

# COME TO BETHLEHEM



MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE  
DECEMBER 17, 2025  
CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Midweek Advent 3  
17 December 2025

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** Welcome to CTK's 2025 youth led Advent worship service. As we continue our Advent journey, we invite you to listen to the message the students have to share with you this evening. It is easy to get caught up in the craziness of the season and lose sight of the true reason we are celebrating. The story of Jesus' birth stays the same year to year, but maybe the children will share something different or new with you tonight.

**OPENING HYMN** "O Come, O come Emmanuel"

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appears.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

**O come, Thou wisdom from on high Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

**O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that lead on high, And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

**O come, Thou Root of Jesse's tree, An ensign of Thy people be;  
Before Thee rulers silent fall; All peoples on Thy mercy call.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our king of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION**

*P: We begin our service in the name of the Father, and the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

*P: This will be sign for you: you will find the baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.*

**C: Come to Bethlehem and see**

*P: To us a child is born, to us a son is given..*

**C: Come to Bethlehem and see**

*P: His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor; Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

**C: Come to Bethlehem and see**

**SALUTATION**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*P: Lord Jesus, be with the children tonight as they lead us and help us see that you are our Lord and Savior. Help us to wonder in awe as they share the Good News of your birth.*

**C: Amen.**

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**COME TO BETHLEHEM**  
**Presented by the youth and**  
**Sunday School students of**  
**Christ the King Lutheran Church**

**KING**

“Away In a Manger “

**LIGHT**

**HYMN** “Angels We Have Heard On High”

**Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plainis,**  
**And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.**  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, shy this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?**  
**What the gladsome tiding be Which inspire your heave’nly song?**  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

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

**SHEPHERD**

“I Am Jesus Little Lamb”

## LAMB

### HYMN “What Child Is This?”

What child is this, who laid to rest, On Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet and anthems sweet, While shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste, haste to bring Him laude. The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh; Come peasant king, to own Him  
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

## GOD

### HYMN “Go Tell It On the Mountain”

*Children: Go tell is on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere,  
Go tell is on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born.*

*Congregation*

While shepherds kept their watching O’er silent flocks by night.  
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. Refrain (All)

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our savior’s birth. Refrain (All)

Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. Refrain (All)

## IMMANUEL

### HYMN “The Angel Gabriel Came Down”

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:  
“All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,

**Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!  
For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,  
All generation laud and honor thee;  
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!**

**Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;  
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.  
“My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name.”  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!**

**Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
“Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!**

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**HYMN “O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

**O Little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, The silent stars go by;  
Yet in they dark streets shineth, The everlasting light.  
The hope and fears of all the years, Are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep,  
Their watch of wond’ring love.  
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king, And peace to all the earth.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us we pray;  
Cast our our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!**

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**PRAYER**

*P: Immanuel, be with us now as we close this day, Help us to truly see you; to honor you as our King; abide in the glow of your Light; follow you as our Shepherd; trust in you, our Lamb, to forgive all our sins; and worship you, our God! We pray in the name of your son, Jesus.*

**C: Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**    *Matthew 6:9–13*

*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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

*P: Now, like the shepherds of Bethlehem, may we leave this service, glorifying and praising God for all that we have heard and seen as it has been told unto us..*

**C: Amen.**

## **POSTLUDE**

### **Those Who Serve**

Director	Kitty Kosman
Accompanist	Michella Novy
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MS Leader	Nathan Leborious
HS Leaders	Ashley Baskette, Chandra Smith, Emily Smith
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Live Stream	Mark Novy

### **High School & Middle School**

Cooper Smith, Hannah Baskette, John Britt, Alyssa Bettin, Laurel Britt, Wesley Summers, Christopher Tieman, Evan Brown

### **Sunday School**

**Readers:** Natalie Tieman, Madalyn Summers, Sawyer Bettin, Jules Ostmann, Teddy Ostman, Jacob Davis

**Lambs:** Elaine Welch, Charlie Welch, Aria Bettin, Metta Ostmann, Jaimie Himebook, Henry Swan, Elle Schroepel

**Angels:** Melody Butler, Sarah Butler, Caroline Gillespie, Emily Smiley, Marley Beard, Adele SanVicente, Genesis Ruelas, Josie Eldridge, Catherine Crews, Evelyn Freeman, Rebecca Crews, Julia Crews, Riley Cole, Vivian Smiley

**Shepherds:** Silas Bettin, Thomas Himebook, Jax Beard, Fritz Ostmann, Brooks Britt, Beau Freeman, Jack Himebook

**Mary & Joseph:** Alex Brown & Ava Gutierrez

WE WISH ALL OF YOU A VERY  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED 2026!

The Youth, Children & Family, and Sunday School Team







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!

4th Sunday in Advent ~ Candle of Love  
Sunday Services Dec. 21 8:30 & 11:00am

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

Christmas Day Worship 10:00am

