

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 4, 2024 • 10:00 AM**



Make every effort
to keep the unity of
the Spirit through
the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:3, NIV

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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.

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 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.

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 team of caring ministers will respond to your call.

GATHERING

+ *Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

All: Amen.

Leader: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: God, our provider,

All: help us.

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
Turn us again to you.
Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.
Amen.**

Leader: Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

All: Amen.

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

+ **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)**

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Reading of the Psalm (responsively)

Psalm 78:23-29

²³So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴**raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.**

²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.
²⁶**The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,**
²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,
²⁸**letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.**
²⁹So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

+ Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. **One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from
the mouth of God.** *Alleluia.* (Matt. 4:4)

+ Gospel Reading

John 6:24-35

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 6, verses 24 through 35.

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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW No. 773

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:

Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:

Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand:

Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993
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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.

MEAL

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 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

Offering Prayer (in unison)

**Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world. 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: ...Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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).

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

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Communion

+ Prayer after Communion (in unison)

**Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
 As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your
 own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

+ Sending Hymn

On What Has Now Been Sown

ELW No. 550

- 1 On what has now been sown
 your blessing, Lord, bestow;
 the pow'r is yours alone
 to make it sprout and grow.
 O Lord, in grace the harvest raise,
 and yours alone shall be the praise!
- 2 To you our wants are known,
 from you are all our pow'rs;
 accept what is your own
 and pardon what is ours.
 Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive
 and to your word a blessing give.
- 3 Oh, grant that each of us,
 now met before you here,
 may meet together thus
 when you and yours appear,
 and follow you to heav'n, our home.
 E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

Announcements

+ Blessing

Leader: The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
be upon you now and forever.

All: Amen.

Postlude

Looking Ahead:

Thursday, August 8 Leadership Team Meeting at 6:00 PM
Saturday, August 10 Men’s Group at 9:00 AM
Sunday, August 11 No Worship service at CTK
Sunday, August 18 Worship with Communion at 10:00 AM

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