

# Christ the King Free Lutheran Church

**December 17, 2023**

OUR MISSION: CHANGED LIVES!

To EVANGELIZE the lost;

To ESTABLISH Us in Christ;

To EQUIP Us for Service!

**Welcome & Announcements** Nick Bruns

**Advent Reading: Joy Candle** Jordan DeRuyter

**Worship Song** (PP) *Glory* Bode Bruns

**Confession of Sin** Year 2 Confirmation

**Confession of Faith** Year 1 Confirmation

**Narration 1**

**Worship Song** # 193 (Hymnal) *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**Narration 2**

**Sunday School Song** *Away in the Manger*

**Narration 3**

**Worship Song** # 192 (Hymnal) *Angels We Have Heard On High*

**Narration 4**

**Worship Song**# 206 (Hymnal) *We Three Kings*

**Narration 5**

**Sunday School Song** *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

**Narration 6**

**Sunday School Song** *Sing a Song of Christmas*

**Narration 7**

**Worship Song**# 171 (Hymnal) *Joy to the World*

*\*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 as we celebrate the Advent Season in anticipation of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
- \* Praise God for the youth and children of Christ the King and for sharing the Message of Christmas. For all the teachers and others involved in Sunday School & confirmation.

**Connecting to God's Heart:**

- \* Keep Pastor Richard L. Ramsbacher and his wife, Kay, from Strafford, MO, 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: \*For health and safety
- \* Pray for the committee members reviewing CTK's constitution.
- \* Pray for those dealing with colds, flu, covid, or other health issues.
- \* Pray for all who have lost loved ones over the past year. May God comfort them during this holiday season.
- \* Pray for Barb Hubner as she recovers at home.
- \* 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 Linda Bruns & family as they mourn the passing of her sister, Mary Arndt.
- \* 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 Method* Luke 1: 26 - 38 Pastor Tim

**Christ the King Announcements/Events**

**Family of the Week:**

Sheryl & Sonja Wait

**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.

**Today is brunch blessing Sunday.** Those with last names starting with A - H are asked to set up, serve & clean up.

**ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK: 146**

**OFFERING FROM LAST WEEK:**

<b>General Offering:</b>	\$	3,818.00	
<b>Children's Mission:</b>	\$	00.00	
		Total Children's offering for December	\$ 181.00
<b>Building:</b>	\$	0.00	
		Total Building fund for December	\$ 0.00
<b>Union Gospel:</b>	\$	150.00	
<b>TOTAL OFFERING:</b>	\$	<b>3,968.00</b>	

Total general offering received for December: **\$ 13,943.00**

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

Thank you for your faithful giving.

### **Christ the King Announcements/Events**

**Messenger information** is due next Sunday, December 24

**PLEASE NOTE.** There will NOT be Sunday School on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24 or New Years Eve, Sunday, December 31. Have a safe and joyous Christmas.

**Next Sunday December 24,** will be regular worship at 9:30 AM and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 PM

**Pastor Joe** will be on vacation December 19 - 22.

**Pastor Tim** will be on vacation December 26 - 31.

**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 17:** 4:30 PM @ Joe and Sarah Larson's - Youth ONLY Christmas Party: Snacks, Games, and Fellowship. Bring a friend and let Joe know if you are planning on coming! :)

**January 7:** Next Family Study (Looking for a host)

**The members of the nominating committee** are working on their assignment to fill the ballot for four Trustee positions on the church board. Let one of the committee members know in the next few weeks if you would like to be on the ballot. If asked, please, before you make your decision, we ask that you pray about this and ask God to be a part of your decision making process. The committee members are: Jim Gawerecki, Morgan McNickle, Jerry Remund, Rod Altena, Amy Steuck

**The Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, January 21, 2024. The worship service will be at 9:30 AM with the meeting to follow the service.

**Annual Meeting Reports** Please remember to get your annual meeting reports in as soon as possible. The deadline to get them in is January 1, 2024. Thank you.

