





CHRIST THE KING
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Baptism of Our Lord
11 January 2026

Our Mission:

As God's forgiven family,
we grow in faith through
Word and Sacrament to
share the Gospel of
Jesus Christ.

WELCOME!

WE ARE HAPPY YOU WERE LED TO WORSHIP WITH US! IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME IN A LUTHERAN CHURCH, WE WANT YOU TO FEEL COMFORTABLE AND "AT HOME" IN OUR WORSHIP SETTING.

The Lord speaks to us through His Word and Sacrament and we respond with joy in song and prayer. This rhythm reflects our rich worship heritage built on the teachings of the Bible placing Jesus Christ at the center of all we do.

Check out the back of this bulletin for information on Bible Classes, upcoming events, how to get involved and more!

Holy Communion: CTK practices "close" communion. This expression means that all who receive the Sacrament believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, and embrace the teachings of the Lutheran faith according to the Scriptures. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, we ask that you please contact one of the pastors prior to receiving the Sacrament. You are welcome to approach the altar with folded arms to receive a blessing.

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

AS WE GATHER Today we hear that divine promise in Isaiah 42, identifying Jesus as God's chosen servant. From the beginning, however, we are told He is not only to be King of the Jews alone but a light to lighten the Gentiles also. The great news is that He is the Savior of and for all people, the descendants not only of Abraham but also of Adam and Noah! By repentance of sin and faith in Christ, worked by the same Spirit that marked Jesus as the chosen one at His Baptism, now all who are baptized into Christ—Jew or Gentile—are the chosen people of God. Praising and thanking God for calling and saving us, we echo the Gospel to all people in the words of the Psalm: “Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!” (*Psalm 117:1*).

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

† PREPARATION †

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “The People That in Darkness Sat” *LSB 412*

**The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long In shades of death have been,
In shades of death have been.**

**To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness, The gath’ring nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear Their harvest treasures home,
Their harvest treasures home.**

**To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv’n,
And on His shoulder ever rests All pow’r in earth and heav’n,
All pow’r in earth and heav’n.**

**His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor, The God by all adored,
The God by all adored.**

**His righteous government and pow’r Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based, His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end.**

**Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one.**

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INVOCATION

***P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.***

CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for self-examination

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

*P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-9 (*The LORD's chosen servant.*)

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the

earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶“I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 6:1-11 (*Dead to sin, alive to God.*)

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE LSB 173



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17 (*The baptism of Jesus.*)

P: *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.*

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” *LSB 405*

**To Jordan’s river came our Lord,
The Christ, whom heav’ly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light,
The Lord of glory, pow’r, and might.**

**The Savior came to be baptized—
The Son of God in flesh disguised—
To stand beneath the Father’s will
And all His righteousness fulfill.**

**As Jesus in the Jordan stood
And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav’ly dove,
Descended on Him from above.**

**Then from God’s throne with thund’rous sound
Came God’s own voice with words profound:
“This is My Son,” was His decree,
“The one I love, who pleases Me.”**

**The Father’s word, the Spirit’s flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God’s own choice, from Adam’s fall
To save the world and free us all.**

**Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.**

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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: All glory and praise to You, O God. By Your design, You have defeated the devil and the power of sin and death by the sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. He became Your chosen one in His and by Your Holy Spirit, in order that all who are baptized in His name and by the same Spirit may be restored to newness of life as Your chosen sons and daughters. Help us to extend the same invitation of Your mercy and grace to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant that Your church be guided in true faith and worship by faithful pastors and shepherds of Your flock, that we may sing Your praises joyfully now and in eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Help us to live with integrity as people of Your own possession, guarding us from all evil and leading us safely in the ways of Your good and gracious will. Give to all in the authority of government a desire for good order to the promotion of freedom and faithfulness to the ways of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant healing and relief to all who are sick, homebound, or in any need or distress, that they may know the power of Your love, especially... . Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING + "Saw You Never in the Twilight" (C. F. Alexander; T. Porter, quoting 15th-century French melody)

*Saw you never, in the twilight, When the sun had left the skies,
Up in heav'n the clear stars shining Through the gloom, like silver eyes?
So of old the wise men, watching, Saw a little stranger star,
And they knew the King was given, And they followed it from far.*

