ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Fair

Prepare to celebrate Epiphany on January 5 at 10:15am in the Sunday School room with a fun morning learning about the Wise Men. We'll study the Bible together, learn about chalking the door to mark the new year, and enjoy a King Cake to celebrate. Who will find the baby Jesus? You have to come to find out!

Mission Trip Conversation

Join us in the Confirmation Room on January 26 after worship to learn about an intergenerational mission trip for summer 2025. We are hoping to discuss dates for a trip in July to Duluth. The trip would focus on community building and service together. All are welcome to learn more!

Annual Meeting

Council has determined that our Annual Meeting will be after worship on **Sunday, February 2.** Join us as we select new leaders for church council, approve a budget, and make other important decisions for CTK.



Epiphany Worship

Please join us on January 5, at 9:00am. This will be our traditional Sunday service, with communion, concluding our Sanctified Art Series. The theme is "Words for the Beginning: The Road Isn't Straight:

Giving Tree

We still have Giving Tree ornaments available to support ELCA Good Gifts. Select the gift you'd like to give to grow the church, fight hunger, and transform lives and write a check to CTK with "ELCA Good Gifts" in the memo.

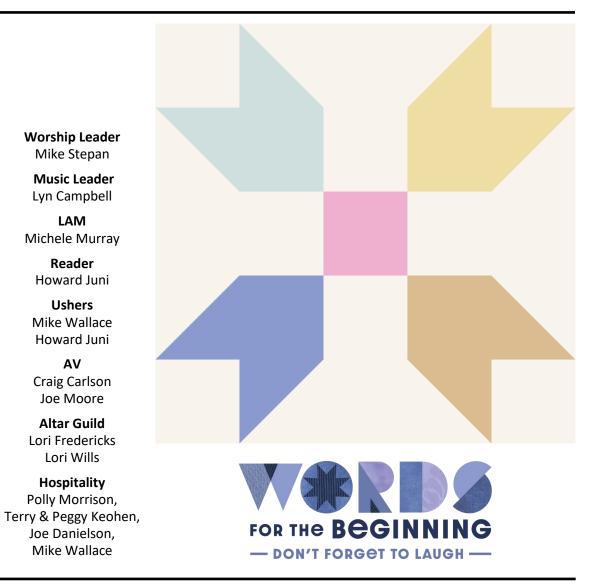
We'll also have \$10 ornaments to support a meal at Shobi's Table, a pay-as-you-can mobile café in St. Paul. Take an ornament and write a check to CTK with "Shobi's Table" in the memo.

Ornaments can be taken from the tree. **Payment must be received by 12.31.24**

For emergency pastoral care contact the church office or Karsten Nelson at 651.271.5134.



First Sunday of Christmas December 29, 2024



GATHERING	"Star of David," by P. Murakami	КНВ
WELCOME		
CALL TO WORSHIP		Screen
*GATHERING HYMN	"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice," ELW 288	Screen
*CONFESSION & FORGI	VENESS	Screen
*SUNG RESPONSE	"Angels We Have Heard on High," ELW 289	Screen
*PRAYER OF THE DAY		Screen

Let us pray together,

God of angel choruses and contagious laughter, We know that you speak to us in the quiet. You are there, calling our names.

We also trust that when we throw our heads back in laughter, When we skip and sing with gratitude, That even there, you are speaking.

So on this Sunday morning we pray: Open our ears and hearts to hear what it is that you are saying. Meet us in this joy. Meet us in this delight. Meet us in the hope of this Christmas season and reveal the wisdom we need to hear today. With hearts full of gratitude we pray, Amen.

LESSON 1—Listen for Joy		
	Luke 2:10, <i>p 833 NRSV</i>	
	Isaiah 9:2-3, <i>p 555 NRSV</i>	
SING FOR JOY	"Go Tell it on the Mountain," ELW 290	Screen
PRACTICE JOY	Joy Found in Scripture "Holy & Unhindered" <i>by Rev. Sarah Speed</i>	Screen
	LESSON 2—Listen for Joy	
	Matthew 2:10, <i>p</i> 784 NRSV	
	Psalm 148, read responsively	Screen
SING FOR JOY	"Oh Come, All Ye Faithful," ELW 283	Screen
PRACTICE JOY	Joy Found in Community	Screen

	LESSON	3—Listen	for Joy
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Psalm 126:1-3, *p* 499 NRSV Isaiah 55:12-13, *p* 598 NRSV

*SING FOR JOY "Ha	rk! The Herald Angels SIng," ELW 270	Screen
*PRACTICE JOY	Joy Found in Prayer & Giving	Screen
<u>After each petition:</u>	Leader:God of grace, All:receive our prayer.	

Leader: We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

OFFERING	"All is Well," by M. W. Smith	КНВ
*OFFERTORY	"Lord of All Good," by B. B. Tradup	Screen
*OFFERING PRAYER		Screen

Let us pray,

God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of Creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.

*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD		Screen
*THE LORD'S PRAYER		Screen
*BLESSING		Screen
*SENDING HYMN	"Joy to the World," ELW 267	Screen
*SENDING OUT		Screen
POSTLUDE	"Joy to the World," arr by KHB	КНВ

Thank you for worshiping with us today! Please join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. Sunday School is available for Pre-K - Grade 5 at the same time in the Education Wing.

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