

**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 19, 2023 • 10:00 AM**

**IN EVERY  
THING GIVE  
THANKS.**

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18, KJV



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



## **WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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.ckvestal.org](http://www.ckvestal.org).

### **ABOUT OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

#### ***ORDER OF WORSHIP***

The Worship Service this morning follows the pattern of Gather-Word-Meal-Sending. It will include the distribution of communion.

#### ***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.ckvestal.org](http://www.ckvestal.org) and clicking the "Give Now" button, by leaving it at the church, or by mail.

### **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.

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## GATHERING

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+ *Please stand as you are able*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

#### **+ Confession and Forgiveness**

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

**All: Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Leader: Holy One,

**All: we confess that we are not awake for you.  
We are not faithful in using your gifts.  
We forget the least of our siblings.  
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.  
We are infected by sin  
that divides your beloved community.  
Open our hearts to your coming,  
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,  
open our hands to serve your creation.  
Amen.**

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.  
Through Jesus you are forgiven,  
by Jesus you are welcome,  
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!  
Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world.

**All: Amen.**

- 1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty;  
drink the water I will give.  
If you knew what gift I offer,  
you would come to me and live."

*Refrain*

Jesus, ever flowing fountain,  
give us water from your well.  
In the gracious gift you offer  
there is joy no tongue can tell.

- 2 "Come to me, all trav'lers weary;  
come that I may give you rest.  
Drink the cup of life I offer;  
at this table be my guest." *Refrain*

- 3 "Come to me, believers burdened;  
find refreshment in this place.  
Come, receive the gift I offer,  
turn to me and seek my face." *Refrain*

- 4 "Come to me, repentant sinners;  
leave behind your guilt and shame.  
Come and know divine compassion,  
turn to me, I call your name." *Refrain*

- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;  
I would be your trusted friend.  
Come and seek the gift I offer,  
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;  
lonely ways no longer roam.  
Come and take the gift I offer,  
let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

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+ **Greeting**

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

All: **And also with you.**

+ **Prayer of the Day (in unison)**

**Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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**WORD**

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**First Reading**

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

**Reading of the Psalm (responsively)**

Psalm 90:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say,  
“Turn back, O children of earth.”

<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night;**

<sup>5</sup>you sweep them away like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

<sup>6</sup>**in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger;  
we are afraid because of your wrath.

<sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

[ <sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we  
are gone.**

<sup>11</sup>Who regards the power of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your indignation?

] <sup>12</sup>**So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

**Second Reading**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia.* **Abide in me as I abide in you; those who abide in me<sup>1</sup> bear much fruit.** *Alleluia.* (John 15:4, 5)

**+ Gospel Reading**

Matthew 25:14-30

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 25, verses 14 through 30.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pr. Tom Olson

**+ Hymn of the Day**

*Change My Heart, O God*

**ELW No. 801**

Change my heart, O God;  
make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God;  
may I be like you.  
You are the potter;  
I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me;  
this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God;  
make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God;  
may I be like you.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953

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**+ The Apostles Creed (in unison)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 People**

*During the prayers, worshippers are invited to lift up prayers for the people, places and situations for which we are thankful or are in need of prayer.*

We will pray following the petition bidding style:

*Each petition concludes, “God of grace...”  
to which the congregation responds, “...hear our prayer.”*

### **+ The Peace**

*In an act of unity, blessing, and reconciliation, we greet one another with the Peace of Christ. (Matthew 5:23-24).*

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.**

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## **MEAL**

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### **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](http://www.ctkvestal.org) and clicking the “Give Now” button, by leaving your offering at church, or by mail. For those present in the sanctuary, you may leave your offering in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary.*

**Offertory**

*A Living Prayer*

Corina Allen, Soloist

### **Offering Prayer (in unison)**

**God of all goodness,  
generations have turned to you,  
gathered around your table,  
and shared your abundant blessings.  
Number us among them  
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,  
and give thanks for your rich blessings,  
we may feast upon your very self  
and care for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.  
Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The thanksgiving continues with the proper preface... "and join their unending hymn."*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna In the highest.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Leader: ... Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### **The Words of Institution**



**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.**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Distribution of Communion**

*We go to the table to encounter the body and blood of the living Christ in bread and wine, through which faith is nourished and sins are forgiven. Please proceed to the altar through the center aisle where you will receive a piece of bread from a worship leader. Then proceed to one of the chalice bearers and dip your bread in the wine (silver chalice) or grape juice (glass chalice).*

**Communion Hymn**

*Here Is Bread*

**ELW No. 483**

*Refrain*

In this bread there is healing,  
in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit,  
Christ is with us here.

Here is bread here is wine  
Christ is with us He is with us  
Break the bread drink the wine  
Christ is with us here *Refrain*

Here is grace here is peace  
Christ is with us He is with us  
Know His grace find His peace  
Feast on Jesus here *Refrain*

Here we are joined in one  
Christ is with us He is with us  
We'll proclaim 'til He comes  
Jesus crucified *Refrain*

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## Communion

### + Prayer after Communion (in unison)

Lord Jesus,  
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts  
as we meet you on the way.  
Amen.

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## SENDING

### + Sending Hymn

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**ELW No. 505**

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper frees us from the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe,  
forsworn to work us woe,  
with guile and dreadful might  
is armed to wage the fight:  
on earth there is no equal.
  
- 2 If we in our own strength confide,  
our striving turns to losing;  
the righteous one fights by our side,  
the one of God's own choosing.  
You ask who this may be:  
Christ Jesus, it is he,  
the Lord of hosts by name.  
No other God we claim!  
None else can win the battle.
  
- 3 Though all the world with devils fill  
and threaten to devour us,  
we tremble not, we trust God's will:  
they cannot overpow'r us.  
Though Satan rant and rage,  
in fiercest war engage,  
this tyrant's doomed to fail;  
God's judgement must prevail!  
One little word shall triumph.

4 God's Word shall stand above the pow'rs,  
shall end all their thanksgiving.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours,  
for God with us is living.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
though all of these be gone,  
they yet have nothing won.  
The kingdom's our forever!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805-1890, alt.  
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## **Announcements**

### **+ Blessing**

Leader: May the God of all creation,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.

**All: Amen.**

## **Postlude**

**Looking Ahead:**

Thursday, November 23      *Happy Thanksgiving!*

Thursday, November 23 –  
Monday, November 27      Office Closed

Sunday, November 26      No service at CTK

Sunday, December 3      Worship with Communion at CTK at 10:00 AM

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