

THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Congregation, please read the **bold** type

Salutation

Minister: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you!

Minister: Let us give praise to the Lord our God.

Congregation: And let the whole earth be filled with His glory.

Call to Worship

Revelation 15:1-4

Sing #234: God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen †

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

Prayer of Confession of Sin ‡

Gracious heavenly Father, do not rebuke me in your anger; do not chasten me in your hot displeasure. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak. Heal me, O Lord, for I am troubled. I have sinned in so many ways: by what my mind has dwelled upon, by what my heart has longed for, by what my lips have spoken. I have thought of myself more highly than I ought to think. I have returned evil for evil and have indulged my own bitterness, anger, selfishness, and ingratitude. I am a sinner--but You have saved me by grace! So I repent of my sins through Jesus Christ, who died for me and made me your child. Help me each day to put my sin to death; to abhor what is evil and cling to what is good. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Our Assurance of Pardon †

Micah 7:18

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: O magnify the Lord with me:

Congregation: And let us exalt His name together.

Sing #74: I Waited for the LORD †

THE LORD CONSECRATES US WITH HIS WORD

Responsive Reading

Psalm 86:1-10 NKJV

Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me; For I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am holy; You are my God; Save Your servant who trusts in You! Be merciful to me, O Lord, For I cry to You all day long.

Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me. Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works.

All nations whom You have made Shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And shall glorify Your name.

For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God. AMEN.

Old Testament Reading †

Isaiah 60:1-9

New Testament Reading †

Matthew 1:18-25

Sing #436: Gloria Patri †

Sermon

"We Have Come to Worship Him"

Matthew 2:1-21

Pastor Eric Sauder

Tithes and Offerings

Sing #437: Doxology †

We lift our hearts, voices, and hands in praise to God

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mr. Ryan Close

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

Sing #239: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

We Confess Our Faith

The Nicene Creed

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 sits 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 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, catholic and apostolic Church; 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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sing #243: O Come, All Ye Faithful †

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

Matthew 28:16-20 †

Sing #236: Hark, the Herald Angels Sing †

The Benediction †

Three-fold Amen †

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Christmas Readings for this week:

Mon:	Zechariah 2:10-13	1 John 4:7-16	John 3:31-36
Tue:	Isaiah 28:13-22	Revelation 21:9-21	Luke 1:26-38
Wed:	Isaiah 29:13-24	Revelation 21:22-22:5	Luke 1:39-56
Thu:	Isaiah 33:17-22	Revelation 22:6-20	Luke 1:57-66
Fri:	Isaiah 12:1-6	Revelation 1:1-8	John 7:37-52
Sat:	Isaiah 25:1-9	Revelation 1:9-20	John 7:53-8:11

Music for Next Lord's Day:

(Use these hymns and Psalms in your private and family worship, in preparation for our corporate worship next Sunday)

248: The First Noel

6: Give Ear, O LORD, to All My Thoughts

245: Silent Night, Holy Night

317: O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High!

426: Nunc dimittis

Doctrinal Statement

Christ the King Church uses the Three Forms of Unity: The Belgic Confession, The Canons of Dort, and the Heidelberg Catechism as a doctrinal statement, subordinate in all ways to the Word of God.

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The Fourth Lord's Day
of Advent

On the 24th of December
In the Year of our Lord 2006