

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

9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 21, 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 Ninth day after Pentecost*

**July 21, 2024 – 8:00 a.m.**

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**Welcome! We're glad you're here...**

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**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!

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## **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

3K & K ~ John Room

1st – 3rd grade ~ Matthew & Mark Room

4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade ~ Disciple Room

Jr. High ~ Jr High Room

Sr. High ~ Youth Room

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**TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS NOTES:** *Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to share Christ and to care for others and for ourselves.*

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## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

PASTOR: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people...

**Congregation: And kindle in us the fire of your love!**

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## **CALL TO WORSHIP & JULY MEMORY VERSE:**

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

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**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.

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**♪ THE HYMN OF JOY: "Blessed Assurance"**

(WOV #699)

1. Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

2. Perfect submission; perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *[Refrain]*

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

3. Perfect submission: all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest; watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *[Refrain]*

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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.**

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**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:** *(Spoken by all)* **O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

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**♪ SPECIAL MUSIC:** Judy Roberts

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**THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

**The Introduction:** *Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he is inspired to use the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock" of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David's line to save Israel and Judah.*

**The Reading:**

"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!" declares the Lord. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord God of Israel concerning the shepherds who are tending My people: "You have scattered My flock and driven them away, and have not attended to them; behold, I am about to attend to you for the evil of your deeds," declares the Lord. <sup>3</sup> "Then I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will also raise up shepherds over

them and they will tend them; and they will not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> "Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> "In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, "The Lord our righteousness."

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

**♪ THE PSALM: Psalm 23**

*(Congregation has verses in bold)*

**The Introduction:** *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.*

The LORD ' is my shepherd;\*

I shall not ' be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down ' in green pastures\*  
and leads me be- ' side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my ' soul, O LORD;\*

and guide me along right pathways ' for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall ' fear no evil;\*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ' comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence ' of my enemies;\*

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ' running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ' of my life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the ' LORD forever.**

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**♪ 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)**

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

**The Introduction:** *When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

*(sung)*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**The Gospel:**

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> And He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while." (For there were many people coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.) <sup>32</sup> They went away in the boat to a secluded place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> The people saw them going, and many recognized them and ran there together on foot from all the cities, and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they

were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over they came to land at Gennesaret, and moored to the shore. <sup>54</sup> When they got out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him, <sup>55</sup> and ran about that whole country and began to carry here and there on their pallets those who were sick, to the place they heard He was. <sup>56</sup> Wherever He entered villages, or cities, or countryside, they were laying the sick in the market places, and imploring Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were being cured.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

*(sung)*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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**THE PRAYER AND SERMON:**

*Pentecost Theme: "Holy Spirit Will Guide Us"*

*Today - "What are we chasing after? The LORD is chasing after us!"*

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♪ **HYMN of the DAY: "I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"** (WOV #660)

1. I want Jesus to walk with me, I want Jesus to walk with me; All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me; In my trials, Lord, walk with me; When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk
3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

**INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL & 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 **47<sup>th</sup>** 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 Miracle League of Helena*

*Prayer requests can be written on prayer cards and turned in here and/or sent to [office@ctkbham.org](mailto:office@ctkbham.org).*

*Offerings are appreciated: plates are at the back of the sanctuary or give at [www.ctkbham.org](http://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.

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**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.**

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### CELEBRATING & SHARING CHRIST'S PROMISED PRESENCE IN HOLY COMMUNION

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**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.

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♪ **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.

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**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) #702 &  
 2) #701 in WOV, blue book**

### THE BLESSING, PRAYER, AND BENEDICTION

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♪ **HYMN to the WORLD: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"** (WOV #771)

<p>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.</p> <p><i>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!</i></p> <p>2. Summer and winter and springtime and          harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses</p>	<p>above Join with all nature in manifold witness          To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.  <i>(Refrain)</i></p> <p>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! <i>(Refrain)</i></p>
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**THE DISMISSAL:** P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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♪ **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.

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*The altar flowers & eternal candle are sponsored by the Kasper family in honor of Phyllis Kasper.*

*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 (7/28) WORSHIP:**

**2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18; John 6:1-21**

**THE SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER FOR THIS WEDNESDAY'S WORSHIP:**

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, <sup>16</sup> that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length

and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, <sup>21</sup> to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

**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 discipling 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 discipling 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.