**From Pastor Matthew:**

Christ the King, please pray for our upcoming outreach called Advent with Emmanuel, December 10 & 17 from 5-7 pm. Our first Advent outreach was December 3. We are inviting children in the Ankeny community to come and hear about how Christ brings hope. It will include singing classic carols, learning the Christmas account, snacks, crafts, and games. It will be held in a beautiful little tutoring center just off a main road in north Ankeny. We are thankful for volunteers from AFLC churches north of us who are providing the manpower to make this possible.



We also ask for prayer and invite you to consider taking part in our final program and event called Christmas Under the Stars. This event will be held in the greenhouse of a local garden center on December 20, 6-7pm. The children will sing the carols that they learned together with their families. We will also have an evangelistic Christmas message on the hope and light of Christ. All of this will be in the setting of a beautiful, heated greenhouse with crafts, hot beverages, and cookies! Please let Pastor Matthew know if you would like to come in-person or help provide some of the materials needed to make this happen!

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

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

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## Sunday School Children

December 17, 2023

**Mary** Amelia Otter

**Joseph** Myer McNickle

**Shepherds** Milo Lane, Lincoln Hoheisel, Theodore Slegers,  
Gerrit Slegers, Jaxon Feske, Bently Feske, Finnick Manzey

**Angel** Esme Fey

**Choir of Angels** Lydia Brockberg, Freya Fey, Kiera Brockberg, Lyla Terry,  
Harriet Odens, Everly Hoheisel, Zooey Garza,  
Arayah Goebel, Hailey Steuck, Landry Zephier

**Wise Men** Briggs Evans, Calyn Hulstein, Cohen Lane, Jamison Lane

**Young Jesus** Maccoy McNickle

**Speakers** Kolton Hoheisel, Christopher Rupp, Parker Gilbery,  
Munro McNickle

**Year 1 Confirmation:** Caden Bruns, Lauren Steuck, Keegan Otter,  
Grayson Lindquist , Clifford Rupp

**Year 2 Confirmation:** Kenley DeWilde, Jordan DeRuyter,  
Kynslee Hulstein, Tanner Thomson

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 / Trustee & Elder Constitution  
                              4:30 PM     Youth Christmas Party

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:            2:00 PM     Christmas Tea / Coffee  
                              4:00 PM     Constitution Committee meet with Trustees & Elders  
                              7:30 PM     Choir Practice

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday:                   8:45 AM     Prayer in Multipurpose Room  
                              9:30 AM     Worship Service & Livestream  
                              10:30 AM    No Brunch / Fellowship  
                              10:45 - 11:45 No Confirmation  
                              10:50 AM    No All Ages Sunday School  
                              5:00 PM     Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### 3 rd Sunday of Advent.

Reader 1: The past two Sundays, we lit the candles of hope and peace. Today we light the Joy Candle  
Luke 2:10-11 say, "And the angel said to them,  
'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'" (ESV)

Reader 2: The shepherds heard the angel's proclamation, and were filled with both awe and joy. They were mere shepherds, considered by some as the lowest of the low. But the angel comes to them. Filled with joy they go straight to the stable and kneel before the Christ Child. What joy fills the heart of all who grasp that Jesus loves us and forgives all our sins and failings so that He can actually live in us through His Spirit?

Prayer: Father, thank you for the joy the angels had in delivering their message to the shepherds. Thank you for the joy of Jesus' birth, and the joy of the new birth we can all experience through Jesus. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

## Confession of Sin

Student: Lord, forgive us for putting anything, and we mean anything, before you.

**All: Teach us instead to fear, love, and trust in you. (1)**

Student: Lord, forgive us for not treating your name with respect

**All: Teach us instead to call upon you with prayer and praise. (2)**

Student: Lord, forgive us for ignoring your Word and burning ourselves out.

**All: Teach us instead to rest in you, your promises, and with your people. (3)**

Student: Lord, forgive us for rejecting the authority you've put in our lives.

