

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

JULY 21, 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.”

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 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: *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.*

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

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.

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

♪ **PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM:** “The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)”

Verse 1 *The Lord's my Shepherd, I've all that I need; He makes me lie down where the pastures are green. Beside quiet waters, He leads me to rest; And guides me on paths of His righteousness. This He has done, His great name to display.*

Chorus *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen*

Verse 2 *Though I walk through the valley, the shadow of death, Because You are with me, no evil I dread. Your rod and Your staff ever comfort my soul; In banquets of mercy, my cup overflows. This He has done, His great name to display. (chorus 2x)*

Bridge *He refreshes my soul. He refreshes my soul. He refreshes my soul. He refreshes my soul.*

Verse 3 *For surely Your goodness and glorious grace, Will follow me closely in all of my ways. For surely Your goodness and glorious grace, Will follow me closely in all of my ways. I'll dwell in the house of the Lord all my days. I'll dwell in the house of the Lord all my days.*

Chorus 2 *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.*

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. ² 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. ³ “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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ “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. ⁶ “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.’”

(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.

**² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD,

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

**⁴ 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.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

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

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

(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 6:30-34, 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.***The Gospel:**

³⁰ The apostles gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ 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.) ³² They went away in the boat to a secluded place by themselves. ³³ 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. ³⁴ 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.

⁵³ When they had crossed over they came to land at Gennesaret, and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him, ⁵⁵ 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. ⁵⁶ 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.

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

"All Who Are Thirsty"

- Verse 1* All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep. (We sing)
- Chorus 1* Come, Lord Jesus come. Come, Lord Jesus come.
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- Verse 1* All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep. (We sing)
- Chorus 2* Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.
- Ending* All who are thirsty.

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

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 \$3,749.94 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 Miracle League of Helena

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

“Lord Reign In Me”

Verse 1 Over all the earth, You reign on high, ev’ry mountain stream, ev’ry sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that You’d reign in me again.

Chorus Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow’r, over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am, so won’t You reign in me again.

Verse 2 Over ev’ry thought, over ev’ry word, may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord.
’Cause you mean more to me than any earthly thing. So won’t you reign in me again.

Chorus Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow’r, over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am, so won’t You reign in me again.

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But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that You’d reign in me again.

Chorus Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow’r, over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am, so won’t You reign in me again,
Won’t you reign in me again, won’t you reign in me again.

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: “Lord Reign In Me - Reprise”

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

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

what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now 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, ²¹to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.