

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

REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 27, 2024 – 10:40 A.M.



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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 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: *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/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LEADER: 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:

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 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.

“A Mighty Fortress”

Verse 1 Our God is a consuming fire, a burning holy flame, with glory and freedom.
Our God is the only righteous judge, ruling over us with kindness and wisdom.
And we will keep our eyes on You, we will keep our eyes on You.

Chorus A mighty fortress is our God. A sacred refuge is Your name.
Your Kingdom is unshakable and with You forever we will reign.

Verse 2 Our God is jealous for His own.
None could comprehend His love and His mercy.
Our God is exalted on His throne,
High above the heavens forever, He is worthy.
And we will keep our eyes on You, we will keep our eyes on You.

Chorus A mighty fortress is our God. A sacred refuge is Your name.
Your Kingdom is unshakable and with You forever we will reign.

Instrumental

Bridge We will keep our eyes on You, we will keep our eyes on You.
So, we can set our hearts on You, Lord, we will set our hearts on You.

Chorus A mighty fortress is our God. A sacred refuge is Your name.
Your Kingdom is unshakable and with You forever we will reign.

Ending With You forever we will reign. With You forever we will reign.

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)* 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.

♪ **PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM:** *“Almighty God”*

Verse 1 *There is a river. There is a refuge for all who come in need of help. There is a river, a holy place where the Most High dwells.*

Chorus 1 *Almighty God is our fortress. He is with us. God is with us.*

Verse 2 *There is a river, it's overflowing. The presence of our Lord is here. There is a river. Joy will rise as we draw near.*

Chorus 2 *Almighty God is our fortress. He is with us. God is with us. Almighty God will not fail us. He is with us. God is with us.*

Bridge *We will not fear. We will not fear Though the earth give way, He is strong to save. We will not fear. We will not fear Though the mountains shake, He is strong to save. (repeat Chorus 2)*

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: “Here ends the reading”)

THE PSALM: Psalm 46

(Congregation says verses in bold)

The Introduction: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

¹ God is our refuge 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 city 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.**

⁷The 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 upon the earth;**

⁹behold 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.”

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

(Lector: “Here ends the reading.”)

♪ **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: 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.*

The Gospel:

³¹So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They 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’?”

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

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

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THE PRAYER AND SERMON:

*Pentecost Theme: “Come, Holy Spirit!”
Today - “God alone is our refuge, strength, and help”*

“Good, Good Father”

Verse 1 I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like,
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.
You tell me that You're pleased, and that I'm never alone.

Chorus You're a good, good Father; it's who You are,
It's who You are, it's who You are. And I'm loved by You;
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

Verse 2 I've seen many searching for answers far and wide,
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide.
'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word.

Chorus You're a good, good Father; it's who You are,
It's who You are, it's who You are. And I'm loved by You;
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

Bridge You are perfect in all of Your ways. You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.

Verse 3 Love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak.
Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still,
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love.

Chorus You're a good, good Father; it's who You are,
It's who You are, it's who You are. And I'm loved by You;
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

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:

THE SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE:

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.*

♪ **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 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.

HOLY COMMUNION:

THE BLESSING, PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

"Fail Us Not"

Verse 1 Failure doesn't faze You, worry doesn't win.
 Loss doesn't leave You afraid to start again.
 Our sin doesn't shock You, our shame doesn't shame You at all.

Verse 2 Mistakes do not move You, terror doesn't tame.
 Death doesn't doom You to a life in the grave. Our suff'ring doesn't scare You,
 Our secrets won't surprise You at all, at all.

Pre-Chorus There is nothing above You, there is nothing beyond You.
 There is nothing that You can't do.

Chorus Whatever will come, we'll rise above. You fail us not, You fail us not.
 No matter the war, our hope is secure. You fail us not, You fail us not. You fail us not.

Verse 3 Hatred doesn't hide You, evil doesn't ail.
 Despair can't disguise You and tell You that You've failed.
 Our doubt doesn't daunt You, Our darkness won't defeat You at all, at all.

Pre-Chorus There is nothing above You, there is nothing beyond You.
 There is nothing that You can't do.

Chorus Whatever will come, we'll rise above. You fail us not, You fail us not.
 No matter the war, our hope is secure. You fail us not, You fail us not.
 Whatever will come, we'll rise above. You fail us not, You fail us not.
 You fail us not! You fail us not.

Bridge You're bigger than the battle. You are bigger than the battle.
 You are bigger than the battle has ever been, ever been!

Chorus Whatever will come, we'll rise above. You fail us not, You fail us not.
 No matter the war, our hope is secure. You fail us not, You fail us not.
 Whatever will come, we'll rise above. You fail us not, You fail us not.
 You fail us not! You fail us not!

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: *"Fail Us Not - Reprise"*

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