

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

JULY 7, 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.”

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 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.):

Jesus's Questions in The Gospel of John, Led by Pastor Chris in the Luther Room

Disciple 2 with Anita Humphries in Fellowship 2.

Oasis with Martha Green & Maizie Nelson, in the Luther Room foyer.

The Life of Christ, Led by Tim Champion, in Fellowship Hall.

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: *Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of the power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.*

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 & JULY MEMORY VERSE:

"Let us not give up worshipping together" Hebrews 10:25

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.

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Chorus Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship. Come just as you are before your God. Come.

Verse One day every tongue will confess You are God. One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

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Come, just as you are to worship. Come just as you are before your God.
Come. Come. Come.

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)* **God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of 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:**

THE FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 2:1-5

The Introduction: *In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.*

The Reading:

Then He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet that I may speak with you!" ² As He spoke to me the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet; and I heard Him speaking to me. ³ Then He said to me, "Son of man, I am sending you to the sons of Israel, to a rebellious people who have rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed

against Me to this very day. ⁴ I am sending you to them who are stubborn and obstinate children, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' ⁵ As for them, whether they listen or not—for they are a rebellious house—they will know that a prophet has been among them."

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

THE PSALM: Psalm 123*(Congregation has verses in bold)***The Introduction:** *Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy.*

To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.

**² As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

³ Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

**⁴ too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.**

(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 6:1-13

The Introduction: *At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.*

The Gospel:

Jesus went out from there and came into His hometown; and His disciples followed Him. ²When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue; and the many listeners were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things, and what is this wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands?" ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him. ⁴Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own household." ⁵And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And He wondered at their unbelief. And He was

going around the villages teaching.

⁷And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits; ⁸and He instructed them that they should take nothing for their journey, except a mere staff — no bread, no bag, no money in their belt — ⁹but to wear sandals; and He added, "Do not put on two tunics." ¹⁰And He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave town. ¹¹Any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you go out from there, shake the dust off the soles of your feet for a testimony against them." ¹²They went out and preached that men should repent. ¹³And they were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.

(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 wants to amaze us! Be amazeable!"*

"Jesus, Messiah"

Verse 1 He became sin, Who knew no sin; That we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross. Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Chorus Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

Verse 2 His body the bread, His blood the wine, Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn. Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Chorus Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

Bridge All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;
All the glory to You God, the Light of the world.

Chorus Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.
Jesus, Messiah, the Lord of all!

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

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%*). Mission Challenge **47** has begun! **Thank you for the \$3,405.94 + already given.** Thank you for praying about an extra mile gift toward our \$4,700 goal! Pentecost Sunday is our **47th** birthday as a congregation in the body of Christ. We celebrate our birthday every year by planting seeds for the good news of Jesus locally, regionally, globally. **WE ASK EVERYONE TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER AN EXTRA MILE CONTRIBUTION OF ANY AMOUNT WHICH IS SO APPRECIATED EVEN AS WE SUGGEST \$100 PLUS THE NUMBER OF YEARS WE'RE CELEBRATING, SO IT WOULD BE \$147 THIS YEAR for this year's recipient** benefitting projects in partnership with Christian Service Mission. 1) to finish & furnish a transitional house for abused women (with any children) and 2) a roof replacement for a single, senior working woman.

Our Mercy Ministry basket today supports Assistance Fund

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

“Nothing But the Blood”

Verse 1 What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of --- Jesus.
 What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of --- Jesus.

Verse 2 For my pardon this I see, nothing but the blood of --- Jesus.
 For my cleansing this my plea, nothing but the blood of --- Jesus.

Chorus O, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow.
 No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of --- Jesus.

Verse 3 Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of --- Jesus.
 Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus O, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow.
 No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of --- Jesus.

Verse 4 This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood --- Jesus.
 This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of --- Jesus.

Chorus O, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow.
 No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of --- Jesus.

Verse 1 What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of --- Jesus.
 What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of --- Jesus.
 Nothing but the blood of --- Jesus. Nothing but the blood of --- Jesus.

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: “Nothing But the Blood - Reprise”

The altar flowers & eternal candle are available for sponsors.

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 (7/14) WORSHIP:

Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:1-13; Mark 6:14-29

THE SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER FOR THIS WEDNESDAY'S WORSHIP:

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace ⁸which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight ⁹He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him ¹⁰with a

view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him ¹¹also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, ¹²to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory. ¹³In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

