

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

OCTOBER 6, 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.”

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 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: *Today’s gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus’s saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God’s law. Jesus’s rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?*

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 & OCTOBER MEMORY VERSE:

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6

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.

"How Majestic Is Your Name"

Chorus Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
Oh Lord, we praise Your name; Oh Lord, we magnify Your name;
Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Oh Lord God Almighty. (repeat)

Ending Oh Lord, we praise Your name; Oh Lord, we magnify Your name;
Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Oh Lord God Almighty.

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)* Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image 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: "King of Glory"**

Verse 1 Who is this King of glory that pursues me with His love, And haunts me with each hearing of His softly spoken words? My conscience, a reminder of forgiveness that I need; Who is this King, of glory who offers it to me?

Verse 2 Who is this King of angels, o blessed Prince of Peace, Revealing things of heaven and all its mysteries? My spirit's ever longing for His grace in which to stand. Who is this King of glory, Son of God and Son of Man?

Chorus His name is Jesus, precious Jesus, Lord Almighty, King of my heart, King of glory.

Verse 3 Who is this King of glory, with strength and majesty, And wisdom beyond measure, the gracious King of kings? The Lord of earth and heaven, the Creator of all things; He is the King of glory, He is ev'rything to me. **Repeat Chorus 2x**

Ending Lord Almighty, King of my heart, King of glory.

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:18-24

The Introduction: *Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).*

The Reading:

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him." ¹⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him. ²¹ So the LORD

God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. ²² The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. ²³ The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴ For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

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

THE PSALM: Psalm 8

(Congregation has verses in bold)

The Introduction: *You crown us with glory and honor.*

O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth! -

**2 you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**4 what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

**6 You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷ all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

**8 the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹ O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

(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 10:2-16

The Introduction: *Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

The Gospel:

²Some Pharisees came up to Jesus, testing Him, and began to question Him whether it was lawful for a man to divorce a wife. ³And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh; so they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

¹⁰In the house the disciples began questioning Him about this again. ¹¹And He

said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery."

¹³And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all." ¹⁶And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands on them.

(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 - "God's stand on divorce reflects God's stand for all people"

“Indescribable”

Verse 1 From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring,
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming:

Chorus 1 Indescribable, uncontainable; You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name; You are amazing God;
All powerful, untamable; awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim You are amazing, God.

Verse 2 Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom. (*repeat Chorus 1*)

Interlude, Chorus 1, Chorus 2

Chorus 2 Indescribable, uncontainable; You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name; You are amazing, God.
Incomp'able, unchangeable; You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same. You are amazing, God.

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

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: Breast Cancer Walk coordinated by Ann Dawson

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

Our Mercy Ministry basket today supports Doers of the Word

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:

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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

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

"This Is Amazing Grace"

Verse 1 Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Verse 2 Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life, that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Verse 3 Who brings our chaos back into order, Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.

Verse 4 Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance? The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life, that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Bridge Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave! Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
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Worthy is the King who conquered the grave! Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy, worthy, worthy!

Chorus This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life, that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

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: "This Is Amazing Grace - Reprise"

The altar flowers & eternal candle are available for sponsors.

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 (10/13) WORSHIP:

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Mark 10:17-31

THE SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER FOR THIS WEDNESDAY'S WORSHIP:

Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest who

has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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.