

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

REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 27, 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."*

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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 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

4th – 5th grade ~ Disciple Room

Jr. High ~ Jr High Room

Sr. High ~ Youth Room

TODAY’S BIBLE READINGS NOTES: *Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God’s grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work in the redeeming strength of Christ and Holy Spirit’s lead. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, that is only rightly used under Christ’s Lordship, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully through Christ in worship and mission.*

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



Dove -- The Dove represents peace and is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. “...the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.” John 14:26-27

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’ 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.

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (LBW #229)

1. A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious; He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

2. No strength of ours can match his might~ We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

3. Though hordes of devils fill the land All threatening to devour us, We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us. Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage! He might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

4. God's Word for ever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it; For God himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!

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 HYMN OF PRAISE: (p.60-61 in Green Book for music)

All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Women: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Men: Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Women: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Men: For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY: *(Spoken by all)* Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪ **SPECIAL MUSIC:** *“Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”* Alleluia Ringers Lauran Delancy

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

♪ **SPECIAL MUSIC:** *“God Is My Refuge”* Adult Choir Allen Pote

God is our refuge and strength; A present help in time of trouble. Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea Though the waters roar and foam, We will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, The awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, In all the earth.

He is the Word, we are his hands, He will lead us. He is the air, we are his song. We will celebrate his presence All the day long.

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Come and behold the work of the Lord, The awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, In all the earth.

He is the rain, we are the stones, He will cleanse us. He is the air, we are his song. We will celebrate his presence All the day long.

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Introduction: *The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgives.*

The Reading:

³¹“Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. ³³“But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the

LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

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

♪ **THE PSALM: Psalm 46**

(Congregation sings verses in **bold**)

The Introduction: *The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

¹ God is our ref- ' uge and strength,*

a very present ' help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the ' earth be moved,*

and though the mountains shake in the depths ' of the sea;

³ though its waters ' rage and foam,*

and though the mountains tremble ' with its tumult.

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- ' y of God,*

the holy habitation of ' the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall ' not be shaken;*

God shall help it at the ' break of day.

⁶ The nations rage, and the ' kingdoms shake;*

God speaks, and the earth ' melts away.

⁷ The LORD of ' hosts is with us;*

the God of Jacob ' is our stronghold.

⁸ Come now, regard the works ' of the LORD,*

what desolations God has brought up- ' on the earth;

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in ' all the world;*

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the ' shields with fire.

¹⁰ "Be still, then, and know that ' I am God;*

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted ' in the earth."

¹¹ The LORD of ' hosts is with us;*

the God of Jacob ' is our stronghold.

♪ **THE GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL: "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"**

God's word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever; To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor. Through life it guides our way; In death it is our stay. Lord, grant
while time shall last Your Church may hold it fast Throughout all generations.



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THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The Introduction: *Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

♪ (sung) C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel:

³¹ So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it

that You say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

♪ (sung) C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

♪ **THE GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word"**

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from your Son And bring to nought all he has done.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER and SERMON:

Pentecost Theme: "Come, Holy Spirit!"

Today - "God alone is our refuge, strength, and help"

♪ **HYMN OF THE DAY: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"** (LBW 294)

1. My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; No merit of my own I claim, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. *[Refrain]*

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood Sustain me in the raging flood; When all supports are washed away, He then is all my hope and stay.

[Refrain]

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found, Clothed in his righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before the throne! *[Refrain]*

THE NICENE CREED:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

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

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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: Jesse Gomez's Family

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

Our Mercy Ministry basket today supports Jesse Gomez's parents church in Mexico

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.

♪ OFFERTORY HYMN: "Let the Vineyards"

(page 66 green book for music)

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 the 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: P: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave 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 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.

♪ **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.

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) #397 & 2) #359 in LBW, green book**

THE BLESSING, PRAYER, AND BENEDICTION

♪ **HYMN to the WORLD: "Lift High the Cross"** (LBW #377)

Refrain: Lift high the cross The love of Christ proclaim, Till all the world Adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

2. Led on their way By this triumphant sign, The hosts of God In conquering ranks combine. *Refrain*

3. All newborn soldiers Of the Crucified Bear on their brows The seal of Him who died.

Refrain

4. O Lord, once lifted On the glorious tree, As Thou hast promised Draw us all to Thee.

Refrain

5. So shall our song Of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified For victory. *Refrain*

POSTLUDE:

"Here I Am, Lord"

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

The altar flowers & eternal candle are available for sponsors.

If you'd like to sponsor altar flowers, please sign up online through the church emails or outside the library door or contact the church office.

THE SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S (11/3) WORSHIP:

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; John 11:32-44

THE SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER FOR THIS WEDNESDAY'S (10/30) WORSHIP:

Revelation 21:1-6a