



CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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SECOND SUNDAY IN

ADVENT

Leading People into a Living Relationship with Jesus Christ

December 7, 2025 Second Sunday in Advent

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Mitch Cockrell
Connie Thomas



ALTAR FLOWERS

Provided by Sandra
Hanson in honor of
Norah Dervish's birthday.



CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

7- Eric Wendelbo
7- Norah Dervish
9- Patti Ross
9- Scott Chesher
10- Faye Jost
13- Cannon Cross

Anniversaries:

10- Jonathon & Tracy Huff (4 yrs)



Last Sunday:

Attendance: 8:15/10:45/12:15/Total
95/75/25/195

Offering: \$6,836.32

Online Livestream Reach: 120

EARLY

ELDER:
Mike Horn

LAY READER:
Katie Haddad

USHERS:
Tom Sprunger
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LAY READER:
Suzanne
Beauchamp

USHERS:
Paul Wilkening
Jerrold Johnson
Chris Cross

GREETER:
Barbara Sabourin

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Kids: Pre/K, 1st & 2nd, Club 345 meet at 9:30 in the Education Hall Classrooms.

Junior High/Confirmation: (6th-8th): Led by Shaun James & Jonathan Caspersen at 9:30 in the Education Hall Jr. High Room.

High School: (9th-12th): Studying Myth or Faith led by DCE Suzanne at 9:30 in the Education Hall Youth Room.

Young Adults: Led by Harrison Boyd in the Fishbowl

Adults: Pastor's Class at 9:30 in Fellowship East.

Life by His Word class studying John is led by Steve Short in SE Classroom next to the Fishbowl.



Early Service Order of Worship

Divine Service Setting Two

As We Gather Wisdom, understanding, counsel, and might are unveiled in Jesus of Nazareth. In his letter to the Romans, Paul unwraps the complete truth—Jesus embraces even Gentile nations with divine hope, joy, and peace. John the Baptist, with his abrasive appearance and revolutionary rhetoric, forcefully proclaims both judgment against arrogant Pharisees and the need for repentance. Ultimately, Jesus alone casts final judgment on the fate of unbelievers and eternally claims salvation for repentant sinners.

Prelude

T'was in the Moon of Wintertime

Vicki Smith

Confession and Absolution

Please stand as you are able

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20 LSB 167

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Advent Sentences

P The days are coming when peace shall reign.

G Come, Lord Jesus.

P The days are coming when righteousness will flourish.

G Come, Lord Jesus.

P The days are coming when hearts shall be still and know God.

G Come, Lord Jesus.

P The days are coming when minds are fixed on God's Word.

G Come, Lord Jesus.

Opening Hymn

Prepare the Royal Highway

LSB 343

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9 LSB 167

- 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.**

Please kneel as you are able

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 167

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

John 20:19–23 LSB 167

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 105:4–8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b

- P** In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- C** **Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

P Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

C **He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.**

P He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Kyrie

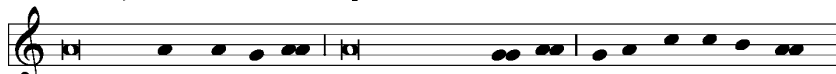
Mark 10:47 LSB 168



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



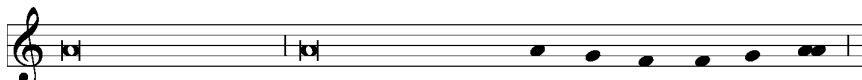
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



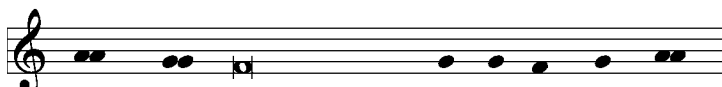
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A The First Reading for the Second Sunday in Advent is from Isaiah, chapter eleven.

- ¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
- ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
- ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7

P Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!

C **May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!**

P Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!

C **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!**

P May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

C **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!**

P In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

Epistle

Romans 15:4-13

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter fifteen.

