

THE BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST OF  
CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WELCOME YOU TO THE DIVINE SERVICE!

AUGUST 25, 2024 – 10:40 A.M.



HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES US IN GOD'S ABUNDANT LIFE IN CHRIST

**Christ the King Lutheran Church**

*A member of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)*

*Declaring new life in Jesus Christ & encouraging all to take their next step of faith with Jesus!*

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***Our vision:*** All people will ***know God*** personally through Jesus Christ.

***Our mission:*** Inward ***searching***, outward ***seeking***, ***forward*** together with Jesus Christ.

***Psalm 139:23--Search*** me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

***Luke 19:10*** – For the Son of Man came to ***seek*** and to save the lost.

***Matthew 4:19*** – “***Come, follow*** Me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

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**Welcome! We're glad you're here...**

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**OUR INVITATION:** Our family of faith invites you to participate in our mission to share the Gospel (which means "good news") of Jesus Christ, as we gather to hear the word of God and share the presence of Christ in Holy Communion and Christian fellowship. The Gospel is that Almighty God is for us and with us, and we know this with certainty through Jesus Christ. With your participation, our God-given mission to spread this good news to the world and the surrounding community can only be strengthened. Our pastor and members are here for you!

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### ***Sunday School Classes and Rooms (all classes meet at 9:20 a.m.):***

**"Jesus's questions in John & then the whole Gospel of John"** led by Pastor Chris in the Luther Rm. Oasis with Martha Green & Maizie Nelson, in the Luther Room foyer.

**Disciple 2** led by Anita Humphries in Fellowship 2.

**Children's Sunday Education** - NURSERY IS available for infants & children 3 years of age during each worship service, and education time. Following are where everyone will meet:

Nursery (infant - 3 years old) ~ Main blg Nursery

4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade ~ Disciple Room

3K & K ~ John Room

Jr. High ~ Jr High Room

1st – 3rd grade ~ Matthew & Mark Room

Sr. High ~ Youth Room

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**TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS NOTES:** *In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus's invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus's disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.*

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### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

PASTOR: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people...

**Congregation: And kindle in us the fire of your love!**

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### **CALL TO WORSHIP & AUGUST MEMORY VERSE:**

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

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♪ **PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: “It Is Well”**

**Verse 1** *Grander earth has quaked before, moved by the sound of His voice. Seas that are shaken and stirred can be calmed and broken for my regard.*

**Chorus 1** *Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You. Through it all, through it all it is well. Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You, and it is well with me.*

**Verse 2** *Far be it for me to not believe Even when my eyes can't see. And this mountain that's in front of me will be thrown into the midst of the sea.*

**Chorus 2** *Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You. Through it all, through it all it is well. Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You, and it is well, it is well.*

**Bridge** *So, let go my soul and trust in Him. The waves and wind still know His name. So, let go my soul and trust in Him. The waves and wind still know His name. So, let go my soul and trust in Him. The waves and wind still know His name. The waves and wind still know His name.*

**Ending** *It is well with my soul. It is well with my soul. It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.*

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**THE FIRST LESSON: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**

**The Introduction:** *In the Near East, covenant means “agreement” or “alliance.” It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.*

**The Reading:**

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel and for their heads and their judges and their officers; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>Joshua said to all the people,

<sup>14</sup>“Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup>If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you

are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

<sup>16</sup>The people answered and said, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for the Lord our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and who did these great signs in our sight and preserved us through all the way in which we went and among all the peoples through whose midst we passed. <sup>18</sup>The Lord drove out from before us all the peoples, even the Amorites who lived in the land. We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God.”

*(Lector: “This is the word of the Lord!” then, **all, “Thanks be to God!”**)*

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**THE PSALM: Psalm 34:15-22**

*(Congregation has verses in bold)*

**The Introduction:** *The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous.*

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God’s ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup> **The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup> The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

**18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

<sup>19</sup> Many are the troubles of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

**<sup>20</sup> God will keep safe all their bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.**

<sup>21</sup> Evil will bring death to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**<sup>22</sup> O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

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(Lector: "This is the word of the Lord!" then, **all**, "Thanks be to God!")

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♪ **THE GOSPEL VERSE:** You have saved us, You have won. Sin is broken, death is gone.  
Freedom's found us, breakthrough's near. In Your presence, no more fear. Our Savior's here, our  
Savior's here.

