

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

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 14, 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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 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.):

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: *When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving 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 & JULY MEMORY VERSE:

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

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.

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: "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" (LBW #245)

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| <p>1. All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; Come ye before him and rejoice.</p> <p>2. Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid he did us make. We are his folk, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.</p> <p>3. Oh, enter then his gates with praise; Approach with joy his courts unto; Praise,</p> | <p>laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.</p> <p>4. For why? the Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.</p> <p>5. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heav'n and earth adore, From us and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.</p> |
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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)* O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

♪ SPECIAL MUSIC:

THE FIRST LESSON: Amos 7:7-15

The Introduction: *Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.*

The Reading:

⁷ Thus He showed me, and behold, the Lord was standing by a vertical wall with a plumb line in His hand. ⁸ The LORD said to me, "What do you see, Amos?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold I am about to put a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel. I will spare them no longer. ⁹ "The high places of Isaac will be desolated And the sanctuaries of Israel laid waste. Then I will rise up against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent word to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is unable to

endure all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos says, 'Jeroboam will die by the sword and Israel will certainly go from its land into exile.'" ¹² Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Go, you seer, flee away to the land of Judah and there eat bread and there do your prophesying! ¹³ But no longer prophesy at Bethel, for it is a sanctuary of the king and a royal residence."

¹⁴ Then Amos replied to Amaziah, "I am not a prophet, nor am I the son of a prophet; for I am a herdsman and a grower of sycamore figs. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from following the flock and the LORD said to me, 'Go prophesy to My people Israel.'"

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

♪ THE PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13

(Congregation has verses in bold)

The Introduction: *I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, I will listen to the LORD.*

I will listen to what the LORD ' God is saying;*

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their ' hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to ' those who fear you,***

that your glory may dwell ' in our land.

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have ' met together;*
righteousness and peace have ' kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up ' from the earth,***
and righteousness shall look ' down from heaven.

¹² The LORD will indeed ' grant prosperity,*
and our land will ' yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go be- ' fore the LORD***
and shall prepare for ' God a pathway.

♪ 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 6:14-29

The Introduction: *As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

(sung)

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel:

¹⁴ And King Herod heard of it, for His name had become well known; and people were saying, "John the Baptist has risen from the dead, and that is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him." ¹⁵ But others were saying, "He is Elijah." And others were saying, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he kept saying, "John, whom I beheaded, has risen!"

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent and had John arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, because he had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death and could not do so; ²⁰ for Herod was afraid of John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was very perplexed; but he used to enjoy listening to him. ²¹ A strategic day came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his lords

and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee; ²² and when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you want and I will give it to you." ²³ And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask of me, I will give it to you; up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵ Immediately she came in a hurry to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ And although the king was very sorry, yet because of his oaths and because of his dinner guests, he was unwilling to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded him to bring back his head. And he went and had him beheaded in the prison, ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about this, they came and took away his body and laid it in a tomb.

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's Plumb Line Touches Our Hearts"*

♪ **HYMN of the DAY: “Lord Jesus, Think On Me”**

(LBW #309)

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| <p>1. Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away
my sin; From selfish passions set me free And
make me pure within.</p> <p>2. Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious
thoughts oppressed; Let me your loving
servant be And taste your promised rest.</p> | <p>3. Lord Jesus, think on me, Nor let me go
astray; Through darkness and perplexity Point
out your chosen way.</p> <p>4. Lord Jesus, think on me, That, when the
flood is past, I may the eternal brightness see
And share your joy at last.</p> |
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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & 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%*).

*Mission Challenge 47 has begun! Thank you for the \$3,749.94 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 1st Priority Global

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) #187 &
 2) #189 in LBW, green book**

THE BLESSING, PRAYER, AND BENEDICTION

♪ **HYMN to the WORLD: "Jesus Calls Us, O'er The Tumult"** (LBW #494)

<p>1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea, Day by day his clear voice sounding, Saying, "Christian, follow me."</p> <p>2. As of old St. Andrew heard it By the Galilean lake, Turned from home and toil and kindred, Leaving all for his dear sake.</p> <p>3. Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden store, From each idol that</p>	<p>would keep us, Saying "Christian, love me more."</p> <p>4. In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."</p> <p>5. Jesus calls us! In your mercy, Savior, make us hear your call, Give our hearts to your obedience, Serve and love you best of all.</p>
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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 Crystal Rice.

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 (7/21) WORSHIP:

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

THE SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER FOR THIS WEDNESDAY'S WORSHIP:

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, ¹⁵ by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two

into one new man, thus establishing peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. ¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

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.