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that
by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

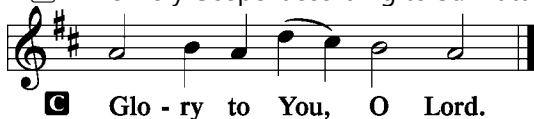
Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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



¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

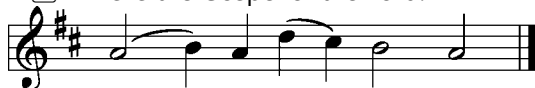
"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.'"

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

LSB 344

Please be seated

Sermon

Silence for reflection

Please stand as you are able

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P 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 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

Offering

During this time, please fill out and pass the blue Friendship Register. Please indicate if you plan to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion and whether you are a member or visitor. Alternatively, you may record your attendance with us on

your smartphone or tablet via the QR code found on the back of the bulletin. If you do not currently have a church home, we invite you to join the family of believers here at Christ the Redeemer.

Voluntary

Please stand as you are able

Offertory Hymn

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

LSB 347

Service of the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession that we receive not just bread and wine but the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which we eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Our Lord invites to His table those who have faith in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to love and forgive as He loves and forgives us.

Holy Communion also signifies a unity of faith and belief with those who gather at this altar. Baptized Christians who share the confession of the Lutheran church are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you are unsure what you believe or have questions, we invite you to speak with the Elder on duty or the Pastor before the service. Grape juice is available in the center circle of the individual cup trays.

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 178



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this

cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 180



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



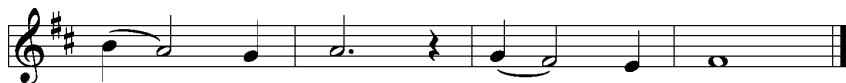
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated

Voluntary

Panis Angelicus
Soloist: Craig Amendt

César Franck

Distribution Hymns

What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

LSB 342



1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
 2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,
 3 As ban - ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
 4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;

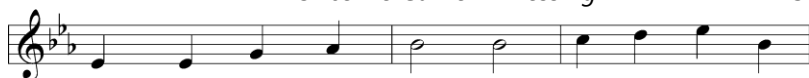


The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
 A Prince of Peace in Beth-le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.
 That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
 Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword— Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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Once He Came in Blessing

LSB 333



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
 3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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When All the World Was Cursed

LSB 346

1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na-tion,
 2 Be-fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy-ful meet-ing,
 3 Be-hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres-sion,
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re-joic-ing,

Saint John the Bap-tist came With words of con-so-la-tion.
 Con-fess-ing Him as Lord Whose moth-er he was greet-ing.
 Whose sac-ri-fice re-moves The dev-il's dread op-pres-sion.
 The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re-pen-tance voic-ing,

With true fore-run-ner's zeal The great-er One he named,
 By Jor-dan's roll-ing stream, A new E-li-jah bold,
 Be-hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a-way our sin,
 That glad-ly we may walk Up-on our Sav-ior's way

And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav-ior he pro-claimed.
 He tes-ti-fied of Him Of whom the proph-ets told:
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a-tone-ment win.
 Un-til we live with Him In His e-ter-nal day.

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Please stand as you are able

Dismissal Blessing

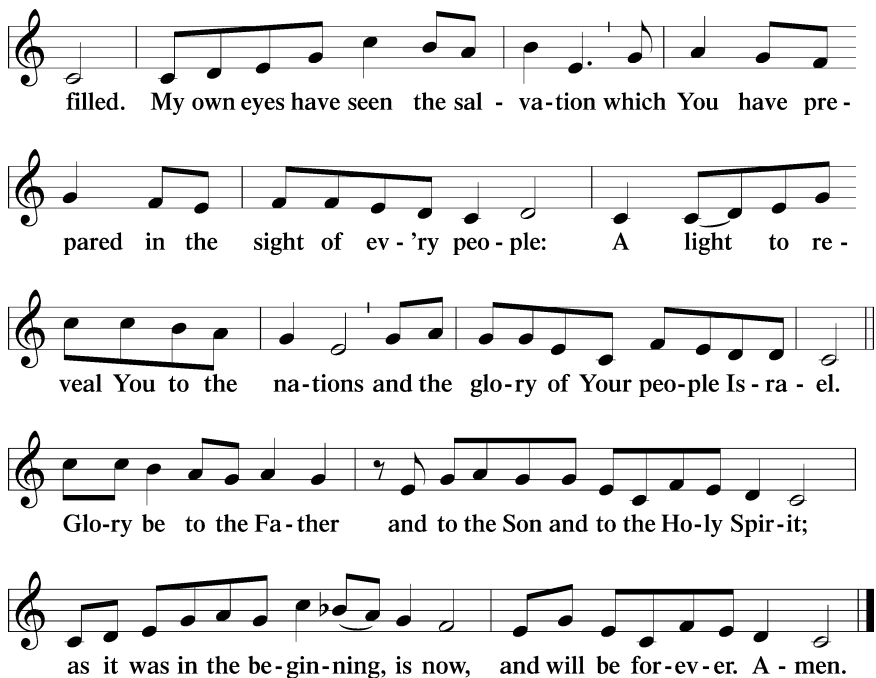
P Now may this body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle

