

Dear Members of Christ the King Lutheran Church:

Greetings in Christ, beloved children of God!

Yes! It is a joy to have received and now affirm the invitation to serve as your pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church!

Members of the Call Committee and Church Council have been careful, diligent, and thoughtful in their work throughout the process. The Call Committee have been gracious hosts during my visits and Penny LeFavour, co-chair, has always been available for questions and assistance.

The passion for ministry, care for their church, and camaraderie of your staff was winsome in my solo visit the month prior.

Finally, Kristine and I were able to be with you and experience your hopeful energy and welcome in August. I'm only sorry I didn't get time with each one of you during that visit. Now, of course, the Spirit has given us plenty of time in the years ahead.

Often invisible to parishes are members of the Synod who, in your case, have been very insightful, honest, and helpful in establishing this pastoral call. They have also been instrumental in getting you high quality Transitional Pastors during the interim. Pastor Andy Yee has been generous with his skills, good nature, and his time. He has set a good tone for our shared ministry and I'm grateful for the Synod's partnership.

We are indebted to the hard work of all these servants of Christ. Please be sure to thank them.

Our goal is to move to Snohomish by mid-October and be prepared to lead worship with you by All Saints Sunday, November 7. There is much to do between now and then!

Let our first and sustained task be to turn toward God in Scripture and prayer. Martin Luther advised: "In human affairs we accomplish everything through prayer." As you have prayed during this time of pastoral transition, I invite you to continue praying for your church, for me, and for our shared ministry in and to Snohomish County in Jesus' name. I look forward to being with you soon.

In Christ,

Craig R. Beeker

Pastor Craig Beeker