

# The Herald

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## *Surrounded By Saints*



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# Christ the King Lutheran Church

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**G**uided by the Gospel, it is the mission of Christ the King Lutheran Church to make disciples for Jesus Christ by inviting and welcoming all to serve God and God's people by joining in:

- Gathering for worship and fellowship,
- Growing in faith and understanding,
- Giving of our time and resources.

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## Worship with us

8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Faith Formation  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
12:00 noon Servicio en Español  
Fourth Sunday of the month

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**Dr. Mark and Linda Jacobson**  
Arusha, Tanzania

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## Current Prayer Needs

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**W**e are a community that prays with and for one another. Join us this month as we pray for the following people known to us to be in need of our prayers:



Lynn Anderson  
Chuck Christians  
Pat Collmann  
Rick Hanson  
Brent Harapat  
Juliann Henriksen  
Phil Jankowski  
Carrie Kane  
Rita Kenyon  
Kathy Leding  
Sam Miller  
Shirley and Bob Olson (Holly Olson's parents)  
Sawyer Peterson  
John Quinn

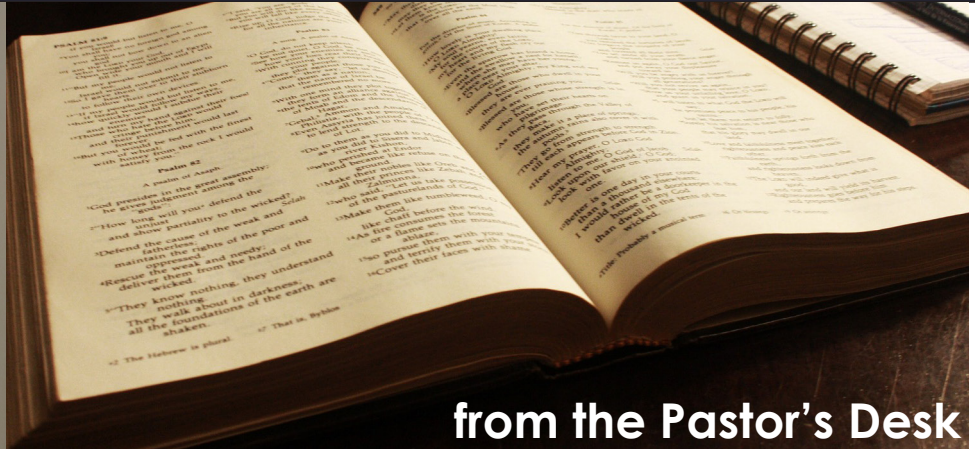
Arnie Rudi  
Dean Tollefson  
Jan Wallerstedt  
Xander Otey Wold

### Those Who Grieve:

For the family and friends of Ralph Barr, Marlene Hedberg, Orval Nally, Dolores Taylor, and Helen Wilke.

### The recently baptized:

Malcolm Gray Routh, Liam Edward Schaeckel, Samuel Andrew Michog, Marlo Jane Foell, Sergio Giovannie Murcia, Christopher Miguel Murcia, Holden Kyle Pagel



from the Pastor's Desk

# Generosity

By Pastor Peter Hanson

*...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)*

You may have noticed that we've begun to talk more about "generosity" and less about "stewardship" at Christ the King. More than just semantics, this is an intentional effort for us to focus on our giving as a fruit of the Holy Spirit, a faith practice that comes as a response to God's generosity toward us. As we plan for our ministries for the coming year, and determine how each of us may best support them, we pray that God's Spirit will strengthen in us the gift of generosity.

When we think about supporting Christ the King's ministries, two images often vie for our attention—abundance and scarcity. While the world around us might say that we all need to compete for increasingly limited resources, the Bible tells us a different story. The Biblical story of abundance asserts that a loving and generous Creator provides for us according our need, and assures us that nothing can separate us from God. Embracing the narrative of abundance often means living with a spirit of generosity.