Nunc Dimittis

C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Closing Hymn

The Advent of Our King

LSB 331

Announcements

- P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Wilbur Held

Acknowledgments

Preacher: Rev. Chris Singer
Liturgist: Rev. Scott Burmeister
Assistant Director of Music: Craig Amendt
Guest Organist: Vicki Smith
Lay Reader: Katie Haddad

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This Week at CTR

Sunday, December 7

8:15 AM	Mite Sunday
9:30 AM	Communion Service
10:45 AM	Sunday School/Bible Class
10:45 AM	Worship Service
11:45 AM	Fellowship45
2:00 PM	Modern Service
4:30 PM	Messiah Presentation

Monday, December 8

9:00 AM	CTR Braille AM
12:30 PM	CTR Braille PM
6:00 PM	Elder's Meeting

Tuesday, December 9

9:00 AM	Quilters
10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 10

10:00 AM	Widow/Widower's Bible Study
5:30 PM	Dinner - Sloppy Joe's
6:30 PM	Children & Youth Led Advent Service
7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 11

Friday, December 12

8:00 AM	Roustabouts
9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
4:30 PM	Tulsa Saints
5:00 PM	rEcess

Saturday, December 13

Sunday, December 14

8:15 AM	Worship Service
9:30 AM	Sunday School/Bible Class
10:45 AM	Communion Service
10:45 AM	Fellowship45
11:45 AM	Modern Service
5:00 PM	CTR Adult Christmas Party

NEXT WEEK, December 14, 2025

Elders: Early: Mike Horn Late: Floyd Lemons

Altar Guild: Late: Vernice Bersche

Greeters:

Early: Angela Tipton/Mitch & Danita Cockrell Late: Barbara Sabourin

Ushers:

Early: Tom Sprunger/Michael Bryan/Sherrie Bullock/Andrew King
Late: Paul Wilkening/Jerrod Johnson/Chris Cross

Lay Readers: Early: Terry Kolkman Late: Jonathan Caspersen

Counters: Deborah Brauer/Donna Boggs



CHRIST THE REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Wednesday Evening Advent Worship

5:30 PM Dinner

6:30 PM Worship

December 10- Children & Youth Led Service

December 17- Service of Lessons & Carols



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve Services- December 24

5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM

Nursery care available at 5:00 & 7:00 PM

Christmas Day Service- December 25

10:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion



Midweek Advent Service

CHILDREN & YOUTH LED SERVICE

Wednesday, December 10

5:30 pm Dinner

6:30 pm Worship



PLEASE CONSIDER THANKING OUR CTR STAFF AND SHOWING YOUR APPRECIATION WITH A YEAR-END CHRISTMAS BONUS. YOU CAN WRITE "STAFF GIFTS" ON THE MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK WHEN MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS.

CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 17.



Christmas Giving Tree

Supporting Camp Lutherhoma Through Our Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Tree is a special initiative this year, focusing on providing gifts for Camp Lutherhoma. This camp serves as a meaningful place where people come together to experience God's Word in a stunning outdoor environment. Camp Lutherhoma hosts not only summer camps but also youth and adult retreats throughout the year, touching the lives of many in our community.

