



First  
Sunday in *Advent*

**FOR OUR 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP**

**WE PRAY:** By deepening our understanding of where we are between the first and second advents of our Christ, excite us to endless alleluias, O Holy Spirit of God, that we may be moved to thanksgiving, to prayer and praise, and to joyous living in our anticipation of the end-time event; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

*(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Worship)*



**PRELUDE**

**PASTORAL GREETING**

**OPENING HYMN**

**TLH 359 vv. 1-3**

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Thou, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night. Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee;  
Joyless is the day's return till Thy mercy's beams I see,  
Till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
3. Visit, then, this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, Radiancy Divine, scatter all my unbelief. More and more Thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.

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**INVOCATION**

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**P:** Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

**C:** Who made heaven and earth.

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

**C:** And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

**A:** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious 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 of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**C:** Amen.

### THE INTROIT

**P:** Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in Thee. Let me not be ashamed: let not mine enemies triumph over me. Yea, let none that wait on Thee: be ashamed. Show me Thy ways, O Lord: teach me Thy paths.

### GLORIA PATRI

**C:** Glory to be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### THE KYRIE

**A:** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### SALUTATION

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And with thy spirit.

## COLLECT

**P:** 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. Amen.

**C:** Amen.

## LESSONS

### OLD TESTAMENT

*Isaiah 64:1-9; NKJV – pg. 661*

Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence—<sup>2</sup> As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil— To make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence!<sup>3</sup> When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, the mountains shook at Your presence.<sup>4</sup> For since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for him.<sup>5</sup> You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, Who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned— In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved.<sup>6</sup> But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.<sup>7</sup> And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities.<sup>8</sup> But now, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand.<sup>9</sup> Do not be furious, O Lord, nor remember iniquity forever; Indeed, please look—we all are Your people!

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### EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9; NKJV – pg. 1012*

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given

to you by Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, <sup>7</sup> so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> Who will also confirm you to the end, *that you may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> *God is faithful*, by Whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**L:** Here ends the Epistle.

## HOLY GOSPEL

**P:** The Holy Gospel is written in the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Mark, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

**C:** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

**Mark 11:1-10; NKJV – pg. 894**

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; <sup>2</sup> and He said to them, “Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring *it*. <sup>3</sup> And if anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it,’ and immediately he will send it here.” <sup>4</sup> So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. <sup>5</sup> But some of those who stood there said to them, “What are you doing, loosing the colt?” <sup>6</sup> And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. <sup>8</sup> And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: <sup>10</sup>

“Hosanna! ‘Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the LORD!’

Blessed *is* the kingdom of our father David

That comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

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

**C:** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

## THE NICENE CREED (*In Unison*)

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

**SERMON**

**“When it seems God Hides”**

**Is. 64:1-9**

## **THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS**

### **OFFERTORY**

**A:** 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.

### **OFFERING**

**OFFERING PRAYER** (*Pastor*)

### **THE PRAYERS**

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

**ALL: “Amen, Amen, Amen.”**

### **SILENT PRAYER**

### **RECESSIONAL**

### **POSTLUDE**

Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter  
Music Director: Bruce Sininger

Lector: Jean Azar

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**Bulletin Supplement**  
**Christ the King Lutheran Church**  
**Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236**  
**Sunday, November 29, 2020**

**GOOD MORNING AND HAPPY NEW YEAR** as we begin another Church Calendar Year with this First Sunday in the Season of Advent. Advent means “coming,” and in this season, we prepare for the celebration of Christ’s First Coming to earth to Bethlehem, and His Second Coming on Judgment Day. In our OT and Gospel readings today, we see Jesus coming to us to overturn all of our expectations about Who God is and what He will do! By Word and Sacrament today, the Holy Spirit opens our eyes to see God at work, even when He seems absent from us. Today God strengthens our faith, and grants us in bread and wine, body and blood the healing forgiveness of God’s presence in our lives.

**HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED TODAY AT THE 8:15 A.M. AND 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICES.** We confess that in the bread and wine we truly receive Jesus' body and blood which were given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins and for the strengthening of our faith. Fellow Lutherans and those who have communed with us before may join us at the Lord's Table. If you are uncertain as to what you receive in the Holy Supper or hold to a different confession, we ask that you speak to pastor or one of the elders **before** coming to His Holy Table. This practice is instituted to do a responsible ministry to all who come to the Holy Supper, and to ensure that the Sacrament is taken to the soul's health of each communicant.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- The Common Cup will not be celebrated until the epidemic passes.
- Communion will be held in CONTINUOUS FASHION only.

- The Pastor and Elders will wear masks and gloves to distribute the elements of the Lord's Supper to our people.
- The Host will be dropped into the cupped hand of each communicant.
- The individual cups will be spaced apart adequately so that cups will not be touched when communicants reach for the wine.
- Communicants will dispose of their individual cups in receptacles in the side aisles as is customary at continuous-style Communion.