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### **THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 6:56-69**

**The Introduction:** *The "hard saying" that offends Jesus's disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. Knowing that Jesus will always be the only One, Peter asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"*

#### **The Gospel:**

<sup>56</sup> "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever."

<sup>59</sup> These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. <sup>60</sup> Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this said, "This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?"

<sup>61</sup> But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble? <sup>62</sup> What then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have

spoken to you are spirit and are life. <sup>64</sup> But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. <sup>65</sup> And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father."

<sup>66</sup> As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus said to the twelve, "You do not want to go away also, do you?"

<sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.

<sup>69</sup> We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."

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(Lector: This is the word of the Lord. **Congregation:** Thanks be to God!)

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**THE PRAYER AND SERMON:**

*Pentecost Theme: "Holy Spirit Will Guide Us"  
Today - "Jesus, you're still the One"*

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**"O Come to the Altar"**

- Verse 1* Are you hurting and broken within, overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?  
Jesus is calling. Have you come to the end of yourself,  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.
- Chorus* O come to the altar; the Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.
- Verse 2* Leave behind your regrets and mistakes. Come today; there's no reason to wait.  
Jesus is calling. Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy;  
From the ashes a new life is born. Jesus is calling. (*Chorus 2x*)
- Instrumental*
- Bridge* Oh, what a Savior, isn't he wonderful; Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.  
Bow down before him, for he is Lord of all; Sing alleluia, Christ is risen (*Chorus*)
- Verse 3* Bear your cross as you wait for the crown;  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found.
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## THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

*After each petition, the leader says, "Lord, in your mercy" and all respond, "Hear our prayer."*

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## SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE:

*Greetings celebrate God bringing us peace together with Himself through Christ.*

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## MINUTE for MISSION:

**& GIVING THANKS** to God with His tithes (*first 10% income*) & our offerings (*beyond 10%*).

*Our Mercy Ministry basket today supports Urban Ministries*

*Prayer requests can be written on prayer cards and turned in here and/or sent to [office@ctkbham.org](mailto:office@ctkbham.org).*

*Offerings are appreciated: plates are at the back of the sanctuary or give at [www.ctkbham.org](http://www.ctkbham.org), or mail a check to:*

*Christ the King Lutheran Church, 611 Riverchase Parkway West, Birmingham, AL 35244.*

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## ♪ PRAISE TEAM OFFERTORY: "Glorious Day"

Living, He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried, He carried my sins far away. Rising, He justified freely forever. One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day. Glorious day, O glorious day

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**THE OFFERING OF PRAYER:** P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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## CELEBRATING & SHARING

### CHRIST'S PROMISED PRESENCE IN HOLY COMMUNION:

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♪ **THE LORD'S PRAYER:** 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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## HOLY COMMUNION:

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## THE BLESSING, PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

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**“White Flag”**

*Verse 1*     The battle rages on as storm and tempest roar.  
              We cannot win this fight inside our rebel hearts.  
              We're laying down our weapons now.

*Chorus*     We raise our white flag: we surrender all to You, All for You.  
              We raise our white flag: the war is over! Love has come; Your love has won!

*Verse 2*     Here on this holy ground, You made a way for peace.  
              Laying Your body down, You took our rightful place.  
              This freedom song is marching on.

*Chorus*     We raise our white flag: we surrender all to You, All for You.  
              We raise our white flag: the war is over! Love has come; Your love has won!

*Bridge*     We lift the cross, lift it high, lift it high. We lift the cross, lift it high lift it high.  
              We lift the cross, lift it high lift it high. We lift the cross, lift it high lift it high.

*Chorus (2x)* We raise our white flag: we surrender all to You, All for You.  
              We raise our white flag: the war is over! Love has come; Your love has won!

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**THE DISMISSAL: P:** In the strength of Christ, let's go in peace; and serve the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

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**PRAISE TEAM POSTLUDE:                    “White Flag - Reprise”**

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*The altar flowers & eternal candle are sponsored by John & Judy Roberts in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

*If you'd like to sponsor altar flowers or the eternal candle, please sign up outside the library door or contact the church office.*

**THE SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S (9/1) WORSHIP:**

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

**THE SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER FOR THIS WEDNESDAY'S WORSHIP:**

**James 1:17-27**

<sup>17</sup> Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. <sup>18</sup> In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

<sup>19</sup> This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately

forgotten what kind of person he was. <sup>25</sup> But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

<sup>26</sup> If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.