Our Connection to Camp Lutherhoma

Many members of our CTR family have strong connections to Camp Lutherhoma. We are truly blessed to have the opportunity to help fulfill some of the camp's needs through our Giving Tree program.

How to Participate

The Giving Tree will be set up the Sunday after Thanksgiving and will remain available until Sunday, January 4th. This gives everyone ample time to select and donate a special item to support the camp. Please consider participating and helping make a difference for Camp Lutherhoma this holiday season.



Christmas Quilt Raffle

\$10 a ticket

Oh holy night...

Parish Life Table in Narthex
Today is last day to purchase!

Proceeds benefit CTR Youth Ministry

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

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10 PM- 6 AM

CHRISTMAS
PARTY
& LOCK-IN

SEE THE RHEMA LIGHTS,
EXCHANGE GIFTS, PLAY
GAMES, EAT PIZZA, AND
HAVE FUN!
FRIENDS WELCOME!

Immanuel Lutheran Church
400 N Aspen Ave.
Broken Arrow, OK

RSVP on Church Center by December 17 please.



Lutheran Church Charities

A Closer Look at the Main Ministries of LCC

At Lutheran Church Charities, our purpose is to bring the Mercy, Compassion, Presence, and Proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need. We accomplish this by *BEING THERE* for people through our main ministries: Hearts of Mercy & Compassion, Human Care, Crisis Response, K-9 Comfort Dogs, and Disaster Response.

Hearts of Mercy & Compassion

Hearts of Mercy & Compassion® (HMC) provides a physical and spiritual symbol through the giving of hearts and crosses to families and friends who have suffered a loss or are experiencing the illness of a loved one. An HMC can also be given to celebrate a victory, honor service, as an expression of love, or as encouragement. Given as a gift, each HMC provides the love and hope of Jesus through presence and prayer.



Standard

Military

Police

Fire

911 Dispatch

EMS



Human Care

The Human Care Ministry shares specific appeals to the LCC donor community to help individuals, clergy support staff, and congregations. Support may be financial, in-kind donations, people resources, emotional and spiritual. Through LCMS congregations, LCC's Human Care Ministry supports soup kitchens, food pantries and lending closets, refugees, and veterans just to name a few.



Crisis Response

Our world is hurting and anxious. Our family, friends, and neighbors are struggling with issues ranging from everyday stress to urgent crises, even mass trauma. They need effective support now more than ever. That's why Lutheran Church Charities is training its volunteers in **Spiritual First Aid™**.

SFA is an emotional care program that is biblically based and psychologically sound, rooted in years of research and testing. Created by the Wheaton College Humanitarian Disaster Institute, SFA equips people to respond and serve others in crisis with a listening, caring, and empathetic presence as spiritual first responders.

LCC facilitates training and certification in Spiritual First Aid so that pastors, church workers, deacons, deaconesses, and parish nurses can show care with confidence to their congregations and communities.





K-9 Comfort Dogs

The LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry embraces the unique, calming nature and skills of pure-bred Golden Retrievers. LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs are working animals, trained by LCC to interact with people of all ages and circumstances. After they complete 2,000 hours of training, dogs are permanently placed with LCMS churches by LCC. Permanent placement includes full training for handlers and caregivers along with ongoing support, coaching, and training.

The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs are a bridge for compassionate ministry, opening doors for conversation about faith and creating opportunities to share the mercy, compassion, presence, and proclamation of Jesus Christ. The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs serve every day in the community in which they are placed and are deployed in times of disaster and crisis to bring comfort to all those affected, including first responders. Lutheran Church Charities currently has over 130 LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs serving in more than 27 states.

Disaster Response

LCC Disaster Response deploys, coordinates, and manages volunteer teams as they respond to disasters throughout the United States.



LCC trains volunteer Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) through our LCMS congregations. Approximately 850 active LCC LERT volunteers are trained, many with expertise with chainsaws, heavy equipment, debris removal, flood recovery, mucking homes, and providing emotional and spiritual care.

When disaster strikes, these teams may be asked to deploy in 72 hours or less to the disaster site. LERT volunteers also support their communities by doing clean-up work for members of their congregations and churches.



Ready to Learn More?

Visit our Website



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