

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

26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 17, 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.”

The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2024 – 8:00 a.m.

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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: *November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ’s coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.*

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'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: "Great Is Their Faithfulness"** (WOV #771)

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail
not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

*Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy
faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I
see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and

harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses
above Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
(Refrain)

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide; Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten
thousand beside! *(Refrain)*

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, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

♪ **SPECIAL MUSIC: "Make A Joyful Noise" Adult Choir** by Kenneth T Kosche

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands, Come into God's presence with singing. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands, Worship the Lord with a song.

For the Lord is a great God, the Lord alone is our true Creator; For the Lord is a great God, the Maker of heaven and earth.

THE FIRST LESSON: Daniel 12:1-3

The Introduction: *The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.*

The Reading:

"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. ²Many of those who

sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. ³Those 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!"**)*

♪ **THE PSALM: Psalm 16** (Congregation has *verses in bold*)

The Introduction: *My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope.*

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;*

I have said to the LORD, "You are my LORD, my good above all other."

**² All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,*
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³ But those who run after other gods*
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**⁴ I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,*
never take their names up on my lips.**

⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;*
it is you who hold my lot.

**⁶ My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;*
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;*
my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸ I have set the LORD al-ways before me;*

because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;*
my body also shall rest in hope.

**¹⁰ For you will not abandon me ' to the grave,*
nor let your holy one ' see the pit.**

¹¹ You will show me the ' path of life;*

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- ' evermore.

♪ 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)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

The Introduction: *In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.

(sung)

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel:

As He was going out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, behold what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" ² And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left upon another which will not be torn down."

³ As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew were questioning Him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are

going to be fulfilled?" ⁵ And Jesus began to say to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. ⁶ Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He!' and will mislead many. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened; those things must take place; but that is not yet the end. ⁸ For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines. These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

(sung)

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE PRAYER AND SERMON:

Pentecost Theme: "Holy Spirit Will Guide Us"

Today - "God watches out for us so we can watch out for God"

♪ **HYMN of the DAY: "On Eagles Wings"**

(WOV #779)

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life, say to the
Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

and famine will bring you no fear: under God's
wings your refuge, with faithfulness your
shield. *(Refrain)*

*Refrain: And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine
like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.*

3. For to the angels God's given a command to
guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands
they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot
against a stone. *(Refrain)*

2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you,

INVITATION TO LAYING ON OF HANDS and ANOINTING FOR HEALING

OPENING PRAYER then... ALL ARE INVITED to any station to receive anointing and personal prayer from fellow member prayer teams, who will also be available for caring and prayer after worship.

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR HEALING PRAYERS FOR ONE ANOTHER:

Almighty God, your Son, Jesus Christ, offered the greatest healing to all through the forgiveness of sins, and he healed many in other ways as a sign that your reign is near. As his disciples, you've called us to continue his ministry of reconciliation and healing with prayer, the laying on of hands and anointing. Grant healing, we pray, according to your will.

God, the Builder of Your Church in this and every place, make your presence known now to those who come forward to receive prayers from others in this fellowship.

God of all, heal strife among nations and individuals so all may walk in your ways and live in your peace. We pray for our missionaries in Kampala, Uganda and Tijuana, Mexico and India and for our ministry partners: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (our LCMC), First Priority Global, Launch Global, Global Media Outreach, Institute of Lutheran Theology (ILT) and others.

Heavenly Father, have mercy on your children who live in mental distress. Restore them to strength of mind and a cheerful spirit.

Patient God, have pity on all who by addiction have lost health and freedom. Remove fear, and strengthen recovery. For those who care for them grant persevering love.

Ageless God, for those increasing in years and infirmities, grant homes of dignity and patient helpers.

God and Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, grant families to be families in Christ, a safe harbor, a school for your word, and blessed by godly fathers and righteous mothers.

Eternal God, show your face to those who are on our hearts today, especially...

♪ **QUIET MUSIC During Prayer & Healing:**

CLOSING PRAYER:

MINUTE for MISSION:

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

Our Mercy Ministry basket today supports Oak Mountain Missions

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.*

♪ **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.

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.

♪ **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.

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) #731 &
2) #734 in WOV, blue book**

THE BLESSING, PRAYER, AND BENEDICTION

♪ **HYMN to the WORLD: "How Can I Keep From Singing"** (WOV #781)

1. My life flows on in endless song; Above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet, though far off hymn That hails a new creation.

*Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that refuge clinging; Since Christ is Lord
of heaven and earth, How can I keep from singing?*

2. Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? *(Refrain)*

3. What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth. *(Refrain)*

4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am His! How can I keep from singing? *(Refrain)*

THE DISMISSAL: P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

♪ **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.

The altar flowers & eternal candle are sponsored by Charlotte Blackston in memory of her parents, Elizabeth & Edgar Hykes.

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 8A.M. (11/24) WORSHIP:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; John 18:33-37

THE SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER FOR THIS WEDNESDAY'S WORSHIP:

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood—⁶ and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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.