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Promises Kept

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
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MISSION STATEMENT: “The purpose of Christ the King is to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people and to make them disciples of Jesus.”

Welcome: We are pleased that you are here to join us in worship today. We pray that our time together in God’s word assures you that you are loved by God and your sins are forgiven because of Jesus Christ’s life, death, and resurrection. If you are visiting with us today and we can be of any assistance to you, please let us know.

Record of Attendance: We ask that all who are worshipping with us today would honor us by giving us a record of your attendance. Please fill out the blue card and then hand it to the center aisle.

Prayer Request: If you have any prayer requests, please place them on an attendance card. If you would like your request included in the prayers today, please inform one of the ushers and they will inform Pastor.

Children are always welcome in the worship service. At Christ the King we believe that it is important for the whole family to worship together whenever possible. In order to assist you and for your comfort, we have a room just off the sanctuary that has a one-way glass, and we also have a nursery. If one of these areas would be helpful to you the usher will be happy to assist you.

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Dallas and Christina Richardson in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Order of Worship: Creative Worship

As We Gather: *Simeon and Anna rejoiced when Mary and Joseph brought week-old Jesus to the temple. He was physical proof that God was keeping His promises made centuries ago. Firstborn males had to be consecrated to God because He had spared them at the time of the*

exodus. In the Old Testament, God promises redemption for His people, and in Christ we are His chosen people, holy and dearly loved, as Paul writes in the Epistle. Today is the Sunday after Christmas, and we focus on how we exhibit love, forgiveness, and peace, thanking God for His promises kept.

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
WELCOME & GREETING
CHIMES**

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

“Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”

LSB 375

- 1 Come, your hearts and voices raising,
 Christ the Lord with gladness praising;
 Loudly sing His love amazing,
 Worthy folk of Christendom.

- 2 Christ, from heav’n to us descending
 And in love our race befriending;
 In our need His help extending,
 Saved us from the wily foe.

- 3 Jacob’s star in all its splendor
 Beams with comfort sweet and tender,
 Forcing Satan to surrender,
 Breaking all the pow’rs of hell.

- 4 From the bondage that oppressed us,
 From sin’s fetters that possessed us,
 From the grief that sore distressed us,
 We, the captives, now are free.

5 Oh, the joy beyond expressing
When by faith we grasp this blessing,
And to You we come confessing
That Your love has set us free.

6 Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us,
From Your lowly manger cheer us,
Gently lead us and be near us
Till we join Your choir above.

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INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Heavenly Father, although You have called us as Your own people, dearly loved, we confess that we have failed to forgive one another as You have forgiven us. We have neglected to reflect Your love at home, school, and work. We have let discord and conflict drown out the peace that You have given us in Christ. We have failed to thank You for Your great love in our private prayers and with our outward words and actions. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and guide us by Your Holy Spirit so that our lives may reflect the love with which You surround us by grace each day.**

Leader: Rejoice! By God's love, He gives us forgiveness as a gift for the sake of His Son, whose birth we celebrate. The Holy Spirit clothes us with the very compassion, kindness,

humility, gentleness, and patience the Father expects. Freely have you received God's love; freely give it as a gift to all you meet.

People: Amen!

✠ WORD ✠

HYMN

“Of the Father's Love Begotten”

LSB 384; Sts. 1–3

- 1 Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.
- 2 Oh, that birth forever blessèd,
When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore.
- 3 This is He whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.

KYRIE

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace from above, for the overflowing love of God,
and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the Church of God as it
loves and forgives in Christ's name, and for the unity of all
let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship in
psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, loving Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Of the Father's Love Begotten”

LSB 384; Sts. 4-5

4 O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing.
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

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SALUTATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature.

People: Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us;

Leader: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15

(Every firstborn Israelite male must be redeemed, remembering the exodus.)

¹The LORD said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” ³Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the

house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place.

¹¹“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

Lector: To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

People: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

Lector: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

People: Mighty God,

Lector: Everlasting Father,

People: Prince of Peace.

Lector: Sing to the Lord a new song,

People: for He has done marvelous things!

HYMN

“The People That in Darkness Sat”

LSB 412; Sts. 3–4

- 3 To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is giv'n,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All pow'r in earth and heav'n,
All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
- 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored,
The God by all adored.

