

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
29 NOVEMBER 2026
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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 The first Sunday in Advent begins what has historically been known in the church as Adventide. The word tide originally meant "time" in Old English. It indicated a special season of reflection and of action set apart for a distinct purpose. Through the words of the hymn "Arise, O Christian People," we pray to our coming King: "Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; turn not from me aside, and help me to receive You this blessed Adventide" (LSB 354:4). Whatever may happen in the days ahead, we can prepare our hearts and llives while keeping our focus on the Advent of our King, expectantly awaiting the tidings of great joy that announce His wondrous birth!

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✢ PREPARATION ✢

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - The Candle of Hope

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" *LSB 341*

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.

2 A righteous Helper comes to thee; His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings; Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.

3 How blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He Who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise Your happy shouts of praise.

4 Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in And new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.

Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.
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INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 25:1, 3–4, 14; Zechariah 9:9b*

P: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
C: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
P: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.
C: The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear Him, and He makes known to them His covenant. Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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.

KYRIE *LSB* 168

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: Amen.

SALUTATION
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
P: Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

✢ ✢ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✢ ✢

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 64:1-9 *(God is the potter, and we are the clay.)*

[1]Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— [2] as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries,and that the nations might tremble at your presence! [3]When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. [4]From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. [5]You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? [6]We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. [7]There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. [8]But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. [9]Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 *(Paul is thankful for the Christians at Corinth.)*

[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, [5]that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— [6]even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— [7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8]who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *LSB* 331 v.3
O Zion's daughter, rise To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise The peace He comes to bring.
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HOLY GOSPEL Mark 11:1-10 *(Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph.)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**
[1]Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples [2]and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. [3]If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" [4]And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. [5]And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" [6]And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. [7]And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. [8]And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. [9]And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! [10]Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" *LSB* 355 vv.1-4,7 (Tune, *LSB 344*)

1 O Savior, rend the heavens wide; Come down, come down with mighty stride;
Unlock the gates, the doors break down; Unbar the way to heaven's crown.

2 O Father, light from heaven send; As morning dew, O Son, descend.
Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring: To Jacob's line rain down the King.

3 O earth, in flow'ring bud be seen; Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
Bring forth, O earth, a blossom rare, Our Savior, sprung from meadow fair.

4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long? When will You come with comfort strong.
O come, O come, Your throne forego; Console us in our vale of woe.

7 There shall we all our praises bring And sing to You, our Savior King;
There shall we laud You and adore Forever and forevermore.

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SERMON

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✢ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the church, the community of God's forgiven people, asking that our pastors continue to speak with power among us and that we all be engaged fully in service to God and in ministry to one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayers.

P: We pray this day, as the new Church Year begins, for the fellowship of faith and love that we enjoy as God's holy people, asking that You lead us to continue to gather for worship with great joy and full anticipation of the gifts of God that come to us through our worship. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayers.

P: And we pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, our district, and our local congregation, that God work among us through their example and witness so that we grow in devotion and dedication in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant our supplications.

P: We also pray this day for the sick, the shut-in and all who are in need of our prayers, especially . . ., that their prayers be answered soon and that they be supported by God's people as they experience His good and gracious will for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant our supplications.

P: We pray for those for whom the season of Advent and Christmas may be sad or challenging, that we faithfully reach out to them with compassion and joy, keeping our focus always on the wonderful action of God on our behalf through the coming of Jesus, the King of glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant our supplications.

P: With thankfulness we ask God's blessing on all who brighten these darkening days of the year—the shop workers and postal clerks, the musicians and carolers, the delivery people, and all those who work long hours. Help us be truly appreciative of all those who carry out their vocations for the betterment of our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant our supplications.

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 + Solo "Make Room" (M. Maher, J.M. Hall)

The fam'ly hiding from the storm, found no place at the keeper's door
It was for this a child was born, to save a world so cold and hollow.

A sleeping town, they did not know that lying in a manger low,
A Savior King who had no home has come to heal our sorrows.

Refrain Is there room in your heart? Is there room in your heart?
Is there room in your heart for God to write His story?

Shepherds counting sheep at night, do not fear the glory light.
You are precious in His sight God has come to raise the lowly. Refrain

You can come as you are, but it may set you apart.
When you make room in your heart and trade your dreams for His glory.
Make room in your heart, make room in your heart.

Mother holds the promised light, Ev'ry wrong will be made right.
The road is straight, the burden's light for in His hands He holds tomorrow. Refrain

OFFERTORY *LSB* 956

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.
Amen.

✢ 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.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son, the long hoped-for Messiah, to bring us salvation. Pour out on us the gift of Your Spirit, that we receive Your blessings with thankfulness. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
C: Amen.

SANCTUS *LSB* 195
Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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
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
+ Guitar Solo

"Hark the Glad Sound" *LSB* 349

1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.

2 He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.

3 He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure,

And with the treasures of His grace To_enrich the humble poor.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy belovèd name.

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"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" *LSB* 348

1 The King shall come when morning dawns And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills And life to joy awakes.

2 Not as of old a little child, To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun That lights the morning sky.

3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death Despite the rage of foes.

