

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

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 5, 2020 - 8:00 A.M.



JESUS CHRIST IS WITH US BY THE POWER OF THE 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.”*

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 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: *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, especially July 12 Congregational Meeting:

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

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

July Memory Verse: *(Underlined is for 3 years & younger.)*

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

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

♪ **THE HYMN OF JOY: "My Country 'Tis Of Thee"** (LBW # 566, green book)

1. My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing: Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride, From ev'ry mountainside Let freedom ring.

2. My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills; My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.

3. Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song; Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake; Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.

4. Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light. Protect us by thy might, Great God, our king.

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.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

THE FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12*(page 946 in NAS pew Bible)*

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

♪ THE PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14*(Congregation sings verses in bold)*

The LORD is gracious and full ' of compassion,*
slow to anger and abounding in ' steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are ' good to all,***

and your compassion is over ' all your works.

¹⁰ All your works shall praise ' you, O LORD,*
and your faithful ' ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory ' of your kingdom***

and speak ' of your power,

¹² that all people may know ' of your power*
and the glorious splendor ' of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- ' out all
ages.***

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in ' all your works.

¹⁴ The LORD upholds all ' those who fall*
and lifts up those who ' are bowed down.

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 7:15-25*(page 1131 in NAS pew Bible)*

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: "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 11:16-19, 25-30 *(page 968-969 in NAS pew Bible)*

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.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th 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:

"The Struggle that Strengthens!"

♪ HYMN of the DAY: "God Of Our Fathers"
(LBV #567, green book)

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| <p>1. God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the
skies: Our grateful songs before your throne
arise.</p> <p>2. Your love divine has led us in the past;
In this free land by you our lot is cast;
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Your Word our law, your paths our chosen
way.</p> | <p>3. From war's alarms, from deadly
pestilence, Make your strong arm our ever
sure defense. Your true religion in our hearts
increase; Your bounteous goodness nourish
us in peace.</p> <p>4. Refresh your people on their toilsome
way; Lead us from night to never-ending
day; Fill all our lives with heav'n-born love
and grace Until at last we meet before your
face.</p> |
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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: *THE OPEN HANDSHAKE celebrates that God has brought us to peace together with Himself through Christ.*

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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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: "God Bless America"

Kathy Stepanski

THE BLESSING, PRAYER, AND BENEDICTION

♪ **HYMN to the WORLD: “Battle Hymn Of the Republic”** (LBW #332, green book)

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!

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Glory, glory! Hallelujah!

His truth is marching on.

2. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat. Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on. [*Refrain*]

3. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me. As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, While God is marching on. [*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.