

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Live Stream Online Worship Guide



**Narrative Lectionary Old Testament Fall Sermon Series –
“Living as God’s People in God’s World”**

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**Hearts Loved By God
Hands To Serve All
Through Jesus Christ**

...Learn the unforced rhythms of grace – Matthew 11:29



WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

We welcome you to worship with us! We hope you will experience the grace and peace of God's love present with you. For more information, please contact us by email or phone, or by visiting our Facebook page, or at our website, www.ctkvestal.org.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Our online Worship Service of the Word follows a pattern of **Gather-Word-Thanksgiving-Sending** and is concluded by a time of sharing in both small groups and as a gathered online community. We do hope you will stay for this opportunity of about 10 minutes.

OFFERINGS

You may present your offering to God for the work of God through Christ the King Lutheran Church online via our website at www.ctkvestal.org and clicking on the "Give Now" button or by mail.

ZOOM FORMAT (See the homepage of our website for more detailed tips for Zoom.)

Joining worship by Zoom gives you an opportunity to participate in the live worship service. If you are unable to join by Zoom, the worship service will be posted to YouTube and when possible, livestreamed to Facebook (we have experienced numerous difficulties with Facebook's availability due to high demand).

Here are some tips for using Zoom (we are always learning more and will update):

1. Please mute yourself (you will be unmuted to join in the Lord's Prayer and at times to share).
2. Please name yourself (rather than use the name of your device such as iPad) and use Video if you have it so others can see you. Our worship is enhanced by seeing one another.
3. You may view your screen in two different ways: Speaker view or Gallery view (you will see more people in Gallery view and may have to scroll to see everyone).
4. You may share your prayer requests in the "chat" feature.
5. You can "raise your hand" when there are opportunities to make verbal requests.

ABOUT CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ the King is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We are called by Christ to care for, love, understand, and listen to each other. All are welcome, regardless of race, age, gender and gender identities, marital status, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, national origin, or economic status. We celebrate together our unity as God's people, committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith, centered in the Good News of Jesus Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Christ the King is a place for all to discover and develop their God-given gifts and share them with the world.

If you desire Pastoral Care or have a Pastoral Emergency, please contact the Church Office at 607-729-2688 and leave a message. Your message will be automatically forwarded. Our Pastor and team of caring ministers will respond to your call. You may also call the Pastor directly.

GATHERING

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Greeting

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: And also with you.

Opening Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW No. 879, vs. 1, 4, 5

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

- 4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

- 5 For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain*

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.

Prayer of the Day (In Unison)

Creator God, grand architect of the universe, Your design of creation is unflawed. Yet we continue to litter your creation with defects and imperfections. Show us how not to destroy, but to create, not to demean, but to uplift, not to hate, but to love, so that your creation may be made perfect once again. Amen.

WORD

Scripture Reading

Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8

Leader: A reading from Genesis, chapter 2, verses 4b-7, 15-17, and chapter 3, verses 1-8.

After the reading:

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflections

“Living as God’s People in God’s World: Embracing Our Humanity”

Pastor Cheryl Ann Elfond

Verse 1

Over all the earth You reign on high
Every mountain stream every 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 every thought over every 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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Prayers

During the prayers, worshippers will be invited to lift up prayers, wherever they are (you will remain muted), and by posting of your prayer on Zoom Chat or Facebook, for the people, places and situations for which we are thankful or are in need of prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

**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.
Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

Leader: The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

THANKSGIVING

Our Offerings are Gathered

Our worship is complete when we bring all of our resources to receive God's blessing and fulfill God's purpose. In joyous gratitude, we bring more than money; we bring ourselves, our time and our talent as an offering to God. Please take moment to offer yourself anew to God. What might you do to share in caring for those around you during this time of unprecedented turmoil in the world? You are also invited to present an offering to God for the work of God's mission through Christ the King by giving online at www.ctkvestal.org and click on the "Give Now" button or by mail.

Reflective Music

Thanksgiving for the Word (In Unison)

Creator God, we give you thanks for the Word made flesh who came to dwell among us in the person of Jesus Christ. As we are made in your image, we give you thanks for the seeds of creativity you planted within each person. We thank you for the many ways that creativity is shared in the world. We thank you also for the simple gifts of daily life: gracious words, soft hearts, impassioned actions. May our gifts and all of our lives live up to who you create us to be. In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come, Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Video

Blessing

Leader: May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.

God, the creator, Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

All: **Amen.**

Postlude

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, September 13 Congregational Gathering following Worship
Thursday, September 17 Leadership Team at 6:00 PM
Sunday, September 20 Online Worship at 10:00 AM
Monday, September 21 Mindfulness Meditation at 7:00 PM
Sunday, September 27 Online Worship at 10:00 AM

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