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CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WELCOME YOU TO THE DIVINE SERVICE!

14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 - 8:00 A.M.



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."*

## *The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

### September 6, 2020

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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!

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#### **WHEN WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION - NOTES ON THE RED WINE & THE DISTRIBUTION:**

**Everyone is invited to the Lord's table.** *Those who are 5th grade and older, baptized into Christ, and believe Christ's promise that he is truly present with grace and forgiveness as he promised are invited to hold out your hands for Communion. IF YOU BELIEVE BUT ARE NOT BAPTIZED OR INSTRUCTED IN CHRIST, COME TO THE TABLE ALSO AND BOW YOUR HEAD TO RECEIVE A PASTORAL BLESSING. PLEASE SPEAK TO A PASTOR AFTER WORSHIP ABOUT PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM.*

*About the red wine: **Though Jesus himself drank wine, white grape juice is provided in the middle of each tray for those who, for any reason, need it.***

Before you Commune or when you return to your seat after receiving Holy Communion, please 1) consider kneeling for personal prayers and/or 2) reverently sing songs or be silently considerate of those still Communing or praying, i.e. please, no idle conversation.

**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 and announcements:**

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

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

#### **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**

**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.*

Leader: 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.**

Leader: Almighty God in his mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a 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.

**All: Amen. And to you, upon this your confession and our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ, we 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. Amen**

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♪ **THE HYMN OF JOY: "Beautiful Savior"**

(#518 green book)

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

3. Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

2. Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be thine!

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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:**

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

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**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:**

<sup>7</sup>“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. <sup>8</sup>When 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. <sup>9</sup>But 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.

<sup>10</sup>“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?”’ <sup>11</sup>Say 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?’”

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

**♪ THE PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40**

*(Congregation sings verses in bold)*

Teach me, O LORD, the way ‘ of your statutes,\*  
and I shall keep it ‘ to the end.

<sup>34</sup> **Give me understanding, and I shall ‘ keep your teaching;\***

**I shall keep it with ‘ all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup> Lead me in the path of ‘ your commandments,\*  
for that is ‘ my desire.

<sup>36</sup> **Incline my heart to ‘ your decrees\*  
and not to ‘ unjust gain.**

<sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from be- ‘ holding falsehood;\*  
give me life ‘ in your way.

<sup>38</sup> **Fulfill your promise ‘ to your servant,\*  
which is for ‘ those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup> Turn away the reproach ‘ that I dread,\*  
because your judg- ‘ ments are good.

<sup>40</sup> **Behold, I long for ‘ your commandments,\*  
by your righteousness en- ‘ liven me.**

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**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:**

<sup>8</sup> Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For 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.” <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

<sup>11</sup> Do 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. <sup>12</sup> The 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. <sup>13</sup> Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

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

♪ **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: 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.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

♪ *(sung)* **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(The good news of our Lord is read.)* P: The Gospel of the Lord.

♪ *(sung)* **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE PRAYER AND SERMON:**

*“Let’s Speak Together”*

♪ HYMN of the DAY: "Rise Up, O Saints of God" vs: 1-3, 5

(#383 green book)

1. Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

2. Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame; As heirs of God's baptismal grace, His word of hope proclaim.

3. Rise up, O saints of God! His kingdom's task embrace; redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.

5. Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod, and, quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, O saints of God!

**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:** *All who are able are asked to kneel. 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:****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](http://www.facebook.com/ctkbham))
- 2) Please send us your updated contact info

**& GIVING THANKS** to God with His tithes (first 10% income) & our offerings (beyond 10%).

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♪ **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 the 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 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.

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:** *All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present as he promised are invited to Commune. Children who have not received First Communion instruction and all others who ARE NOT baptized are invited forward to receive a blessing in Christ.*

♪ **Music during Distribution:** *“I Will Walk With You”* **Maizie Nelson** *David Haas*

**THE BLESSING, PRAYER, AND BENEDICTION**

♪ HYMN to the WORLD: "Earth and All Stars" vs: 1, 2, 3, 6 (#558 green book)

1. Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Oh, victory!  
Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new  
song!

*Refrain* -- He has done marvelous things.  
I too will praise Him with a new song!

2. Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing  
snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Flowers and trees! Loud rustling dry leaves!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

3. Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing  
cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

6. Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding  
wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

**THE DISMISSAL:** P: Go in peace, serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE:** "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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**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.