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CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WELCOME YOU TO THE DIVINE SERVICE!

MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 – 8:00 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.”

# *Michael & All Angels*

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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.):**

**“Gospel of John”** led by Ralph Hyatt & Pastor Chris in the 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

3K & K ~ John Room

1st – 3rd grade ~ Matthew & Mark Room

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

Jr. High ~ Jr High Room

Sr. High ~ Youth Room

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**TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS NOTES:** *The archangel Michael is pictured as a prince and a general of the heavenly army, defeating the dragon (the ancient serpent, the devil, Satan). It is important, though, to see in Revelation 12:11 that God’s victory ultimately comes by Jesus’s death and the testimony of his followers. The power of God’s truth gives us confidence in the face of evil on earth, even in the face of our own death.*

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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 & 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

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### **BRIEF ORDER for CONFESSION of SIN and FORGIVENESS:**

*We confess our sinful nature and our actual sins and speak to one another the forgiveness in Jesus’s name that the Lord would have us all speak to any who are sorry for their sin.*

*The invocation and call to confession of sin, then SILENCE FOR SELF-EXAMINATION.*

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God our Father 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I announce to you the good news that all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**♪ THE HYMN OF JOY: "Come, Thou Almighty King" (LBW #522)**

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| 1. Come, thou almighty King, Help us thy name to sing; Help us to praise; Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.              | 3. Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r. |
| 2. Come, thou incarnate Word, Gird on thy mighty sword; Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, And give thy Word success, And let thy righteousness On us descend. | 4. To thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be Hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.                   |

**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)* Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever. Amen.

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

**♪ SPECIAL MUSIC: "Down By The Riverside" Adult Choir arr Mary McDonald**

*Gonna lay down my burden down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.  
Gonna lay down my burden down by the riverside, down by the riverside.  
I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more.  
Ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more, down by the riverside.  
It's me, It's me, It's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. (repeat)  
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not my mother, not my father, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.  
Gonna lay down my burden down by the riverside, down by the riverside. Gonna lay down my heavy load down by the riverside.  
Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside, down by the riverside. Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside, down by the river.  
It's me, It's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It's me, It's me. O Lord!*

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**THE FIRST LESSON: Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3**

**The Introduction:** *Daniel trembles in the presence of an angel. That angel tells the prophet about the good and terrible future when the dead will be resurrected and the archangel Michael will usher in the deliverance of the nation.*

**The Reading:**

<sup>10</sup> Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup> He said to me, "O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. <sup>12</sup> Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. <sup>13</sup> But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. <sup>14</sup> Now I have come to give you

an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future."

<sup>12:1</sup> "Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. <sup>2</sup> Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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

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**♪ THE PSALM: Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22**

(Congregation has verses in bold)

**The Introduction:** *Bless the LORD, you angels, all you hosts of God.*

Bless the LORD, ' O my soul,\*

and all that is within me, bless God's ' holy name.

**<sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, ' O my soul,\***

**and forget not ' all God's benefits -**

<sup>3</sup> who forgives ' all your sins\*

and heals all ' your diseases;

**<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life ' from the grave\***

**and crowns you with steadfast ' love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires ' with good things\*

so that your youth is renewed ' like an eagle's.

**<sup>20</sup> Bless the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who ' do God's bidding,\***

**who obey the voice ' of God's word.**

<sup>21</sup> Bless the LORD, all you ' hosts of God,\*

you servants who ' do God's will.

**22 Bless the LORD, all you works of God, in all places ' where God rules;\*  
bless the LORD, ' O my soul.**

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**♪ THE ALLELUIA REFRAIN FOR PENTECOST:**

**Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit, renew the face of the earth.**

**Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit, renew the face of the earth. (REPEAT)**

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:17-20**

**The Introduction:** *The missionary church ("the seventy") is given magnificent power. Greater than this gift of power over the enemy, however, is the gift of salvation: their names are written in heaven.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

*(sung)*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**The Gospel:**

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." <sup>18</sup>And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over

all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

*(sung)*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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**THE PRAYER AND SERMON:**

*Pentecost Theme: "Holy Spirit Will Guide Us"*

*Today - Chaplain Kathy Stepanski*

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**♪ HYMN of the DAY: "God Himself is Present"**

(LBW #249)

1. God Himself is present; let us now adore Him and with awe appear before Him! God is in His temple; all within keep silence, prostrate lie with deepest rev'rence. Him alone God we own, Him, our God and Savior; praise His name forever!