**At the time of dismissal of service, we ask all worshipers to be patient.**

- Dismissal will be from the rear of the church first, with all present keeping social distancing practices in mind.
- No gathering in the Welcome Center.
- The Pastor will not be able to greet worshipers in line.
- Handshakes and hugs so plenteous in our church must be forgone until this epidemic passes.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Elaine Martin-** who will undergo surgery December 1st.

**Barb Reitzloff-** who will undergo surgery December 10th.

**Bob Linsdeau** -awaiting surgery to further restore eyesight.

**Skip Bacon-** brother of Sue Klatt, who was recently hospitalized.

**Julie Hingst-** who remains at Heartland Care Center in the Ann Arbor area.

**Justin Zook-** who has been sick with the Corona Virus this past week.

**Priscilla Smith-** friend of Bill and Eva Horner, who is sick with Covid-19.

**Leo Loria Sr-** who was hospitalized one week ago and is resting at his home.



**Those receiving hospice care-** Hannah Beskange, Pastor Fabry, Shirley Derderian, and James Dane.

**Those fighting cancer:** Jennifer Gade-Kroll, Gary Aldinger, Mitchell English, Lisa Zimmermann, Vanessa Turnrow, Payton Huskey.

**Kayleen and Hans Stuhldrier-** at the death of Kayleen's aunt Patricia Kremers.

**Those continuing to heal-**including Nancy Wenskus, Faye Anderson and Adele Flannery.

**PRESCHOOL SCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER:** It's time to think about Christmas gifts which means it's time for our preschool Scrip fundraiser! If you give gift cards for Christmas gifts, or other gifts, please consider ordering them from the preschool. We receive a percentage of each gift card sold and you receive a gift card just as if you purchased it at a store. A table will be set up beginning November 17<sup>th</sup> for you to take a look at participating restaurants, stores, motels, gas stations, and so much more. All orders are due in by December 2<sup>nd</sup> . Thank you so much for your support!

**YOUR 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES-** are in our Narthex. Please do not use these envelopes until January 1. For social distancing purposes, the elders and ushers will assist you in obtaining your envelopes. Thank you.

**CLOTHING DONATIONS** - Now that non-profits are taking donations, please consider the needs of those less fortunate. Items of need - winter hats, gloves, coats, socks, under garments, sweatpants and sweatshirts. There are boxes located behind the doors that lead upstairs to drop in your items. One of the elders can take the donations as well and place them in the boxes as well. A huge thank you to Betty Gade - she knitted over 100 winter hats for kids and adults! The Children's Home of Detroit was thrilled! Any questions - call Doug Bohannon 586-703-6133 Thank you!

**OUR WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS** continues to meet each Wednesday morning at 10. A.M. for in-class sessions, socially distanced in our Library. We are currently studying the second chapter of Romans.

**OUR SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS-** continues to meet, socially distanced in our Library each Sunday at 9:30 A.M. We are studying the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Book of Amos at this time.

**CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION** for the new year 2021 is tentatively scheduled to resume on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Level II will meet at 5:30, Levels I and III will meet at 6:30. If you are contemplating enrolling your child in our program in Level I, please contact the church office as soon as you can. We are happy to have Kyrstyn Sloan instructing our Level I class! If you have questions about our program, please contact Pastor Boelter.

**WE THANK THOSE-** who gathered yesterday to decorate the outside of our church for our celebration of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. At a time of so much change, we are grateful for the traditions we are able to share this year together with our CTK family as well as with our community, The lights and decorations help us remind the world that God is with us, and sent His Son into the flesh to live amongst us, to take on our sin, and obtain for us salvation. The encouragement of the Gospel continues for us and others...even in this time of pandemic.

**ADVENT WEDNESDAY WORSHIP-** will begin this next Wednesday at 11:15 A.M. and at 7:00 P.M. Our Advent Sermon Series is: "Prepare ye the Way" and focuses on specific ways we can prepare our hearts to receive Jesus as God's greatest Gift this season. Our worship services are approximately 45 minutes in length, and will be helpful in making your heart and mind ready for the Celebration of Christmas this year!

**WE ASK**- that everyone please wear a mask or face covering as you enter the church and pass through the Welcome Center into the Nave. Please practice social distancing, and help protect your brothers and sisters in Christ during this time of epidemic. The protocols we have put in place here at our church are not done for political reasons, and not merely to follow the guidelines of our nation. They are put in place as a way for us to lovingly protect and keep one another safe while worshipping together. In this simple way, we keep the great commandment of our Lord to love God, and to love one another. Thank you for your understanding, patience, and love.

**WITH THE CURRENT STATE OF THE WORLD**, more and more we are using e-mail to communicate with you our congregation. Because of this, we are asking that you make sure we have an e-mail address on file for you and your family. Your e-mail will never be given out or sold and will only be used for official church business. Simply send an e-mail to [admin@christthekinggp.org](mailto:admin@christthekinggp.org) with your name in the subject line.

