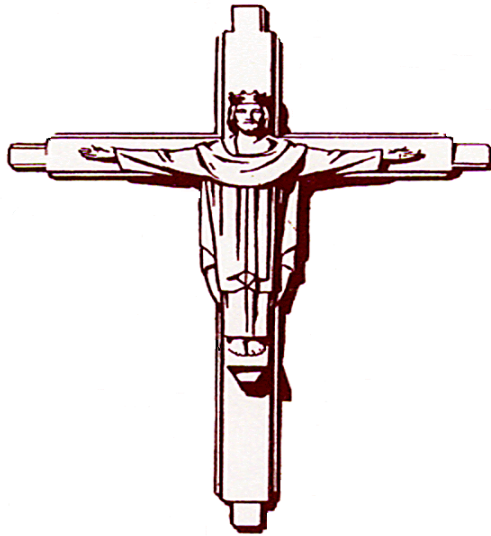


THE BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST OF
CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
WELCOME YOU TO THE DIVINE SERVICE!

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 24, 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."

Christ the King Sunday

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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 NOTES: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king’s title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the “one like a human being” (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel’s vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of 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

♪ **THE HYMN OF JOY: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"** (LBW #328)

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.
 2. Crown him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from his altar call; Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown him Lord of all. Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown him Lord of all.
 3. O seed of Israel's chosen race Now ransomed from the fall, Hail him who saves you by his grace And crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace And crown him Lord of all.
 4. Hail him, you heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call - The God incarnate, man divine - And crown him Lord of all. The God incarnate, man divine- And crown him Lord of all.
 5. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall, Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all. Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.
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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 and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

♪ **ANTHEM: "How Marvelous Are The Works of the Lord"** Adult Choir
by David Angerman & Joseph M. Martin

How marvelous are the works of the Lord, how excellent are his ways. How wonderful is his glory and fame, ever the same, great is the Name of the Lord. Great is the God of Israel, and great are the works of his hands. He alone is the King of kings, creation bows at his command. Great is the God of Abraham and perfect is his law. In majesty and holiness He rules Lord of all! He alone is the King of kings, He alone is the King of kings, He rules God of all! How marvelous are the works of the Lord, how excellent are his ways. How wonderful is his glory and fame, ever the same, great is the Name of the Lord. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

THE FIRST LESSON: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The Introduction: *To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

The Reading:

"I kept looking Until thrones were set up,
And the Ancient of Days took His seat; His
vesture was like white snow And the hair of
His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze
with flames, Its wheels were a burning fire.
¹⁰ "A river of fire was flowing And coming out
from before Him; Thousands upon thousands
were attending Him, And myriads upon
myriads were standing before Him; The court
sat, And the books were opened.

¹³ "I kept looking in the night visions, And
behold, with the clouds of heaven One like
a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to
the Ancient of Days And was presented before
Him. ¹⁴ "And to Him was given dominion,
Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples,
nations and men of every language Might serve
Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion
Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is
one Which will not be destroyed."

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

♪ **THE PSALM: Psalm 93**

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

The Introduction: *Ever since the world began, your throne has been established.*

The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and ' armed with strength.*
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- ' not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has ' been established;***
you are from ' everlasting.

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD the waters have lifted ' up their voice;*
the waters have lifted up their ' pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers ' of the sea,***
mightier is the LORD who ' dwells on high.

⁵ Your testimonies are ' very sure,*
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- ' evermore.

♪ **THE ALLELUIA VERSE:**

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

The Introduction: *In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 18th chapter.

♪ (sung) **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

³³ Therefore Pilate entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?" ³⁵ Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You to me; what have You done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My

servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm." ³⁷ Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE PASTORAL PRAYER & SERMON:

*Pentecost Theme: "Holy Spirit Will Guide Us!!"
Today - "Do you really see him? Point to him!"*

♪ **HYMN OF DAY:** "Jesus the Very Thought of You" (LBW #316)

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| <p>1. Jesus, the very thought of you Fills us with sweet delight; But sweeter far your face to view And rest within your light.</p> <p>2. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, Nor can the mind recall A sweeter sound than your blest name, O Savior of us all!</p> | <p>3. O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul, O Joy of all the meek, How kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!</p> <p>4. O Jesus, be our joy today; Help us to prize your love; Grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home above."</p> |
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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:

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

Our Mercy Ministry basket today supports Walker County Toys

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 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 & 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.

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) #170 & 2) #518 in LBW, green book**

THE BLESSING, PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

♪ **OUR HYMN TO THE WORLD: "Rejoice, the Lord is King"** (LBW #171)

1. Rejoice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and King
adore; Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore:

*Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

2. Our Savior Jesus reigns, The God of truth and
love; When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above: *[Refrain]*

3. His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth
and heav'n; The keys of death and hell Are to
our Jesus giv'n. *[Refrain]*

4. He sits at God's right hand Till all his foes
submit And bow to his command And fall
beneath his feet: *[Refrain]*

THE DISMISSAL: P: In the strength of Christ, 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 and eternal candle are sponsored by Debra & Anthony Peel.

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 (12/01) WORSHIP:

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; Luke 21:25-36

THE SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER FOR THIS WEDNESDAY'S WORSHIP:

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reading:

⁹For what thanks can we render to God for you in return for all the joy with which we rejoice before our God on your account, ¹⁰as we night and day keep praying most earnestly that we may see your face, and may complete what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father Himself and

Jesus our Lord direct our way to you; ¹²and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you; ¹³so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

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 disciplmaking 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 disciplmaking 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.