2. God Himself is present; hear the harps resounding; see the hosts the throne surrounding! "Holy, holy, holy!" Hear the hymn ascending, songs of saints and angels blending. Bow Your ear to us here: hear, O Christ, the praises that Your church now raises.

3. Light of light eternal, all things penetrating, for Your rays our soul is waiting. As the tender flowers, willingly unfolding, to the sun their faces holding: even so would we do, light from You obtaining, strength to serve You gaining.

4. Come, celestial Being, make our hearts Your dwelling, every carnal thought dispelling. By Your Holy Spirit sanctify us truly, teaching us to love You only. Where we go here below, let us bow before You and in truth adore You.

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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 Sav-a-life*

*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:*

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**♪ THE OFFERTORY VERSE:** Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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**♪ COMMUNION HYMN:**

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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**DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:** *All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present as he promised are invited to Commune. Pastor will speak a blessing in Christ for children who have not received First Communion instruction and all others who ARE NOT baptized.*

**♪ At Distribution: Congregation sings both 1) #535 &  
 2) #534 in LBW, green book**

**THE BLESSING, PRAYER, AND BENEDICTION**

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**♪ HYMN to the WORLD: "Onward, Christian Soldiers" (LBW #509)**

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| <p>1. Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,<br/>         With the cross of Jesus Going on before.<br/>         Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;<br/>         Forward into battle, See, his banners go!</p> <p><i>Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,<br/>         With the cross of Jesus Going on before.</i></p> <p>2. Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;<br/>         Let us boldly follow Where the saints have trod.<br/>         We are not divided; All one body we:<br/>         One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.<br/> <i>[Refrain]</i></p> | <p>3. Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,<br/>         But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain;<br/>         Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail.<br/>         We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail. <i>[Refrain]</i></p> <p>4. Onward, then, you faithful, Join our happy throng;<br/>         Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song.<br/>         Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ the king.<br/>         We through countless ages With the angels sing. <i>[Refrain]</i></p> |
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**THE DISMISSAL:** P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God!**

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♪ **POSTLUDE CHORUS: "In the Garden"**

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known.

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*The altar flowers & eternal candle are sponsored by Alicia & Philip Melton in celebration of Brooks Melton's 18<sup>th</sup> 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 (10/6) WORSHIP:**

**Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Mark 10:2-16**

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

**Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, <sup>2</sup> in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. <sup>3</sup> And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

<sup>2:5</sup> For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup> But one has testified somewhere, saying, "What is man, that You remember him? Or the son of man, that You are concerned about him?" <sup>7</sup> "You have made him for a little while lower than the angels; You have crowned him with

glory and honor, And have appointed him over the works of Your hands; <sup>8</sup> You have put all things in subjection under his feet." For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him. <sup>9</sup> But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup> For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, <sup>12</sup> saying, "I will proclaim Your name to My brethren, In the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise."

**God's Path for Growth as a Disciple/Follower of Jesus:**

*Save the Lost – Luke 19:10*

*Pastor the Saved – Acts 2:41-47*

*Equip the Pastored – Ephesians 4:11-16*

*a. prayer b. evangelism c. discipleship d. team*

*Send the Equipped – Matthew 28:18-20*

**Disciplemaker's Prayer**

from Deut. 6:1-9; Mark 3:13-14; 12:30-31; Matt. 28:18-20; John 17:20; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 4:16-17

Heavenly Father, Thank you for giving me a disciplemaking way of life in Christ Jesus. **As I go through every part of this day, help me to love you and love the people who cross my path -- starting with my family.** Don't let me miss the adventures you are sending my way to live or the exciting opportunities to speak the Good News about Jesus today. Draw my heart to you and to specific people you want me to pull close for Jesus-like disciplemaking friendships. By your Word and Spirit, transform me into a follower of Jesus who loves you, loves people, and makes disciples who make more disciples, ad infinitum. In Jesus' name, Amen.