**LIFE THOUGHTS** “Christians engage in adopting not only because we desire to raise children but also—and above all—because the Most High desires their survival and salvation. We adopt because we have been so adopted. We adopt because little ones need homes. We adopt because we have homes and families to share. Life issues mean more than just political debates. Life issues involve more than just personal choices or someone else’s problems. Life issues are always people and Gospel.”

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER** From the beginning God has had a plan for His people. It was no surprise to Him that Adam and Eve would sin in the Garden of Eden. He didn't throw up His hands and say, "Oh, no, now what will I do?" No, He announced His plan for our salvation. To Satan God said, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel" (Genesis

3:15). God has kept that promise in the Infant Jesus we welcome this Christmas time.



**CTK ON FACEBOOK** Christ the King invites you to our Facebook page informing members of devotions and other information. ***Our services are now live streamed on Facebook Live every Sunday at 10:45am.*** Look us up at [facebook.com/christthekinggp/](https://facebook.com/christthekinggp/) and

click 'LIKE' so that you can be in touch with your church's page.



**FORGOTTEN HARVEST** is our official charitable outreach program for the 2020 Holiday Season. We highly encourage our members to support them by using the link on our website's homepage.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR TOPIC** for next Sunday, 12/6: "**Seek My Face**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We sometimes hear the voice before we see the face that goes with it. Seek God's face where you hear God's Word. (Daniel) Tune in to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday on WDFN (1130 AM) at 6:30 A.M., WRDT (560 AM) at 7:30 A.M. and at Noon, XM Satellite Family Radio Dial 170 at 1:00 P.M. or RealAudio on the internet at [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org).

**ALTAR GUILD** Serving with the Altar Guild for the month are Judy Champine and Paula Touhey.



**ONE WEEK AGO TODAY:**

**8:15 Worship Service: 28**

**10:45 Worship Service: 38**

**Holy Communion: 37**

**Monday Worship Service: 17**  
**Adult Bible Study: Sunday 4, Wednesday 10**



**1-1-1 MISSION ENDEAVOR.**

Our participation in the 1-1-1 Mission Endeavor of our English District continues each and every Sunday. There are approximately 68 congregations from our District that participate in this endeavor to start and expand present mission work in our District. 1-1-1 stands for: One Dollar- Per Week- Per person. These gifts are given above and beyond our normal Sunday offerings. In the next 12 months, our 1-1-1 Mission dollars will be given to support campus ministry at various colleges and universities in the United States. This is a wonderful way to teach our children to share their blessings with the Lord Jesus, learning good faith and stewardship principles. Offerings are collected in our welcome center and in our Narthex in the clear, lucite offering boxes. ALL contributions are sent for English District Missions.

**CARDS FOR KINDNESS AND BLESSING** - In support of the CtK Shepherd's Program, I would like to reach out to all of our members in need of a word of cheer, or spiritual encouragement from their brothers and sisters at Christ the King. Sending them a card can be a very much needed ray of sunshine. Would you please assist me? Please email me the name or address of anyone you know who is in need of encouragement, and I will be happy to contact them with a card and note from our congregation. Thank you for your help, and may God bless our every endeavor to be the family of Christ at CtK. Stay healthy and God bless you! -Eva Horner  
[Lambandlion@provide.net](mailto:Lambandlion@provide.net).

**PRIVATE HOLY COMMUNION IS AVAILABLE** to you by appointment with the pastor during this Covid-19 epidemic. Should you wish to receive Holy Communion privately with the pastor, please call and make an appointment during the

week days. Appointments may be made in the safety of your own home, or by meeting with pastor in our church nave.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution with a credit card please go to our website at [www.christthekinggp.org](http://www.christthekinggp.org) and click on the "Donate Now" box in the lower right-hand corner and follow the instructions.

<b>NOVEMBER 2020 - FINANCIAL PROGRESS</b>		
<b><u>Envelope &amp; Plate Receipts Only</u></b>		
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
1	\$ 5,622	\$ 7,287
2	4,775	6,135
3	6,215	4,898
4	5,158	7,931
5		
Month-to-Date Total	<u>\$ 21,770</u>	<u>\$ 26,251</u>
Year-to-Date Total	<u>\$ 269,370</u>	<u>\$ 295,302</u>
<b>November 2020 - ACTUAL</b>		
<b>Budgeted</b> Receipts - <i>Envelope &amp; Plate</i>		\$ 24,080
<b>Actual</b> Receipts - <i>Envelope &amp; Plate</i>		\$ 21,770
<b>BEHIND</b> Budget - November 2020		\$ (2,310)
<b>FULL YEAR 2020 - YEAR TO DATE PROGRESS</b>		
<b>Budgeted</b> YTD 2020 <i>Envelope &amp; Plate</i> Receipts		\$ 298,680
<b>Actual</b> YTD 2020 <i>Envelope &amp; Plate</i> Receipts		\$ 269,370
<b>BEHIND</b> Budget - YTD 2020 ( <i>Envelope &amp; Plate Only</i> )		\$ (29,311)

<b>1-1-1 Missions Update</b>		
	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
	\$ 140	\$ 1,527