As Pastor David Lose points out, we Christians know a secret about generosity. "Generosity," he says, "is not the fruit of success or happiness or security. It is, instead, the source of all these things." If we begin with a sense of trust in God's abundance, we can also learn to be more generous in our giving. Whether in our regular giving for on-going ministries or in our additional offering to capital improvements or legacy gifts, focusing first on God's abundance helps us embrace generosity as a core value.

It's true that the world seems to be changing very quickly all around us. The shifting demographics both of our congregation itself and the neighborhood that surrounds us present both opportunities and obstacles as we discern how best to discern where God is leading us. Saved by grace, we ask God to continually open our eyes to see God's grace all around us. Saved by grace, we are also freed by the Spirit to be generous in supporting God's mission in, with, and through Christ the King.

Let us embrace a narrative of God's abundance and continue to foster a spirit of generosity among us.

Generosity Sunday • November 12, 2017  
Join us for worship at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and bring your completed pledge cards.

# Local Mission Partners Sunday

by Vern Rice, Local Mission Partners Team

Sunday, Nov 19 has been designated Local Mission Partner Sunday and will feature Pastor Justin Grimm as our preacher at our worship services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. There will be many displays by Local Mission Partners as well.

Our preacher for the day, Pastor Justin Grimm, is our synod's Director of Evangelical Mission, and a Ctk member. Justin has brought a renewed emphasis on the much needed support for new and developing ministries within our synod. We are grateful for his presence on Local Mission Partner Sunday! In addition to preaching, Justin will lead our SALT adult study session at 9:30 a.m. when he will talk about the joys and challenges of our new and developing ministries, including our own Cristo Rey ministry.

The Hmong Good Samaritan youth band will be featured at the 10:30 service, while each of our Local Mission Partners will be featured in a food and information display in the Fireside Room. In the narthex Venture North, the bike ministry of Redeemer Lutheran, our partner church in north Minneapolis, will tell their story about how youth can earn a bike by twenty hours of bike repair training. We are encouraged to donate our used bikes to that ministry. Richmond Seju, one of our members and an amazing young artist, will share some of his fantastic paintings.

Over and above your regular offering, envelopes will be provided for you to make a difference by supporting our Local Mission Partners who are listed on the offering envelope. Thank you, Christ the King, for your growing encouragement and support of Local Mission Partners. Together we are making a difference!

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If you would also like to make a difference with the growing diversity in our area, consider joining the Local Mission Partners Team. For more information, contact Dale Erickson (shurs43@aol.com), our new chair of the LMP Team.



# Ideas Planted on a Minnesota Farm Grow in Tanzania

by Judith Hill, Global Mission Team

Many of you remember Pastor Medson and Maka Chengula's visit to Christ the King last April and May. They traveled from our companion congregation, Ndui Parish, Iringa Diocese, Tanzania, to be here with us at CTK. It was a "once in a lifetime" trip for them, and they eagerly soaked up ideas and inspiration everywhere they went. Members of CTK's Global Mission Team took them many places during their visit - schools, government offices, the Saint Paul Area Synod office, concerts, a senior center, and more. On their last full day in Minnesota they visited a modern American family farm in Rosemount, MN. They were guided by CTK's Phil Larsen; Robert and Marlys Melius accompanied them on their farm visit. The farm business prompted Pastor Medson to consider a chicken farm for Ndui Parish.

Now move forward just four months. We received a letter from Pastor Medson, sharing exciting news:

"We are constructing a small building at Kising'a Child Center so as to start keeping chickens and a cow! This project will be a demonstration for the children. We ask you to pray for this project."

Kising'a is one of Ndui Parish's preaching points. It is the site of a project through Compassion International in collaboration with Christ the King to provide education, food, and medical care for the children ages 3-9 of the community. Maka Chengula teaches at its child development center.

Somehow working in partnership with our companion congregation thousands of miles away brings all of us closer to God. One of our commitments as companion congregations is to pray for one another, and so we ask you to pray with us and individually for the chicken project of Kising'a.

