

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

SEPTEMBER 22, 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.”

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024

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

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!

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

“Gospel of John” led by Ralph Hyatt & Pastor Chris in Library.

Oasis with Martha Green & Maizie Nelson, in the Luther Room foyer.

Disciple 2 led by Anita Humphries in the Luther Room.

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

4th – 5th grade ~ Disciple Room

3K & K ~ John Room

Jr. High ~ Jr High Room

1st – 3rd grade ~ Matthew & Mark Room

Sr. High ~ Youth Room

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS NOTES: *In the Book of James, God warns against selfish ambition which appears today while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in our hearts and daily interactions, and to give them a place of honor in our gatherings.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP & SEPTEMBER MEMORY VERSE:

“For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

BRIEF ORDER for CONFESSION of SIN and FORGIVENESS:

LEADER: Let’s quietly examine our hearts and our lives before the Lord...*(quiet)*...Let’s confess together.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your way to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

LEADER: Through God's grace and your faith in the person and work of God's Son, Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven so that Holy Spirit may lead us in abundant and everlasting life. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

"Cornerstone"

Verse 1 My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.
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Chorus Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

Verse 2 When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
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Chorus Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

Verse 3 When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne.

Chorus (2x) Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

THE GREETING: P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY: *(Spoken by all)* O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME: Trust and follow Jesus. He gives you power, love, and self-control.

♪ PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: "Come As You Are"

Verse 1 Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come, broken-hearted, let rescue begin. Come find your mercy. O sinner, come kneel; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal, Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Chorus (So) Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken lift up your face. O wanderer, come home. You're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, Come as you are.

Verse 2 There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed; Come sit at the table, come taste the grace. There's rest for the weary, rest that endures. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.

(Chorus)

Bridge Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.

Verse 3 There's joy for the morning. O sinner, be still. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. **(Chorus)**

Ending Come as you are. Come as you are. Come as you are.

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 11:18-20

The Introduction: *Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.*

The Reading:

¹⁸ Moreover, the LORD made it known to me and I knew it; Then You showed me their deeds. ¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; And I did not know that they had devised plots against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, And let us cut

him off from the land of the living, That his name be remembered no more." ²⁰ But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, Who tries the feelings and the heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them, For to You have I committed my cause.

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

THE PSALM: Psalm 54

(Congregation has verses in bold)

The Introduction: *God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.*

Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

**² Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³ For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

**⁴ Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵ Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

**⁶ I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷ For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

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

♪ **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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

The Introduction: *Jesus's teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

The Gospel:

³⁰From there they went out and began to go through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know about it. ³¹For He was teaching His disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed, He will rise three days later."

³²But they did not understand this statement, and they were afraid to ask Him.

³³They came to Capernaum; and when He was in the house, He began to question them, "What were you discussing on the

way?" ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had discussed with one another which of them was the greatest. ³⁵Sitting down, He called the twelve and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Taking a child, He set him before them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them, ³⁷"Whoever receives one child like this in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me does not receive Me, but Him who sent Me."

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

THE PRAYER AND SERMON:

Pentecost Theme: "Holy Spirit Will Guide Us"

Today - "Your true sentiments toward Christ are revealed in your treatment of children"

“Ever Be”

Verse 1 Your love is devoted like a ring of solid gold,
Like a vow that is tested, like a covenant of old.
Your love is enduring through the winter rain
And beyond the horizon with mercy for today.

Pre-Chorus Faithful You have been, and faithful You will be.
You pledge Yourself to me, and it's why I sing:

Chorus Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.

Verse 2 You Father the orphan; Your kindness makes us whole.
You shoulder our weakness, and Your strength becomes our own.
You're making me like You, clothing me in white,
Bringing beauty from ashes, for You will have Your bride,

Pre-Chorus Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame,
And known by her true name, and it's why I sing:

Chorus Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.

Bridge You will be praised, You will be praised.
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord.
You will be praised, You will be praised
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord. And it's why I sing:

Chorus Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & THE APOSTLES' CREED:

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

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

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE:

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

MINUTE for MISSION:

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

Our Mercy Ministry basket today supports Voice of the Martyrs

Prayer requests can be written on prayer cards and turned in here and/or sent to office@ctkbham.org.

*Offerings are appreciated: plates are at the back of the sanctuary or give at www.ctkbham.org, or mail a check to:
Christ the King Lutheran Church, 611 Riverchase Parkway West, Birmingham, AL 35244.*

♪ 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

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.

**CELEBRATING & SHARING
CHRIST'S PROMISED PRESENCE IN HOLY COMMUNION:**

♪ 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.

HOLY COMMUNION:

THE BLESSING, PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

“Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”

Verse Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

Chorus You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Verse Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

Chorus (2x) You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Ending Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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

PRAISE TEAM POSTLUDE: “Lord, I Lift Your Name On High - Reprise”

*The altar flowers & eternal candle are sponsored by Martha Wurtele Jones in memory of her father, George Wurtele on his 99th birthday.
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 (9/29) WORSHIP:

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3; Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22; Luke 10:17-20

THE SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER FOR THIS WEDNESDAY'S WORSHIP:

Revelation 12:7-12

⁷ And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, ⁸ and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of

our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. ¹¹ And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. ¹² For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time.”