4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes And we shall see His face.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings!

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"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" *LSB* 350

1 Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see; Anxiously we wait for Thee.

2 Enter now my waiting heart, Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne'er depart, Though I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine When Thou art my guest divine!

3 My hosannas and my palms Graciously receive, I pray Thee;
Evermore, as best I can, Savior, I will homage pay Thee,
And in faith I will embrace, Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.

4 Hail! Hosanna, David's Son! Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown, Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing: Hail! Hosanna to our King.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As Lord of our lives, strengthen and support us so that we may continue

to proclaim Your love to all the world. Bless us day by day and keep us hope-filled as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, on 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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Prepare the Royal Highway" *LSB 343*

1 Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory Foretold in sacred story: Refrain

ref Hosanna to the Lord,
For He fulfills God's Word!

2 God's people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

3 Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him! Refrain

4 His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding: Refrain

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POSTLUDE

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In our prayers this week: Kathie Jenkins, Kim Weidenhamer, John Mewbourn, Margo McKee, Gene Mallett, Noah Rhoden, Floyd Bearly, Dylan Bruns, Bruce Forsythe, Jeff & Ellen Strum, Lori Nogueira, Julie Bourie, Stephanie Dublin, Zachary Rakow, Leigh Wilson, Zane Brooks, Sarah Gaddie, Lisa Chapman & family, Hannah Miller, Diane Pope, Amy Brown, Sheila Gaia, Dr. Frank Adcock, Wally Ford, Tara & Emmy Burton, Bill & Janet Simpson, Alexis Jolene, Jeff & Cheryl Harrell, Judy Jacquez, Ross & Jackie Butler, Jean & Cliff Gorham, Jan Mathis, Kelly Swan, Ann Schmitt, Mark Lemley, Sharon Adler, Pastor Bill Hugo, Brian Hair, Bob Rogalski, Emily Mathis, Tom Wilt, David Reavis, Don Byrn, Michael & Kara Bough. Comfort Mary Ellen and family as they mourn the passing of Mickey Croom.

Heavenly Father, we ask you to protect our troops and all service personnel. Lord, bring your peace of all nations, bring Your peace to our troubled world, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine, and guide all world leaders in wisdom.

The Altar flowers this week were given by
Johnny Behnke in loving memory of Cynthia

Note there is a new bitly to sign up for flowers ~
bit.ly/AltarFlowersCTK
Sign up online 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. Matthew Lynch
Liturgist Vicar Steven Andrews
Organist Michella Novy
Offering Soloist Cooper Smith
Accompanist Carol Kutteh
Distribution Guitarist: Michael Salzgeber
Acolytes Jacob Davis, Jack Bennett
Crucifers Will Denney, David Adler
Wreath Lighting The Madden Family
Elders Clayton Bettin (L), Kyle Brown, Vicar Steven Andrews
Matt Adler (L), Dave Swan, Vicar Steven Andrews
Greeters Sue Rogalski
Stephen Hubbard
Ushers Mike Watson, James Lewis, Kevin Washburn, Parker Magness, Ben Sauls Glenn Maclin, Jon Foshee, Mike Hewgley, Stephen Hubbard, Matt Zielsdorf
Sound Walt Kosman, Murph Ellard, Kim Goble, Peter Cothron, Aaron Winter
Live Streaming Lisa Salzgeber

CALENDAR

Today

Monday, November 30 No scheduled events

Tuesday, December 1
- Men's Bible Study, 7:00am, Parlour
- Nehemiahs, 8:00am
- Altar Guild, 11:45am
- Griefshare, 2:00pm, Room 201
- Room in the Inn, Host: CTK

Wednesday, December 2
- Room in the Inn, Host: St. Louis
- Advent Supper, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- Advent Worship, 6:30pm
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:15pm

Thursday, December 3
- No Woodworking
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Friday, December 4
- Middle School Youth Night, 5:00pm, Youth Room

Saturday, December 5 No Scheduled Events

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

PK4-6th Grade. SS meets at 9:45am each Sunday with opening in the room next to the gym. We are practicing for our part in leading the Midweek Advent Service Dec. 16.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

7th and 8th graders. Class meets in Room 203 at 9:45am

YOUTH (9th -12th Grade)

Hello, High Schoolers! Join Miss Paige in the youth room each week at 9:45am to talk about faith, life, and the Bible! Can't wait to see you there! Contact: pmielke@ctkmemphis.com

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES 9:50am

Adult Bible Class Pastor Lynch will lead class in the Fellowship Hall.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Thessalonians Led by Ernie Rakow in the Library.

Adult Bible Class Join us in Room 202 for a series on 2 Corinthians to discover how the gospel of Jesus Christ shapes every part or our lives, including our suffering, relationships, generosity, weaknesses and Christian Service. Led by Matt Adler & Kyle Brown.

Women's Sunday Bible Class led by Ashley Baskette is taking a look at Jesus and the Twelve in Room 201.

WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Wednesday Bible Study A Pastor-led class is offered at 10:00am in Room 201.