## Alternative Christmas Gifts Are Returning!

CTK's popular Alternative Christmas Gifts are returning. The Global Mission team has been considering current needs in Tanzania, selecting new gifts, and creating ornaments to represent each gift. Plan now to participate, touching both the people of Tanzania and those whom you select to honor by your gifts. Alternative Christmas Gifts will be sold on Sunday mornings in Advent. Watch for news about a new collaboration with Feed My Starving Children as part of this year's offerings, and remember us as you plan your Christmas giving.

## Global Mission Prayer:

*Dear God of all, help us to continue turning the church outward. Thank you for the many blessings shown to us and to our companions in Ndui Parish. We ask that you send your loving care to the chicken project of Kising'a so that it may grow and thrive as an inspiration to its youth. Be with Pastor Medson and Maka Chengula and with all who serve in your name. We pray in the name of Jesus, who sends love to us every day of our lives. Amen.*

## Global Mission Events:

**Saturday, November 11** – Annual Bega Kwa Bega Fall Festival of the Saint Paul Area Synod, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Stillwater

**Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 p.m.** – next Global Mission Team meeting, home of Deb and Doug Kuehl (for directions, please contact the church office). Meetings include devotions, a lively business meeting, and dessert together. Visitors are always welcome; please RSVP through the CTK office.

## Alternative Christmas Gifts Sales –

Sundays, November 26, December 3, 10, & 17

Watch for order forms coming soon to order poinsettias. They will be used to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season. In addition, you will be able to give your plant(s) in honor or in memory of someone special and that will be noted in the bulletin. The deadline for ordering will be Sunday, Dec 3.

# Christ the King



**Caleb Anderson**  
Sound and Light  
Technician

**Where did you grow up?**  
Forest Lake, MN

**When did music become a major interest in your life? What was your first/primary instrument?**

Music was always around me when I was growing up, but it really became a big part of my life when I began playing the trumpet and guitar when I was in middle school.

**Tell us about someone who mentored you in your music life/career.**

My guitar teacher was a major influence in my musical life, teaching me the fundamentals of music theory. My high school band director was another important force in my musical development, showing me that through hard work and determination I could achieve excellence in music.

**What do you enjoy most about music ministry at CtK?**

At CtK, I really enjoy the extra responsibility and challenges that come with holding the sound technician position, and I love the positive relationships that I have with my co-workers and the common goal to provide excellent music for worship that we all share.



**Nate Crary**  
Director of Worship  
and Music

**Where did you grow up?**

I was born in Blue Earth, MN and moved to Hutchinson, MN at the end of my 5th grade year. My mom, Nan, still lives in Hutchinson.

**When did music become a major interest in your life? What was your first/primary instrument?**

I grew up in a musical family, as my dad, Mike, was a high school orchestra director. My two older sisters and I all started music lessons when we were very young - as was recommended by the Suzuki method. I began learning to play the violin by ear when I was four. I was able to further my music instruction at Concordia College, where I studied voice, violin, and piano and received my Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music and Studio Art.

**Tell us about someone who mentored you in your music life/career.**

I've been encouraged most of my life to "go into" the ministry and have had pastors who have supported me using my gifts for the church along the entire way. Now, I find inspiration from worship leaders/church musicians who are able to breathe new and creative life into older, more familiar traditions and songs. Most recently, I've found Bret Hesla to be like a mentor. I've also spent time in conversation with Jay Beech, Omar Mixco, Tom Witt, and Marty Haugen, who are all gifted (in their own, unique ways) composers/worship leaders. I greatly admire their work.

**What do you enjoy most about music ministry at CtK?**

I enjoy encouraging and equipping volunteer musicians and artists in our church, regardless of skill level, age, or particular passion, to use their gifts for worship at CtK. If someone has a gift and/or interest in music and the arts, then there is a place for them in our worship life. And it's life-giving for me to help musicians make new connections with one another on Sunday morning. Music makes community.