*Heard you never of the story How they crossed the desert wild,
Journey'd on by plain and mountain, Till they found the holy Child?
How they open'd all their treasure, Kneeling to that infant King;
Gave the gold and fragrant incense, Gave the myrrh in offering?*

*Know ye not that lowly baby Was the bright and morning Star?
He who came to light the Gentiles, and the darken'd isles afar?
And we, too, may seek His cradle; There our hearts' best treasure bring;
Love, and faith, and true devotion For our Savior, God and King.
Our Savior and King.*

OFFERTORY LSB 192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.**

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

PREFACE

P: *The Lord be with you.* *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: *And also with you.*

P: *Lift up your hearts.* *Colossians 3:1*

C: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

P: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.* *Psalm 136*

C: *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: *Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C: *Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-11*

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI *LSB 198*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

+ "Here I Am, Lord" (*Choral setting: J. Schrader; Words and Music D. L. Schutte*)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,

All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them -- they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame;

I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” *LSB* 594

**God’s own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth’s treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!**

**Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood?**

**Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I’ve traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!**

**Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith’s assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.**

**There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I’ll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I’m a child of paradise!**

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“O Blessed Spring” *LSB* 595

**O blessed spring, where Word and sign Embrace us into Christ the Vine:
Here Christ enjoins each one to be A branch of this life-giving Tree.**

**Through summer heat of youthful years, Uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
Sustained by Christ’s infusing rain, The boughs will shout for joy again.**

**When autumn cools and youth is cold, When limbs their heavy harvest hold,
Then through us, warm, the Christ will move With gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.**

**As winter comes, as winters must, We breathe our last, return to dust;
Still held in Christ, our souls take wing And trust the promise of the spring.**

**Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, Be praised for this blest mystery:
That Word and water thus revive And join us to Your Tree of Life.**

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NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:Amen.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C:Amen.

RECESSATIONAL HYMN “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” *LSB 549 vv.1,3,5,7*

**All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
We’ll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.**

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POSTLUDE

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In our prayers this week: Kathie Jenkins, Kim Weidenhamer, John Mewbourn, Margo McKee, Gene Mallett, Marsha & Norman Mundinger, Noah Rhoden, Floyd Bearly, Mark Lemley, Violet Lakatos, Dylan Bruns, Bruce Forsythe, Jeff & Ellen Strum, Sally Hornish Malmi, Lori Nogueira, Julie Bourie, Stephanie Dublin, Zachary Rakow, Leigh Wilson, Zane Brooks, Tamara Scott, Sarah Gaddie, Liz Kiley, Lisa Chapman & family, Jeff & Cheryl Harrell, Judy Jacquez, Ross & Jackie Butler, Norma Moore, Jean & Cliff Gorham, Howard Troyer, Lorna Schmidt, Sophie Baker, Jan Mathis, Rebekah Andrews, Eloise Gaia, Glenda Wade, Pat Boysen. Comfort the Summers family as they mourn the passing of Wesley Sr. and the family of Tom Moore as they mourn his passing. Bless and guide our Call Committee.

The Altar flowers this week were given by
Jim & Felicia Calhoun in celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary
In Memory of Jim Klaus, on his birthday. He would be 92.

**Sign up for a vase of Altar Flowers by going to bit.ly/CTKAltarFlowers2025
or contact the Church Office and we’ll sign you up! Each vase is \$35.**

If you are a first-time visitor with us today, welcome! Please stop by the Information Desk in the narthex after the service so we can greet you with a gift of thanks for being with us today. May God bless your worship.

Those Who Serve

Proclaimer	Rev. Mark Goble
Liturgist	Rev. Matthew Lynch
Organist	Michella Novy
Choir Director & Accompanist:	Chris Cardona
Acolytes	Christopher Tieman (8:30)
Crucifers	Charlotte Baskette, Celeste Hair
Elders	Johnny Behnke (L), Kevin Baskette Glenn Maclin (L), Dave Swan
Greeters	Jonathan Frey, Bill Maclin
Ushers	Mike Watson, James Lewis, Kevin Washburn, Alex Weiss, Parker Mag- ness Bob Sturzenbecher, Barry Copley, Luke Swan, Keith Murphy, Jeff Jungkans, David Joffre
Sound	Walt Kosman, Murph Ellard, Kim Goble, Peter Cothron, Aaron Winter
Live Streaming	Mark Novy

