavian specialties: Rosettes, krumkaka, fruit suppe, sandbakkels, and lefse. Featuring Christmas cranberry cake with butter sauce.

Public Access Channel 3 on **Wednesdays** at 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Radio Ministry KLOH 1050 AM **Sundays** at 7:30 AM

Web Page: www.ckpipestone.com

Check for Information on Facebook: Christ the King Free Lutheran

A Moment for _____ (1-2)

Salvation was _____ to come from _____

But _____ is not what wins God's _____

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Salvation was _____ to come from _____

But _____ is not what wins God's _____

A Moment for _____ (4-5)

Salvation was _____ in the fullness of _____

But the Savior _____ others to share this _____

A Moment for _____ (6-7)

Salvation makes us _____ by faith in _____

But other _____ have to hear about this _____

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With perfect _____ for His miraculous _____,

God revealed the _____ of the _____:

_____.

Children Missions offering will go to
Operation Christmas Child with Samaritan's Purse

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Church Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Pastor Tim Johnson: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Pastor Joe Larson: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

OPPORTUNITIES To Connect

Today: 8:45 AM Prayer in Multipurpose Room
9:30 AM Worship Service & Livestream
10:30 AM Brunch Blessing / Fellowship
10:45 - 11:45 Confirmation
10:50 AM All Ages Sunday School
4:30 PM Youth / Family Study

Monday: 7:00 PM Small Group Study @ Amdahls

Tuesday: 9:00 AM Homeschool Group
7:00 PM Elders meet @ CTK

Wednesday: 10:00 AM Small Group Study
7:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday:

Friday: 11:00 AM Blanche Quincey Funeral

Saturday:

Sunday: 8:45 AM Prayer in Multipurpose Room
9:30 AM Worship Service & Livestream
10:30 AM Brunch / Fellowship
10:45 - 11:45 Confirmation
10:50 AM All Ages Sunday School
12:00 PM Parent Date Night
6:00 PM Youth Night Of Worship @ the Lodge

1st Sunday of Advent. (12/3/2023)

Reader 1: Today we light the **Hope Candle**.

light the first Advent candle

Isaiah 40:31 says, “Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” (NIV)

Reader 2: Hope looks to God and waits on him with a firm expectation that he will fulfill his promises. It is a settled peace that God will do what he says he will do. Israel had been beaten down by a succession of world powers. In their distress, they called out, “Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.” Their hope was fulfilled on the first Christmas Day when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, to save us from our sins and deliver us from whatever oppresses us. Jesus is our hope.

Prayer: Father, thank you for sending Jesus into our world, our “hope of glory,” our “blessed hope” of resurrection and eternal life. In His name, we pray. Amen.

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Verse 1

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Verse 2

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King.
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 2

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 3

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 4

O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind,
Bid Thou our sad division cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

I Surrender All

Verse 1

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give,
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

Chorus:

I surrender all,
I surrender all,
All to Thee,
my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

Verse 2

All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

Chorus:

Verse 3

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine.
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.

Chorus:

Verse 4

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee:
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessings fall on me.

Chorus:

Confession of Faith

Romans 8: 18 – 25 ESV

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Confession of Sin

Romans 3: 10 – 20 ESV

¹⁰ as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ no one understands; no one seeks for God. ¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” ¹³ “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” ¹⁴ “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” ¹⁵ “Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ in their paths are ruin and misery, ¹⁷ and the way of peace they have not known.” ¹⁸ “There is no fear of God before their eyes.” ¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest?

Verse 1

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet
with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch
are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard
and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear;
for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard
and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Verse 3

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard
and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Verse 1

Infant holy, infant lowly,
For His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.

Swift are winging angels singing,
Noels ringing, tidings bringing;
Christ the Babe is Lord of all!

Verse 2

Flocks were sleeping:
Shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing greet the morrow;
Christ the Babe was born for you!
Christ the Babe was born for you!

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It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Verse 1

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all gracious King"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Verse 2

And ye, beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing
O rest beside the weary load,
And hear the angels sing.

Verse 3

For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet seen of old,
When, with the ever-circling years,
Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heaven and
earth shall own
The Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Verse 1

Thou didst leave Thy throne And Thy kingly crown
When Thou camest to earth for me
But in Bethlehem's home there was there found no room
For Thy holy nativity
O come to my heart Lord Jesus There is room in my heart for Thee

Verse 2

Heaven's arches rang When the angels sang
Proclaiming Thy royal degree
But in lowly birth Didst Thou come to earth
And in great humility
O come to my heart Lord Jesus There is room in my heart for Thee

Verse 3

The foxes found rest And the birds their nest
In the shade of the forest tree
But Thy couch was the sod O Thou Son of God
In the deserts of Galilee
O come to my heart Lord Jesus There is room in my heart for Thee

Verse 4

Thou camest O Lord With the living word
That should set Thy people free
But with mocking scorn And with crown of thorn
They bore Thee to Calvary
O come to my heart Lord Jesus There is room in my heart for Thee

Verse 5

When the heavens shall ring And the angels sing
At Thy coming to victory
Let Thy voice call me home Saying yet there is room
There is room at My side for thee
My heart shall rejoice Lord Jesus When Thou comest and callest me