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CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
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JULY 4-5, 2020



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

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."

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TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS NOTES: *The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.*

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

"Give Thanks"

Chorus (2x) Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Verse (2x) And now, let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Chorus (2x) Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Ending Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

BRIEF ORDER for CONFESSION of SIN and FORGIVENESS:

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.

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

THE FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12

The Introduction: *The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."*

The Reading:

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; And the bow of war will be cut off. And He will speak peace to the nations;

And His dominion will be from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I have set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to the stronghold, O prisoners who have the hope; This very day I am declaring that I will restore double to you.

(Lector: "Here ends the reading.")

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 7:15-25

The Introduction: *Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

The Reading:

¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good. ¹⁷ So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. ¹⁹ For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. ²⁰ But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells

in me.

²¹ I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. ²² For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, ²³ but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

(Lector: "Here ends the reading.")

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Introduction: *Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

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

THE PRAYER AND SERMON:

"The Struggle that Strengthens"

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Chorus (2x) Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
 Open the eyes of my heart;
 I want to see You, I want to see You.

Verse To see You high and lifted up,
 Shining in the light of Your glory.
 Pour out Your power and love;
 As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Chorus (2x) Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
 Open the eyes of my heart;
 I want to see You, I want to see You.

Verse (2x) To see You high and lifted up,
 Shining in the light of Your glory.
 Pour out Your power and love;
 As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Bridge (3x) Holy, holy, holy,
 Holy, holy, holy,
 Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

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:

**THE SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE:
MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

- 1) Please attend our July 12 Congregational Meeting.
- 2) Facebook Live Wednesday 11:45am and Saturday 5 p.m. (www.facebook.com/ctkbham)
- 3) Please send us your updated contact info

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

*Mission Challenge **43** has begun! We celebrate the first \$2,778 that's been given toward our \$4,300 goal! Pentecost Sunday was our **43**rd 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 \$143 THIS YEAR for this year's recipient of our Mission Challenge **43** which is our local sister school The Renaissance Academy Prep School of Excellence which provides "a college preparatory education in a safe and structured Christian based environment, that will produce achievers who are scholarly and morally sound contributors to the global society." Learn more at www.trapsoeal.org and www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdX7ADp-vAQ

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Our Mercy Ministry basket today supports Nick Vegter's Eagle Scout Project

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

“King of My Heart”

Verse 1 Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,
The fountain I drink from; oh, He is my song.
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide,
The ransom for my life; oh, He is my song.

Chorus You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

Verse 2 Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,
The anchor in the waves; oh, He is my song.
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins,
The echo of my days; oh, He is my song.

Chorus You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

Bridge You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

Chorus You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

Interlude

Ending When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.
When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.

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: “Good, Good Father”

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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.