CALENDAR

Today

- Connect Class, 9:45_{am}, Parlour
- Q&A Session, 9:45_{am}, Fellowship Hall
- Stepping Stones Book Club, 12:15_{pm}, Room 202

Monday, January 12

- Faith in Action, 5:45_{pm}, Panera's Germantown
- Andrews Small Group, 7:00_{pm},

Tuesday, January 13

- Men's Bible Study, 7:00_{am}, Parlour
- Nehemiah, 8:00_{am}
- Griefshare, 2:00_{pm}, Room 201
- VOTERS' Meeting, 6:00_{pm}, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 14

- Adult Bible Study, 10:00_{am}, Room 201
- Room in the Inn, Host: Christ Methodist
- Choir Rehearsal, 6:30_{pm}

Thursday, January 15

- LWML, 5:30_{pm}, Room 201
- Woodworking Small Group, 7:00_{pm}

Friday, January 16 No scheduled events

Saturday, January 17

- Sound Board Training, 9:00_{am}, Fellowship Hall
- Job Comfort Dog, 10:30_{am}, Room 202

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children PK4 - 6th grade are invited to join us at 9:45 in the room next to the gym for our CPH Enduring Faith "Jesus Comes to Us" Students will be studying the New Testament and how Jesus' birth, His journey to the cross, His sacrifice, His resurrection and beyond, is for all humanity... including each child.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Meets in Room 203 at 9:45am

YOUTH (7th-12th Grade)

Join Mr. Kevin Baskette for Sunday School in the Youth Room. We are examining how God's Word and our faith helps us endure in the world today.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

9:50am

Adult Bible Class All are welcome to a special Q&A class in the Fellowship Hall this morning. Join Jim Devan as he shares information about the much-needed school renovations to help you prepare for Tuesday's Voters Meeting.

The Book of Joshua Led by Ernie Rakow in the Library.

Adult Bible Class led by Matt Adler & Kyle Brown. New study "Kingdom Treasure" will begin today. This study will help participants understand the significance of Jesus' role as the King, the fulfillment of Old Testament promises, and what it means to live as citizens of God's kingdom today.

Women's Sunday Bible Class led by Ashley Baskette in Room 201. We will study the Book of Ecclesiastes: Nothing new under the sun.

WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Wednesday Bible Pastor Chuck will resume his study on the Book of Revelation.

Men's Bibe Study A study of St Paul's letter to the Romans continues led by Gary Osing. There is room for you at the table on Tuesday mornings at 7:00am in the Parlour.

Vicar Andrews invites you to the first meeting of the **Outreach Committee** on Saturday, January 24, at 10:00am in the Parlor. Bring your ideas and be ready to share in which areas you may feel gifted to serve. Anyone interested in strengthening Christ the King's presence in our community is welcome! Contact Vicar Andrews at skandrews24@gmail.com with any questions or to volunteer.

Vicar Andrews is offering a short weekly devotion which you will find on CTK's Facebook page and Instagram account every Monday. This is a follow up to his Bible Study on praying through Luther's Small Catechism. He hopes you will find it a helpful reminder to use your Catechism as an ongoing tool in maintaining your foundation of faith

GriefShare

GriefShare meets each Tuesday afternoon at 2:00pm in Room 202. This support group offers a safe place to understand grief, learn healthy ways to cope, and receive support. Open to anyone in the community. For details, call the Church Office.

Voters Meeting

We will hold a Voters' Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:00pm. At this meeting we will ask the Voters to approve the next two steps in completing campus upgrades for the Upper School building.

These consist of: (1) approving the scope of work, with the understanding that the scope could change depending on code requirements; and (2) approving the proposed contract with Hord for construction administration, upon which Hord will commence work on the construction documents and pursue permitting.

We will also seek the Voters' approval to utilize a portion of the Major Capital Improvements restricted account to fund the work described in the Hord contract.

Faith in Action Biscuit Sale

Stop by the Rotunda NEXT SUNDAY (Jan 18) before, between and after services for their Biscuits, Pastry & Coffee Bar fundraiser. Bring us your appetite! Cash preferred.

Our Quarterly Potluck is January 25!

12:15 ~ Fellowship Hall

Sign up today in the Rotunda or at bit.ly/CTKPotluck. Thank you to Billy and Carol Kutteh for continuing to organize our wonderful potlucks!