# Music Staff



**Dietrich Jessen**  
*Organist/  
Accompanist*

**Where did you grow up?**

I grew up in Lake Charles, Louisiana (about 3 hours west of New Orleans and 2 hours east of Houston)

**When did music become a major interest in your life? What was your first/primary instrument?**

Music has always been a major interest in my life. When I was three years old, I came home from church and started banging out the melody to the alleluia. It was then that my mom put me in piano lessons and I took piano until I was 20 years old. I began studying the organ at the age of 10 and was included in small music opportunities at my home church, St. John Lutheran. My love for organ and church music grew exponentially and before I knew it, I was playing for several churches in the area! I have studied several instruments in my life: trumpet, piano, organ, and voice.

**Tell us about someone who mentored you in your music life/career.**

Two people come to mind when I think about my music career: Pam Fontenot and Tamah Goad. When I was in 7th grade at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School, Pam Fontenot encouraged me to begin playing the piano for school masses. I fell in love with that, and she continued to encourage me to participate in all levels of church music. Tamah Goad was my piano teacher for the longest duration of my piano study; she was very tough on me, but her strict nature was exactly what I needed to develop further into my career. I am eternally grateful to both of them for their encouragement and friendship.

**What do you enjoy most about music ministry at Ctk?**

I enjoy how diverse the music is at Ctk; the fact that I can start on the organ and jump to the piano is very enjoyable. I also love how committed the parishioners are to music at Ctk. It's amazing that there are many people committed to choir(s), hand bells, and other music ministries here. This is a robust program that has a strong future, and I am very happy to be a part of it!



**Heather Nelson**  
*Choral Director*

**Where did you grow up?**

South St. Paul

**When did music become a major interest in your life? What was your first/primary instrument?**

Kindergarten - immediately when I started school. Piano was my first instrument - I started in 3rd grade.

**Tell us about someone who mentored you in your music life/career.**

My high school choir director, Martha Schmidt was beyond inspirational. She guided me throughout my studies of music education whether it was in the band world or choral world. She introduced me to such incredible repertoire, and through her passion and dedication has helped mold me into the musician that I am today.

**What do you enjoy most about music ministry at Ctk?**

I love collaborating with my colleagues and I love that worship looks different every Sunday and that I constantly get to make music with new people in different ways.

## Christ the King Music Staff *continued*



**Heather Nelson**  
*Hanbell Choirs*  
*Director*

### **Where did you grow up?**

I grew up everywhere because I was a military brat. My dad was in the marines and was stationed in numerous places. I was born in Waterloo, IA. I lived in Kailua, HI during Elementary School, Montevideo, MN during middle school, and Sioux Falls, SD for High School. I can now say I am a proud Minnesotan!

### **When did music become a major interest in your life? What was your first/primary instrument?**

Music was big for me starting in high school, when I joined marching band. I loved my french horn in middle school, but grew more attached as I learned more.

### **Tell us about someone who mentored you in your music life/career.**

During my student teaching, I had the chance to work with an elementary band teacher who said she saw herself in me. She gave me tons of tips and really motivated me to become who I am today.

### **What do you enjoy most about music ministry at Ctk?**

I love being part of music in this different capacity. It's still leading a group, but bells are so different than band. I love that it's not about academics, but about the enjoyment of being together.

## Melodee Rossi Announces Retirement

Melodee Rossi has announced her retirement from her position as Director of Small Group Ministry at Christ the King, effective November 15, 2017. We will have the opportunity to celebrate her ministry among us and send her off into retirement on Sunday, November 12, between our worship services.

Melodee was hired in 2011 as Director of "Christian Life Groups" at Ctk, a position and title that continued to evolve during her time here. Melodee was helpful in expanding and deepening Ctk's vision for small group ministry, emphasizing the importance of study, fellowship and service among each of these groups. Organizing the all-congregation Lenten book study, including the creation of an accompanying discussion guide, has been a highlight of Melodee's work here.