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EPISTLE

Colossians 3:12–17

(“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”)

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

(*Luke 2:30, 32*)

Leader: Alleluia. My eyes have seen Your salvation;

People: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22–40

(*Simeon and Anna praise God when they see the baby Jesus in the temple.*)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²² When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” ³⁶And there

was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

“Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”

LSB 937

- 1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,
Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,
This child so long foretold.
- 2 This is the Savior of the world,
The Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst,
The joy of Israel.
- 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,
To You we lift our voice;
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest
Be honor, love, and praise.

MESSAGE *Chris Lawrenz (Elder)*

“In Christ, a Glad New Year”

Luke 2:25-32

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

LSB 389; Sts. 1-4, and 7

- 1 Let all together praise our God
 Before His glorious throne;
 Today He opens heav'n again
 To give us His own Son,
 To give us His own Son.

- 2 He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne,
 Is born an infant small,
 And in a manger, poor and lone,
 Lies in a humble stall,
 Lies in a humble stall.

- 3 Within an earthborn form He hides
 His all-creating light;
 To serve us all He humbly cloaks
 The splendor of His might,
 The splendor of His might.

- 4 He undertakes a great exchange,
 Puts on our human frame,
 And in return gives us His realm,
 His glory, and His name,
 His glory, and His name.

- 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,
 Lord Jesus, we adore
 And praise to God the Father yield
 And Spirit evermore;
 We praise You evermore.

APOSTLES' CREED

People: 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.

WE PRAISE GOD WITH OUR OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Colossians 3:12, 15; Matthew 5:23–24)*

Leader: Holy and beloved, let us use the encouragement of the Epistle to guide our prayers to God for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various needs.

Put on compassion:

People: **Protect and guide all who serve in the healing professions, O Lord. Give them compassion so that they see their patients as Your dearly loved children.**

Leader: Put on kindness:

People: **Guide and strengthen all who teach and care for vulnerable teens and senior citizens. Give them wisdom to serve in kindness and love.**

Leader: Put on humility:

People: Remind those who fill positions of authority here and around the world to rule with humility as they serve You and the people around them in making, administering, and adjudicating the laws of the land.

Leader: Put on meekness:

People: Protect and guide those who serve in law enforcement at home and armed forces deployed so that they make appropriate decisions at all times.

Leader: Put on patience:

People: Open doors of opportunity for the spread of the Gospel here and around the world. Give patience to clergy and lay leaders alike as they proclaim the news of Your Son's birth. Make them aware of Your gracious presence to bless their efforts.

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Heavenly Father, we remember before You those who are not at peace because of illness, conflict, loss, and sadness, [*including . . .*]. In Your great love,

People: restore health, resolve conflict, console, and bring renewal of joy as fits Your gracious plans for them.

Leader: Into Your hands, loving Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Leader: Paul wrote, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts," and Jesus said, "If your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to

your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share God’s peace with one another, saying, “Peace be with you.”

LORD’S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9–13)

People: 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

(Numbers 6:24–26)

Leader: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

LSB 388

ref Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. *Refrain.*

- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain.*

- 3 Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may pick up a copy of the announcements in the Narthex or in the entryway as you come in the front door. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers to assist you.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace as you serve our loving Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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Go in Peace ~ Bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people!

COME AND JOIN IN THE STUDY OF GOD'S WORD! 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School:

Preschool through eighth grade

Bible Classes:

High school Students: Solomon's Room

Adult Bible Class: Fellowship Hall

YABS (Young Adult Bible Study) Daniel's Room

LEADING US IN WORSHIP December 30, 2018:

Leader: Chris Lawrenz (Elder)

Elder

Sunday 8:00am..... Brian Hitchens
10:30am..... Layne Parry

Organist

Sunday 8:00am..... Jan Hill
10:30am..... Jan Hill

Lector

Sunday 8:00am..... Karen Couch
10:30am..... Stephanie Hutchinson

Screen

Sunday 8:00am..... Hank Boyer
10:30am..... Matthew Lawrenz

Greeter

Sunday 8:00am..... Andrew & Karen Couch
10:30am..... Randy & Karla Jones

Acolyte

Sunday 8:00am..... Karson Meyer
10:30am..... Amelia Lawrenz

Ushers

Sunday 8:00am..... Gary Hawkes, Marc Sheforngen
Mike Cleveland
10:30am..... Dennis Nelson, Ron Blase
Bob Pace

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve

Worship Service
with Holy Communion

With Trinity at CTK

Rev. Dennis Kootz

December 31

6:30 p.m.

New Year's Day

Tuesday Evening

January 1

No Worship Service