

The Fourth Sunday in Advent 22 December 2024 Christ the King Lutheran Church



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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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AS WE GATHER The Advent season of preparing for the promised Savior to be born as one of us soon reaches its climax. Though in our homes and lives we may be wondering if we have done all we have needed to get ready for our own celebrations, we give thanks that at the center of our coming Christmas observations the Lord has prepared all we need. In this last Sunday of Advent and in the days ahead of anticipated Christmas joy, may we find peace in the preparations done freely for us out of grace, mercy, and perfect love centered on the Savior we soon welcome, who was born for us and all the world.

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME and ANNOUCEMENTS**

#### + PREPARATION +

(from the back of the sanctuary)

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

- P: Beloved in the Lord, rejoice in the coming of Emmanuel, God with us; the Lord is at hand! The Light of the World comes in loving sacrifice. With the psalmist we ask, "May your unfailing love come to me, O Lord,
- C: Your salvation according to Your promise." Psalm 119:41
- P: So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us.
- C: God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 1 John 4:16
- *P:* The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, the embodiment of unfailing, eternal Love sent from the Father, bless us as we light the candles of this wreath in preparation for Your coming. By your Holy Spirit, pour your love into our hearts until they overflow with the hope, peace, and joy given to us at the birth of the infant Savior. Let your love abide in us, Lord Jesus, as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(The Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love are lit.)

**SOLO** Light four candles to watch for Messiah; let the light banish darkness; Love comes to us in the birth of our Savior, Come to us, little King.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" LSB 341 vv.1-4

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.

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.

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.

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!

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#### **INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES**

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

# **CONFESSION 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. 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.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

C: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

- P: Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C:O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life.

P: As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE** LSB 341 v.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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#### **SALUTATION**

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

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Into the darkness, You bring light, and into our lives, You make known Your perfect and everlasting love. Make us ready for the celebration of our Savior's birth, that we receive Him as He comes to us as a humble infant, bringing to fruition the new covenant of Your love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Micah 5:2-5a (The coming King born in Bethlehem)

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. <sup>5</sup>And he shall be their peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

# **EPISTLE** Hebrews 10:5-10 (Jesus comes to do God's will)

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. <sup>7</sup>Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book." <sup>8</sup>When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

*L*: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA VERSE LSB 173



**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 1:39-56 (Mary visits Elizabeth)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

# C: Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." <sup>46</sup>And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup>for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; <sup>52</sup>he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; <sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good

things, and the rich he has sent empty away. <sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever." <sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

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

C: Praise to You, O Christ

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY** "Hark the Glad Sound" *LSB* 349

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

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

He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure, And with the treasures of His grace To enrich the humble poor.

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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**SERMON** "Behold, I have come to do your will"

## **APOSTLE'S 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: Let us pray for the church, for the people of God, and for all people according to their needs. We await to celebrate our King, who has come, promised to be born among the small clan of Judah in Bethlehem, fulfiller of the old covenant promise, and bringer of life and grace in the new covenant in which we now live. We await our King, who promises to return, to restore and renew what was broken, and to bring life and light everlasting. Be with us as we soon close this Advent season of

anticipation and preparation, rejoicing in the everlasting King who has come and will come again. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty King, Your ways are not our ways nor are Your thoughts our thoughts. In days of doubts and despair that arise, in cases of confusion, and in times of trial and tribulation, remind us of Your kingdom in which we have been called and Your eternal kingdom to come. Be with those who struggle, including . . . Help us to see Your mighty work even among our wayward world of sin and sorrow and the perfect plan of salvation imparted through the Savior we await. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C: hear our prayer.

P: Ever-present King, we lift up those who have been placed in authority over us in our community, state, nation, and world. Guide and direct their decisions that they be pleasing to You and for the benefit of all, including the marginalized, the voiceless, and the outcast. Where there is violence and warfare, grant peace. Where there is distress, bring stability. Where there is terror, bring comfort. Where there are opportunities for us to bring compassion and concern through our voices and actions, compel us to do so faithfully. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C: hear our prayer.

P: King of grace, the one sacrifice needed on our behalf has been given in Jesus, who was born into this world to take upon Himself our sin, burdens, and shame. In the new covenant of grace You have established through Him, help us through Your Spirit to remain faithful to You in Your eternal kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C: hear our prayer.