In the letter announcing her retirement, Melodee describes her position as "a dream job for me, melding my professional career as a teacher and my passion for adult faith formation." While she is excited to join her husband Hal in retirement, she has also assured us that they will



both continue to be active members at Ctk, worshipping here and also finding avenues to volunteer, helping Ctk to continue to be a place where God is active in our members' lives as well as in the lives of our neighbors.

Pastors Peter and John have begun discussing options for future staffing in the area of Adult Faith Formation, including Small Group Ministry. We will be keeping Melodee's position in the budget for 2018, with the understanding that this position could once again evolve and change

as we discern the best use of staff resources for engaging the faith of Ctk's adults. We will keep you updated on any progress we make in this endeavor.

As Melodee moves on to a well-earned retirement, she goes both with our gratitude and with the assurance of our continued prayers. We are grateful to God for all that Melodee has done among us as a staff member. We are also convinced that she will continue to be a blessing to our congregation and community as an active member.



# Sing with the 2017 Festival Choir

Christ the King Choral Director, Heather Nelson and Director of Worship and Music, Nate Cray would like to extend an invitation to you to sing in the Festival Choir for the Christmas Concert! We'll kick off this season with a mass rehearsal on Sunday, Nov. 26 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. (with pizza following).

The concert is Sunday, December 10th at 4:00 p.m. Whether you are able to sing or are just planning to attend, please mark this on your calendar!

The complete rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Rehearsals: (Meet in the Sanctuary)

- Sunday, November 26th 3:00-6:00 p.m. (pizza provided afterwards!)
- Wednesday, November 29th 7:00-8:30 p.m. (immediately following vespers)-
- Wednesday, December 6th 7:00-9:00 p.m. (immediately following vespers)

Dress Rehearsal:

Saturday, December 9th 9:00 a.m.-noon

Concert:

Sunday, December 10th, 2:00 p.m. Call Time, 4:00 p.m. Concert; Reception and fellowship to follow.

Invite your friends - ALL are welcome! Even if you can't make every rehearsal, you are still welcome to sing! Please contact Heather Nelson with questions, 651-633-4674, or [heather@lifeatctk.org](mailto:heather@lifeatctk.org).

November, the month of Thanksgiving and feasting, is also a time to remember our neighbors in need. Christ the King is again collecting donations for Ralph Reeder Food Shelf. The Ralph Reeder Food Shelf currently gives out over 40,000 pounds of food and non-food items each month to over 18,000 low-income individuals annually.

Bring non-perishable food items and personal-care items to the designated table in the narthex any time in November.

Also, remember that cash and check donations make a BIG impact when food shelves stretch

## Ralph Reeder Food Shelf: Food Drive

their dollars by purchasing through their local food banks and vendors. For every \$1.00 donated Ralph Reeder can purchase up to \$8.00 worth of food.

## Announcement Regarding Financial Distributions from IRA Accounts

Your donations to Christ the King Lutheran Church from IRA accounts are most welcome. Please contact us in the church office when you contribute this way so that we can record your contribution properly. When the checks come into the office, they don't always reference the contributor. Thank you.

Help for those dealing with grief during the holidays



## SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there's hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again.



St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
Sunday, November 12 - 2 to 4:30 p.m.  
Call to register (by Nov. 1): 763-788-9427



CtK Youth are planning to go to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. Watch for more information to come on how you can get involved in preparing for their trip.

## Join us for a concert by the Augsburg Centennial Singers

on

Saturday, Nov 11 at 7:00 p.m.  
Christ the King Lutheran Church

The Augsburg Centennial Singers are a group of men who share a spirit of love for Jesus Christ and spreading the Word of God's Love through song. This group of 50 singers was founded in 1993. Since then they have travelled the nation and the world sharing the gospel quartet tradition. They are directed by Paul Christensen, former Minister of Music at First Lutheran, Columbia Heights.

**Congratulations! Ana Becerra was officially installed as Mission Director of Cristo Rey, our Latino Ministry, on Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2017.**



We are updating our pictorial directory, so we have scheduled a day of photography!

