

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

NOVEMBER 17, 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.”

26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 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: *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:

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.

"Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)"

Verse 1 All these pieces broken and scattered, In mercy gathered, mended and whole.
Empty handed but not forsaken. I've been set free, I've been set free.

Pre-Chorus Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me.
Oh, I once was lost but now I am found. Was blind but now I see.

Chorus Oh, I can see You now, oh. I can see the love in Your eyes.
Laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life.

Verse 2 You take our failure, You take our weakness. You set Your treasure in jars of clay.
So take this heart, Lord, I'll be Your vessel. The world to see Your life in me.

Pre-Chorus Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me.
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Instrumental

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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 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.

♪ **PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM:** **“Love Is Here”**

Verse 1 *Come to the water, you who thirst, and you'll thirst no more. Come to the Father, you who work, and you'll work no more. And all you who labor in vain, and to the broken and shamed:*

Chorus *Love is here, love is now; Love is pouring from His hands, from His brow. Love is near, it satisfies; Streams of mercy flowing from His side, 'cause love is here.*

Verse 2 *Come to the Treasure, you who search, and you'll search no more. Come to the Lover, you who want, and you'll want no more. And all you who labor in vain, and to the broken and shamed, yeah:*

Chorus *Love is here, love is now; Love is pouring from His hands, from His brow. Love is near, it satisfies; Streams of mercy flowing from His side, yeah.*

Bridge *And to the bruised and fallen, captives bound and broken-hearted, He is the Lord. He is the Lord, yeah. By His stripes He's paid our ransom, from His wounds we drink salvation, He is the Lord. He is the Lord.*

Chorus 2 *Love is here, love is now. Love is pouring from His hands, from His brow. Love is near, it satisfies; Streams of mercy flowing from His side, Streams of mercy flowing from His side, 'Cause love is here. Love is here, yeah.*

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 up 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 always 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 forevermore.

(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 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.*

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.

(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 watches out for us so we can watch out for God"*

“Healing Is In Your Hands”

Verse 1 No mountain, no valley, no gain or loss we know, Could keep us from Your love.
Verse 2 No sickness, no secret, no chain is strong enough
To keep us from Your love, to keep us from Your love.
Chorus 1 How high, how wide; no matter where I am, Healing is in Your hands.
How deep, how strong; now by Your grace I stand. Healing is in Your hands.
Verse 3 Our present, our future, our past is in Your hands;
We're covered by Your blood, we're covered by Your blood.
Chorus How high, how wide; no matter where I am, Healing is in Your hands.
How deep, how strong; now by Your grace I stand. Healing is in Your hands.
Bridge In all things, we know that we are more than conquerors; You keep us by Your love.
In all things, we know that we are more than conquerors;
You keep us by Your love. You keep us by Your love.
Chorus 2 How high, how wide; no matter where I am, Healing is in Your hands.
How deep, how deep is Your love! How strong, how strong is Your love!
Now by Your grace I stand. Healing is in Your hands.

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.

♪ 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: (*sung by all*)

Verse 1 Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Chorus 1 For Thine is the Kingdom, Thine is the power, and the glory forever,
Forever, amen. (Amen)

Verse 2 Give us, Lord, give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us,
Forgive us, Lord, forgive us of our debts. (Chorus 1)

Verse 3 Lead us, from temptation, lead us from temptation.
But, deliver us, deliver us from evil to Thy salvation. (Chorus 2)

Chorus 2 For Thine is the Kingdom, Thine is the power, and the glory forever, amen.
Thine is the kingdom, Thine is the power, and the glory forever,
Forever, amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:

THE BLESSING, PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

“We Are”

Verse 1 Ev'ry secret, ev'ry shame, ev'ry fear, ev'ry pain
Live inside the dark, but that's not who we are. We are children of the day.

Pre-Chorus So wake up sleeper, lift your head. We were meant for more than this.
Fight the shadows, conquer death, make the most of the time we have left.

Chorus (2x) We are the light of the world, we are the city on a hill.
We are the light of the world, and we gotta, we gotta, We gotta let the light shine.

Interlude Let the light shine, let the light shine.

Verse 2 We are called to spread the news, to tell the world the simple truth.
Jesus came to save, there's freedom in His name, so let His love break through.

Chorus (2x)

Bridge We are the light, we are the light, we are the light, so let your light shine brighter.
We are the light, we are the light, we are the light,
Jesus, You are the light, You are the light. You are the light.
We will lift You high and shine, shine, shine.

Chorus (2x)

Ending Let the light shine, let the light shine. Let the light shine, let the light shine.

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: "We Are - Reprise"

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 10:40A.M. (11/24) WORSHIP:

Deuteronomy 8:1-10; Luke 17:11-19

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, ⁵and 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— ⁶and 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."