Men's Bible Study A study of St Paul's letter to the congregations continues on Tuesdays at 7:00am in the Parlour. Led by Gary Osing.

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Advent by Candlelight

Ladies, mark your calendars for December 6 and plan to attend a special evening as we usher in the Advent season. This event will be from 4:30-6:00pm and includes dinner prepared by our own Chef Jake Behnke! The cost is $20. Come by the table in the Rotunda to sign up!

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Room in the Inn would like to thank our members who have volunteered this 1st month of our winter season. It's truly a blessing to have caring Christians showing the Love of Christ towards our city's homeless. During the month of December, we'll be hosting on the 1st & 15th. Please prayerfully consider joining us. The links to sign up for our Dec. 1 and 15 events are: https://bit.ly/RITI-Dec1 and https://bit.ly/RITI-Dec15.

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CTK School Open House

Come to our Preschool-8th grade Christmas Open House. Sunday, Dec 13 from 12:00-1:00pm -- come meet our staff and learn about all we have to offer!

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The CTK Angel Tree is up! If you'd like to help out our school and church families that need a little extra during the holiday season, you can choose your family and level of gifting in the narthex by taking an ornament from the tree. Thank you, as always, for supporting this ministry. For questions, contact Faith in Action.

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Beginning Sunday, Dec. 6, we will have available **Christmas Invitation Cards** for you to hand out to your neighbors and friends, inviting them to join us for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Grab a few and share the joy of Christmas at Christ the King!

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Need your leaves raked? Let our **youth** help! We're **offering leaf raking and yard cleanup** in exchange for a donation to support our youth group. Please reach out to Miss Paige at pmielke@ctkmemphis.com to sign up. Spots are first come, first served, and we'll do our best to serve as many people as possible!
Thank you for supporting our youth!

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Stewardship

If you were unable to attend October's beautiful Reformation and Stewardship services, it's not too late to respond with your pledge for 2027. It is an important part of your faith life, but it is also essential for future ministry planning and budgeting. Pledge cards are available in the narthex and may be placed in the offering plates. Thank you for your faithfulness to our Lord and Christ the King.

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Wreaths Across America - You're invited to join in the laying of wreaths at the West TN Veterans Cemetery on Sat., Dec. 19, at 11AM. A group from CTK participated last year and reported that it was a most memorable event. After a short chapel service, we will lay wreaths in gratitude for the veterans' service. Please sign up in the rotunda if you plan to go and don't forget to purchase a wreath! **Important**: Even if you can't join us, please consider purchasing one or more wreaths. Last year, only every sixth grave received one. Let's help all our fallen veterans be recognized with a wreath.

Link to purchase:
www.westtennesseeveterans.com.
Select "Order Wreaths Across America."

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Small Group Ministry

Arlington Saints & Sinners Club - Join us—no dues required, just admit you're a saint *and* a sinner! We're beginning a new study on the book "Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers" by Dane Ortland. Now is a great time to join a Small Group and learn together. **Next meeting: Dec. 8, 7:00pm.**

Jim Devan – Woodworking and Nehemiah

Woodworking: **Meets Thursday nights at 7:00pm** in the Nehemiah workshop. Learn, teach, create!
Nehemiahs: **Meets every Tuesday, 8:00am.** Projects around campus. Devotion with lunch provided.

Billy & Carol Kutteh - We'll meet next in January with a new study of the Book of Micah. For more info, contact Billy at wkutteh4@comcast.net.

Salzgeber Small Group - We're reading the book "God at Work: Your Christian Vocation in All of Life" by Gene Veith. "*Given the enormous amount of time each of us spends working, we would do well to understand our callings and how God works through them.*" New participants are always welcome. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7:00 pm.**

Moore Small Group (The Chunky Knit Group)
The Chunky Knit Group will continue on the third Saturday of each month at 10:00 am. **Next meeting: Dec. 19 in Room 201.** It's not too late to join! Contact Brooke Moore for more information.

Pastor Matt's Group for 20's and 30's. **Next Meeting: Dec. 18 at 6:00 pm.**

Stepping Stones Book Club - Meets every six weeks at 12:15pm in Room 202. **Keep watch for the next meeting.**

Please join us for worship this Advent and Christmas Season as we prepare and celebrate the birth of the Son of God AND anticipate the triumphant return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

1st Sunday in Advent ~ Candle of Hope
Sunday Services Nov. 29 8:30 & 11:00am
Mid-Week Service Dec. 2 6:30pm (Dinner 5:30pm)

2nd Sunday in Advent ~ Candle of Peace
Sunday Services Dec. 6 8:30 & 11:00am
Mid-Week Service Dec. 9 6:30pm (Dinner 5:30pm)

3rd Sunday in Advent ~ Candle of Joy
Lessons & Carols Dec. 13 One Service 10:00am
Mid-Week Service Dec. 16 6:30pm (Dinner 5:30pm)

4th Sunday in Advent ~ Candle of Love
Sunday Services Dec. 20 8:30 & 11:00am

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services
4:00pm ~ 6:00pm ~11:00pm

Christmas Day Worship 10:00am