If you were photo'd in 2016, you do not have to get a new photo, but you will get a new directory

However, **PLEASE have a portrait made if you are...**

- New Members
- Someone that did not get photographed in 2016
- Someone that submitted a snapshot in 2016, but you want a professional portrait now
- Someone that DID get photographed in 2016, but you just want a new photo
- The entire directory will be re-printed with the addition of these new photos.
- You will receive a directory if you have a photo in it, whether the photo is from 2016 or now.



## Our Church Photography Date:

**Tuesday, November 28**

*Photography Hours – 3:00 – 8:00 PM*

Please let us know if you need an earlier or later time!

**ALL portraits guaranteed to arrive BEFORE Christmas!**

**HELP FEED THOSE IN NEED AND GET A DISCOUNT ON PORTRAITS!!**

Just drop off any food item at church between now and picture day and get a \$5 coupon to use if you decide to order additional portraits! (no pressure – no obligation) Then, we can donate that food to our local food shelf!

### YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PERSONALLY!

Lifetouch encourages you to bring something that says who you are to your portrait session. Perhaps a hat... pin... scarf... musical instrument... Bible... sports gear... whatever it is that's important to you!

Lifetouch also does generational photography. It's a great opportunity to get all the family together for one big portrait! Capture the memories for a lifetime!

Scan the QR Code  
to schedule your  
appointment NOW!  
It's quick & easy!



*There is no sitting fee - just for participating, you will receive a complimentary 8"x10" portrait and a free church directory!  
And... Lifetouch has promised us that there will be no pressure to order additional portraits!*

**Have you ever wondered...  
"What is that person's name?"**

Our new Church Family Album will help us all to put a name with that familiar face. This new connection tool will be as useful as we make it. We need everyone in it. Please sign up for a portrait today!



**Don't Forget... To Bring Your Pet!**  
Do you have a special little furry friend at home? We want to encourage you to bring him/her with you for your portrait session!  
We know they're part of the family!!!

## **HOW DO I SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT?**

You can sign up several ways:

- 1) **Sign Up at Church:** Before or after services, Nov. 5, 12, 19
- 2) **Online Sign-ups at our website:** [www.lifecatck.org](http://www.lifecatck.org)
- 3) **Sign Up at our Facebook Page**

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## Coming up at Ctk

Here's a snapshot of some of the big events we have coming up at Ctk. You can find our complete calendar of events at [www.lifeatctk.org/calendar](http://www.lifeatctk.org/calendar).

### November

#### **All Saints' Day**

#### **Surrounded By Saints**

Wednesday, Nov 1, 6:30 p.m.

#### **All Saints/Baptism Sunday**

Sunday, Nov 5, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Faith Formation 9:30 a.m.

#### **Election Day**

Tuesday, Nov 7

Please keep in mind Ctk is a polling location and so there will be extra traffic here that day.

#### **Augsburg Centennial Singers Concert**

Saturday, Nov 11, 7:00 p.m.

#### **Generosity Sunday**

Sunday, Nov 12

Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Faith Formation 9:30 a.m.

#### **7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Parent/Student Night**

Wednesday, Nov 15, 6:30 p.m.

#### **Local Mission Partners Sunday**

Sunday, Nov 19

Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Faith Formation 9:30 a.m.

#### **Christ the King Sunday**

Sunday, Nov 26

Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Faith Formation 9:30 a.m.

12:00 noon Servicio en Español

Fourth Sunday of the month

### December

#### **Midweek Advent Vespers**

Wednesdays, Dec 6, 13, 20, 6:30 p.m.

#### **Christmas Concert, reception to follow**

Sunday, Dec 10, 4:00 p.m.

#### **Christmas Pageant, celebration to follow**

Sunday, Dec 17, 10:30 a.m.

#### **Christmas Brunch/Concert**

Thursday, Dec 21, 11:30 a.m.

#### **Christmas Eve Worship**

Sunday, Dec 24, 10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m.,

9:00 p.m. (Cristo Rey, 12:00 p.m.)

#### **Christmas Day Worship**

Monday, Dec 25, 10:00 a.m.