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

C:Amen.

**OFFERING** + Duet "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"

## **OFFERTORY**

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!

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!

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## + 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*

 $\overline{P:Lord, remember us}$  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**

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

"Prepare the Royal Highway" LSB 343

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

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

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

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

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"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" LSB 356

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 blessèd mother thou shalt be, All generations 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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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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

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** "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" *LSB* 345

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is near," we hear it say. "Cast away the works of darkness, All you children of the day!"

Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earthbound soul arise; Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.

See, the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all, to be forgiv'n;

So, when next He comes in glory And the world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us with His mercy And with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, dominion To the Father and the Son With the ever-living Spirit While eternal ages run!

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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 Mundinger, Noah Rhoden, Edith Ringger, Rachel Barnett, Floyd Bearly, Mark Lemley, Violet Lakatos, Kelly McGugan, Dylan Bruns, Bruce Forsythe, Jeff & Ellen Strum, Sally Hornish Malmi, Fred Karayan, Lori Nogueira, Julie Bourie, Diane Conry, Christy Wright, AC Parsons, Brian Hume, Stephanie Dublin, Zachary Rakow, Carol Guenter, Kyle Maclin, Donna Belenchia, Jeff & Cheryl Harrell, Bernie & Judy Jacquez, Tom & Norma Moore, Randy Lusk, Wilber Brown, Marvin Ayers, Jerry House, Jackie Butler, Ginger Lewis, Betsy Hume, Kentaria Ellis and her newborn son, Nyzir, Ken Lewis. Comfort the family of Barbara Bingaman as they mourn her passing. We pray for peace and stability in the Middle East and the residents of the Southeast as they rebuild after the hurricanes. The Future Comfort Dog team that God would provide a Caregiver.

Sign up for vase of Altar Flowers by going to <a href="https://bit.ly/CTKAltarFlowers2024">bit.ly/CTKAltarFlowers2024</a>
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

Candle Lighting Soloist: Cooper Smith

Elders Ernie Rakow (L), Lloyd Wilson

Bo Summers (L), Matt Adler

Acolytes Evan Brown, Kiera White Crucifers Lacey Frey, Alex Davis

Offering Duet Flutist: Kitty Kosman

Pianist: Michella Novy

Distribution Soloist: Cooper Smith

Accompanist: Carol Kutteh

Greeters Teresa Pate, Stephen Owens

Doris Cagle, Fina Behnke

Ushers Randy Lusk, Jonathan Frey, Stephen

Owens, Wes Boston, Salar Rafieetary, Nick Tieman

Steven Andrews, Glenn Maclin, Jon

Foshee, Mike Hewgley, Pete

Wasmund

Sound Walt Kosman, Murph Ellard, Kim

Goble, Jim Hofer, Peter Cothron,

Aaron Winter

Live Streaming Johnny Behnke

#### **CALENDAR**

<u>Today</u> No scheduled events

Monday, December 23 No scheduled events

## Tuesday, December 24

- Church Office closed
- Christmas Eve Service, 6:00<sub>pm</sub>
- Christmas Eve with Communion, 11:00<sub>pm</sub>

## Wednesday, December 25

- Church Office closed
- Christmas Day Worship, 10:00<sub>am</sub>

<u>Thursday, December 26</u> No scheduled events

Friday, December 27 No scheduled events

Saturday, December 28 No scheduled events

#### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

<u>PK4 - 6th grade</u>: Join us in the Upper School Building as we continue our curriculum, CPH's Enduring Faith. We will meet in the room next to the exterior gym doors at 9:45am and divide into classes following the opening.

# CONFIRMATION CLASS

Meet in Room 203 at 9:45am

#### YOUTH (9th-12th Grade) Hey High Schoolers!

Join Mr. Nathan LeBorious for Sunday School in the youth room. We are exploring the book of John and discussing how it applies to our lives today as Christians and children of God in a world filled with distractions. Come and grow in community with each other and with Christ!

#### ADULT BIBLE CLASSES 9:50am

Adult Bible Class Join Pastor Mark in the Fellowship Hall for a new study entitled "Our Prayer Life".

Ruth: "Your God Will Be My God" led by Ernie Rakow, in the Library.

Adult Bible class led by Matt Adler & Kyle Brown, Room 202. Incarnation - Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas: Explore the meaning of various titles given to Jesus and what they tell us about the child whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. Reflect upon the significance of the Christ-child for our lives and the world today.

