

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 24, 2021 • 10:00 AM**

In-Person and Live Stream Online Worship Guide

**“Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new and right
spirit
within me.”**
Psalm 51:10

“Finding Our Stories in God’s Story”

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



WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH IN PERSON AND 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

Worship this morning will be both in person and simultaneously online via Zoom with a live feed to Facebook. Our Worship Service of the Word this morning follows a pattern of Gather-Word-Thanksgiving-Sending.

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, by leaving it at the church, or by mail.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Christ the King Leadership Team has adopted a series of safety protocols. Due to the increase of cases of Covid-19 and the contagious nature of the delta variant, we are asking all in-person worshippers to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status for the safety of everyone. Thank you for your understanding. Sanitizing stations are available in the narthex.

ZOOM ONLINE OR FACEBOOK LIVE

Joining worship by Zoom online or Facebook Live gives you an opportunity to participate in the live worship service. You may share prayer requests in the chat feature on Zoom or comments on Facebook Live.

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

+ *Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Opening Video

Words of Welcome

+ Call to Worship

Leader: God of the unlikely, the invisible, the unseen;

All: God of the neglected, rejected, unexpected;

Leader: God who creates all people in your image,

All: who sees our promise, our potential,

Leader: who looks beyond the outward

All: and knows us, heart, mind, and soul:

Leader: you have chosen us to be your people.

**All: Awed, anointed by your Spirit,
and gathered together this day, we worship you.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

+ Opening Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW No. 631

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

+ Call to Confession

Leader: We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children.
With the confidence of the children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

+ Prayers of Adoration and Confession (In Unison)

**Holy God,
we gather here before you,
each one of us
created in your image,
each one of us loved
and cherished by you.
Some of us are tall, others short,
some have fair skin, others dark,
some have curly hair, others straight,
so much variety and difference,
and you love it all.
Remind us, though, that beauty
is more than what we see on the outside.
Beauty comes from within
and shines out from each one.
Love flows out from within
and shows a deeper beauty.**

**Remind us too that we can choose
how we use our beauty,
we can use it for ourselves
or for others.**

**Lord, forgive us when
we choose to be selfish
with our beauty,
when we fail to
be all we can be.**

**Lord, forgive us when
we allow our external beauty
to consume our
time and money,
leaving us little to share
with others.**

**Help us to care more
for inner beauty, than outward,
to strive to use what we have
been given to help others.
Amen.**

Song for Reflection

*Create in Me a Clean Heart
(from Psalm 51)*

ELW No. 188

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

+ Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news!
Hope does not disappoint us,
for God's love has been given to us in baptism.
Believe this good news and give thanks:
In Jesus Christ, we are loved and forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

+ 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.

+ Prayer of the Day (In Unison)

**God of strength,
In David you chose a king with a big heart. Create clean and willing hearts in us,
and choose us to do your work. Amen.**

WORD

Prayer Before the Reading of Scripture

**God of every generation, by the wisdom of your Word and the power of your Spirit,
help us to comprehend the height and depth and breadth and length of your great
love for us, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Leader: A reading from the book of First Samuel, chapter 16, verses 1 through 13.

After the reading:

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

+Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia. (Phil. 4:4)

+ Gospel Reading

John 7:24

Leader: A reading from the Gospel according to John, chapter 7, verse 24.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflections

“Finding Our Stories in God’s Story: God Calls David”

God does not look on outward appearances but on the heart; create in me a clean heart.

Rich Lindstrom, Lay Preacher

+ Song of the Day

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

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Prayers of the People

During the prayers, worshippers will be invited to lift up prayers, wherever they are, 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: Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you. 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 a moment to offer yourself anew to God. 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 the "Give Now" button, by leaving your offering at the church, or by mail. For those present in the sanctuary, you may leave your offering in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary.

Reflective Music

Thanksgiving for the Word (In Unison)

**Generous God,
thank you for all that you have given us.
Receive now our offerings this day;
take and use them for
the building of your kingdom.
May they be a sign of all that we offer
and may they remind us that
all that we are and have
comes from you.
Amen.**

SENDING

+ Sending Hymn

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

ELW No. 800, vs. 1, 2, 4

- 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

- 2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

- 4 Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

Announcements

Sending Video

+ Blessing

Leader: People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, one God,
bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

Postlude

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Looking Ahead:

Sunday, October 24	Future Story Small Group w/Julie Sifert and Tammy Gow at 11:15 AM
Sunday, October 24	Upstate NY Southern Tier Conference at CTK at 3:00 PM
Thursday, October 28	Future Story Small Group w/Rich Lindstrom and Pat Moynihan at 6:00 PM
Friday, October 29	Future Story Small Group Online w/Carol Strano at 6:30 PM
Saturday, October 30	Men's Group at 9:00 AM
Sunday, October 31	Worship at 10:00 AM

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