**All: Teach us instead to honor, obey, and pray for our parents and leaders. (4)**

Student: Lord, forgive us for assigning such a low value to life and living in anger.

**All: Teach us instead to meet the needs of others, no matter who they are. (5)**

Student: Lord, forgive us for letting lust consume our hearts and minds.

**All: Teach us instead to be faithful in all that we think, say, and do. (6)**

Student: Lord, forgive us for misusing the money and time that you provide.

**All: Teach us instead to work diligently and be generous with our stuff. (7)**

Student: Lord, forgive us for speaking in ways that hurt our friends and neighbors.

**All: Teach us instead to speak well of others and defend their reputations. (8)**

Student: Lord, forgive us for coveting the happy homes of others.

**All: Teach us instead to be content in all circumstances. (9)**

Student: Lord, forgive us for seeking fulfillment in your creation rather than in you.

**All: Teach us instead to walk humbly on this earth, hoping only in Jesus. (10)**



## Confession of Faith

Student: Let's Confess God's Truth about Creation

**All: I believe God is eternal, with no beginning, and is present everywhere. I believe He created the heavens and the earth. He pronounced all things to be good.**

Student: Let's Confess God's Truth about the Fall

**All: I believe Adam and Eve were deceived by the devil and disobeyed their creator, God. This separated them from God. I believe all people are descendants of Adam and Eve. And because of this, we too, are separated from God. I believe that God promised to make a way for us all to be restored to Him.**

Student: Let's Confess God's Truth about the 10 Commandments

**All: I believe the commandments describe the holiness and character of God. He is perfect, just, and full of mercy. The commandments give us a guidelines to live our lives, which none of us are able to perfectly accomplish. The consequences of our inability to keep the commandments is eternal death under God's just wrath.**

Student: Let's Confess God's Truth about the Flood

**All: I believe that as the people of the whole world became woefully wicked and cruel, God found it necessary to remove them from the earth. He sent a flood to accomplish this. Only Noah, his sons, and their wives were safely brought through. I believe God promised to Noah and to us all that He would never again send a flood to cleanse the earth. He marked this promise with a rainbow.**

Student: Let's Confess God's Truth about the Nations

**All: I believe God miraculously altered people's languages after they looked to build a tower to the skies in order to read the stars. People groups scattered to their various locations where they built their own cultures. Only the Gospel can now unify these groups.**

Student: Let's Confess God's Truth about the Patriarchs

**I believe God chose Abraham and his descendants to be His people. I believe God promised to bless Abraham, make a great nation of him, and bless all the world through him. This meant that a savior would be born in his line. I believe that Jesus is that promised seed, the hope of the nations, and the reason why we can have life today.**

## *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

### Verse 1

O come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye O come ye  
to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of angels  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord.

### Verse 2

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
O sing all ye citizens  
of heaven above  
Glory to God  
All glory in the highest  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord.

### Verse 3

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
O, Jesus to Thee be all  
glory given  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord.

## *Angels We Have Heard On High*

### Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

### Verse 2

Shepherds why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous  
strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be,  
Which inspire your  
heavenly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

### Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth  
the angels sing;  
Come adore, on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord  
the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

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## *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

### Verse 1

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain  
moor and mountain  
Following yonder star

### Chorus

O star of wonder star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading still proceeding  
Guide us to Thy perfect light

### Verse 2

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again  
King forever ceasing never  
Over us all to reign

### Chorus

### Verse 3

Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a Deity nigh  
Prayer and praising all men raising  
Worship Him God on high

### Chorus

### Verse 4

Myrrh is mine its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing sighing bleeding dying  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb

### Chorus

### Verse 5

Glorious now behold Him arise  
King and God and Sacrifice  
Alleluia alleluia  
Earth to heav'n replies

### Chorus

## *Joy to the World!*

### Verse 1

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart, prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven  
and nature sing.

### Verse 2

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods,  
rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

### Verse 3

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make  
His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

### Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.