

Sixteenth 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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW No. 858, vs. 1, 2, 4

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Prayer of the Day (In Unison)

As you promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars, you have also promised us that we might live under those stars as your people, faithful and loved. Show us how to live as your people, and how to nurture all your children with whom we share the same canopy of sky night after night. Amen.

WORD

Scripture Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

Leader: A reading from Genesis, chapter 15, verses 1 through 6.

After the reading:

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflections

“Living as God’s People in God’s World: God’s Promise to Abraham”

S.A.M. Lorena Henry

Song of the Day

Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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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)

We give thanks, generous God, for all that you have given us. Pour out your blessing on the gifts we share in the form of tithes, offerings, and our diverse talents, that they might be a source of blessing in our church, in our community, and in our world. Through this act of sharing, may we counter fear with hope and transform scarcity through generosity. We offer this prayer in the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit. 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:**

Monday, September 21 Mindfulness Meditation at 7:00 PM

Sunday, September 27 Online Worship at 10:00 AM

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