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JESUS CHRIST IS WITH US IN THE POWER OF HOLY SPIRIT!

Christ the King Lutheran Church

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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.”*

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TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS NOTES: *Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliations.*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Prayers, all requests office@ctkbham.org or 205-988-5004.

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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP & September Memory Verse:

"For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

"Here I Am to Worship"

Verse 1 Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

Verse 2 King of all days, oh, so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above;
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

Bridge And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost,
To see my sin upon that cross.

Chorus Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

BRIEF ORDER for CONFESSION of SIN and FORGIVENESS:

PASTOR: 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.

PASTOR: 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.

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

THE FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 33:7-11

The Introduction: *God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God – who is about to attack Jerusalem – gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

The Reading:

⁷“Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them warning from Me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require from your hand. ⁹But if you on your part warn a wicked man to turn from his way and he does not turn from his way, he will die in his iniquity, but you

have delivered your life.

¹⁰“Now as for you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus you have spoken, saying, “Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we are rotting away in them; how then can we survive?”’ ¹¹Say to them, ‘As I live!’ declares the Lord GOD, ‘I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?’”

(Lector: “Here ends the reading.”)

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:8-14

The Introduction: *The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

The Reading:

⁸Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. ⁹For this, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from

sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. ¹²The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy.

¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

(Lector: “Here ends the reading.”)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

The Introduction: *Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals – and the church as a whole – should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

(Lector: This is the word of the Lord. Congregation: “Thanks be to God!”)

THE PRAYER AND SERMON:

“Let’s Speak Together”

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Verse 1 Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend.
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Verse 2 Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace.
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Verse 3 Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own.
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

Chorus You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.
You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for. Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

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:

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE:

Greetings celebrate God bringing us peace together with Himself through Christ.

MINUTE for MISSION:

A) Tom Nelson & B) 8+ College Students on different campuses are inspiring us!

1) Facebook Live Wednesday 11:45 a.m. and Saturday 5 p.m. (www.facebook.com/ctkbham)

2) Please send us your updated contact info

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Our Mercy Ministry basket today supports "Aaron's Staff" for children with special needs and their family.

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

“Shine Jesus Shine”

Verse 1 Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Verse 2 Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Verse 3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

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: “I Will Rise”

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God's Path for Growth as a Disciple/Follower of Jesus:

- 1) *Save the Lost* – Luke 19:10
- 2) *Pastor the Saved* – Acts 2:41-47
- 3) *Equip the Pastored* – Ephesians 4:11-16
 - a. prayer b. evangelism c. discipleship d. team
- 4) *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 disciplemaking 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 disciplemaking 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.