STEPPING STONES

We meet today at 12:15 in Room 202 and will be discussing the book: The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride. Please bring a snack to share and join us for lively discussion.

Dear Church Family,

Our church has always been a place where everyone is welcomed with open arms, and one of the first ways people experience that is through our Ushers. Their willingness to serve helps to set the tone for worship and reflect the heart of Christ.

At this time, we are prayerfully seeking men in our congregation who feel called to serve as ushers. This ministry is more than assisting with seating or offering—it is a vital role of our worship service. Ushers help ensure that every person who enters our doors feels seen, valued, and comfortable as they prepare to worship.

If you have felt a desire to become more involved in the life of the church or are looking for a way to serve that directly blesses others, we invite you to consider joining the Usher Ministry.

For more information or to express interest, please contact the Church Office or speak with me directly. May God bless you as you consider how you might serve.

With gratitude and blessings, Michael Watson

CONNECT CLASS Are you a new member or thinking about joining CTK? Or maybe you have been here for a while and still looking for your niche? A three-week **Connect Class begins today in the Parlour at 10:00am** and continues on January 18 and 25. We'll touch on the history of CTK and then dive into how to get connected in worship, fellowship, and service activities. We'll meet ministry leaders and talk about the future of CTK and your place in it. RSVP to Genie Swan at gswan@ctkmemphis.com or text 901-827-9223 and let us know you are interested. We'd love to get you connected!

Fellowship Hall **Sound Board Training.** Join us Saturday, January 17 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for sound board training. Current volunteers and those interested in supporting our sound ministry are welcome. Questions? Text Lisa at 513-919-7441.

Small Group Ministry

Arlington Saints & Sinners Club - Join us—no dues required, just admit you're a saint *and* a sinner! Together we'll dive into the Old Testament, discovering that it's anything but boring—a wild, grace-filled story pointing to Jesus.

We will also have opportunities to practice your faith and serve your neighbors at Room in the Inn and the Memphis Union Mission. Please join us as we strive to Share the Light of Christ through lives transformed by the Gospel. Next meetings: **January 12 & 26 at 7:00pm.**

Jim Devan – Woodworking and Nehemiah

Woodworking: Meets Thursday nights at 7:00pm in the Nehemiah workshop. Learn, teach, create!

Nehemiah: Meets every Tuesday, 8:00am. Projects around campus. Devotion with lunch provided.

Billy & Carol Kutteh - "James: Genuine Faith" by Sam Allberry. For more info, contact Billy at wkutteh4@comcast.net. Next meeting: **January 24 at 6:30pm**

Salzgeber Small Group "Church History in Plain Language" by Bruce Shelley. Next meetings: **January 27 and February 10 at 7:00pm**.

Pastor Matt's Group for 20's and 30's. Stay tuned for the date of our next meeting in 2026!

To Our Christ the King Family,

I would just like to say thank you for all your prayers and thoughts throughout Ken's sudden onset of mantle cell lymphoma and the quadriplegia that coupled that and hit us hard. The outpouring of love, the constant messages, the weeks of food deliveries from various members, the home visits to us, and the hospital visits to Ken, and then your huge support afterwards while in Hospice made such a huge difference in our daily outlook and getting us through those long hours.

Your support during this eight-week life-changing event was more appreciated than you can ever know. The support from each of the pastors and their constant visits was reassuring, emotional and so needed for Ken and for us, and I can truly say if I called, they almost came running, until the very end. We know that Ken is now at peace and in a better place with our heavenly Lord.

We have been so blessed with the friendship that overwhelmingly covered us from our amazing church, the many offers of support, and your compassion, and consider ourselves extremely lucky to be a part of such a warm and loving family.

In deepest gratitude,
Caroline, Nolan, Ryan and Tyler Johnson, and
Meredith (Johnson) Reynolds & Family

CHURCH POTLUCK

The freewill offering will benefit Bethlehem Bible College, the only remaining Christian college in Palestine—the same college attended by the couple who sold the carved olive wood nativity sets at CTK.

JANUARY 25

**12:15 IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Come spend time with your brothers and sisters in Christ and enjoy a delicious meal!

**Please bring a main dish
plus a side or dessert.**

**RSVP at bit.ly/CTKPotluck
or in the Rotunda**