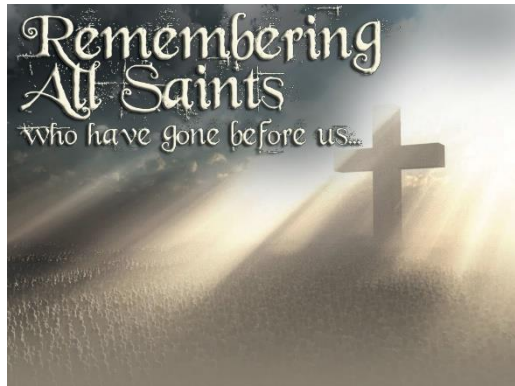


THE BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST OF
CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
WELCOME YOU TO THE DIVINE SERVICE!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 3, 2024 - 8:00 A.M.



HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES US IN GOD'S ABUNDANT LIFE IN CHRIST

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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."

All Saints Sunday

November 3, 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: *Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.*

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 & NOVEMBER MEMORY VERSE:

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 106:1

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: "For All the Saints"** *verses 1-4 (LBW #174)*

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| 1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
All who by faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia! | 3. Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and
bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of
old And win with them the victor's crown of
gold. Alleluia! Alleluia! |
| 2. You were their rock, their fortress, and their
might; You, Lord, their captain in the well-
fought fight; You, in the darkness drear, their
one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia! | 4. Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one within your great design.
Alleluia! Alleluia! |
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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:

P: *(Sung)* The Lord be with you.

C: *(Sung)* And also with you.

P: Let us pray. *(petition)*

(Spoken by all) Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

♪ SPECIAL MUSIC:

"First Song of Isaiah"

by Jack Noble White

Solo by Kent Boyd, Baritone

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, And he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing From the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name.

Make his deeds known among the peoples; See that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, And this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, Ring out your joy, For the great one in the midst of you Is the Holy One of Israel.

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

The Introduction: *Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

The Reading:

The LORD of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; A banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, And refined, aged wine. ⁷ And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, Even the veil which is stretched over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death for all time, And the Lord GOD will wipe

tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. ⁹ And it will be said in that day, "Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."

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

♪ THE PSALM: Psalm 24

*(The congregation has the verses in **bold**.)*

The Introduction: *They shall receive a blessing from the God of their salvation.*

The earth is the LORD's and all ' that is in it,*
the world and those who ' dwell therein.

**² For the LORD has founded it up- ' on the seas*
and established it up- ' on the rivers.**

³ Who may ascend the mountain ' of the LORD,*
and who may stand in God's ' holy place?

**⁴ Those of innocent hands and puri- ' ty of heart,*
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by ' what is false.**

⁵ They shall receive blessing ' from the LORD*
and righteousness from the God of ' their salvation.

**⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek ' you, O LORD,*
of those who seek your face, O ' God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- ' lasting doors,*
that the King of glory ' may come in.

⁸ Who is this ' King of glory?*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- ' y in battle!

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- ' lasting doors,*
that the King of glory ' may come in.

¹⁰ **Who is this ' King of glory?***

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the ' King of glory.

♪ **THE ALLELUIA VERSE:**

(pg.62 in green book for music)

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

The Introduction: *Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter.

(sung)

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel:

³²Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled, ³⁴and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews were saying, "See how He loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have kept this man also from dying?"

³⁸So Jesus, again being deeply moved within, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to Him, "Lord, by this

time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴²I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me." ⁴³When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." ⁴⁴The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE PASTORAL PRAYER and SERMON:

Pentecost Theme: "Come, Holy Spirit!"

Today - "Unbind him, and let him go"

♪ HYMN OF THE DAY: "For All Your Saints, O Lord" (LBW #176)

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| 1. For all your saints, O Lord, Who strove in you to live, Who followed you, obeyed, adored, Our grateful hymn receive. | 4. For this, your name we bless And humbly pray anew That we like them in holiness May live and die in you. |
| 2. For all your saints, O Lord, Who strove in you to die, Who counted you their great reward, Accept our thankful cry. | 5. To God, the Father, Son, And Spirit, ever blest, The One in Three, the Three in One, Be endless praise addressed. |
| 3. They all in life and death, With you, their Lord, in view, Learned from your Holy Spirit's breath To suffer and to do. | |

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: Nikki Wahl, CDC fundraiser

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

Our Mercy Ministry basket today supports Care Center of Birmingham

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.

OUR OFFERING OF THANKS AND PRAISE:

♪ **OFFERTORY HYMN:**

(from p.66 in green book)

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. 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 CHRIST'S PROMISED PRESENCE IN HOLY COMMUNION

♪ **THE LORD'S PRAYER:** (*sung*) 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.

♪ **COMMUNION HYMN:**

(p.72 green book for music)

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.

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) #175 &**

2) #383 in LBW, green book

THE BLESSING, PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

♪ **HYMN TO THE WORLD: "For All the Saints"** *verses 5-8* (LBW #174)

5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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 are sponsored by Anne Scholl in honor of her sister, Lucy.

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 (11/10) WORSHIP:

1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Mark 12:38-44

THE SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER FOR THIS WEDNESDAY'S (11/6) WORSHIP:

Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; ²⁵nor was it that He would offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the

consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. ²⁷And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.