Women's Sunday Bible Class led by Ashley Baskette, Room 201. "Not So Famous Amos" A study of the book of Amos.

#### **WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES**

Wednesday Bible Class Mark your calendars for 10:00am each Wednesday for the adult Bible class. All are welcome.

Men's Bible Study Led by Gary Osing on Tuesdays at 7:00am in the Parlour. reviewing the book "Practicing the Way: Be with Jesus. Become like Him. Do as he did." by John Mark Comer.

#### **NURSERY Volunteers**

Nursery volunteers! Sign up today! bit.ly/NurseryVolunteers

#### Room in the Inn Winter Season

Please take 3 hours out of your week to serve our unsheltered neighbors. Questions? Call the Church Office. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry!

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#### Stepping Stones Book Club January 5 @ 12:15 ~ Room 202

We are reading "Between the Shades of Gray" by Rita Sepetys. This book is in the Youth Adult section of the library but it is not childish! It is the story of a Lithuanian girl and her mother as they make their way to a Siberian work camp, after capture by Soviet soldiers.

#### Save the Date Sunday, January 19th

LWML Soup Sale! Purchase soups after both services. Prices \$8/quart or \$15/two quarts.

Many varieties to choose from!

Sponsored by LWML and Thrivent Projects

At the January 17th get-together of the "Crafting Moms" Small Group, we will be putting together care packages for our collegeage young people for Valentine's Day. We are seeking donations for care packages for our college-age youth. Please help us gather the following: gum, microwave popcorn, Skittles, Chapstick, small value gift cards (Starbucks, fast food), small, packaged snacks, small lotions, soap, toothpaste, etc. A collection box will be the Rotunda. Contact Robyn robynbyrum2@gmail.com by January 5 if you would like your son/daughter to receive a care package.

# Small Group Ministry Sign up for any of these groups at bit.ly/CTKSmallGroupRSVP

Steven and Jennifer Andrews "The Arlington Saint and Sinner Club" "Limping with God: Jacob & the Old Testament" A Guide to Discipleship At the Andrews' home, 6290 Burren Way, Arlington.

NOTE: This group will now meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Wednesday** of each month, 7:00pm. Next meeting: January 15.

## Robyn Byrum "Crafting Moms"

For moms of teens and college-age students. Meet bi-monthly. Next gathering: January 17. Bring a snack to share. Create seasonal crafts and also care packages for college students. Discussion of parenting of teens, fellowship, Christ-centered empathy.

## Jim Devan – Woodworking and Nehemiahs

Woodworking: Meets Thursday nights at 7:00pm in the Nehemiah workshop. Both novice and experienced woodworkers. Learn, teach, create!

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

Billy & Carol Kutteh Rotating leaders on a topic chosen by the group. Fourth Saturday of the month beginning January 25, 7:00pm. Kuttehs' home. Contact Carol Kutteh, cckutteh@yahoo.com.

Ashley Tieman – Homeschool Moms of CTK. If you are currently homeschooling or considering homeschooling in the future, this group will offer encouragement, support, and resources Meets once a month for lunch at various locations.

Michael Salzgeber and Lisa Bough "The Olive Branch Outpost" "Church History in Plain Language" by Bruce Shelley. Will meet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00-8:30pm. 7990 Glenn View Cove, Olive Branch. Next meeting: January14.

**Pastor Matt's Group** For 20's and 30's The 2nd week of each month at 6:00pm. Varying locations. For more information, contact Pastor Matt, pastormatt@ctkmemphis.com.

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Exciting New App Feature! Have you often wished you could reflect further on Sunday's sermon? And share your reflections with others? Now you can! A new feature on CTK's App called "Sermon Discussion Guide" presents a series of questions, key takeaways, and prayer to help you dive deeper into the previous sermon's topics and then share your thoughts with your friends, if you choose. It's a great tool for self-study as well. A new guide will appear every Monday. Find the tab on the front page of CTK's App!



Worship with your Christ the King family and celebrate the gift of our Savior!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 6:00pm & 11:00pm

**Christmas Day Service** ~ 10:00am

As we close out 2024, join us with praise and thanksgiving by spending time in reflection during our New Year's Eve Quiet Communion 6:00-7:30pm