

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
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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.

**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.

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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,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Leader: Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first  
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

Leader: God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven.

**All: Amen.**

+ **Gathering Hymn**

*He Is Exalted*

He is exalted the King is exalted on High  
I will praise Him  
He is exalted forever exalted  
And I will praise His name  
He is the Lord  
Forever His truth shall reign  
Heaven and Earth  
Rejoice in His holy name  
He is exalted the King is exalted on high  
He is exalted, the King is on High  
I will praise Him  
He is exalted, forever exalted  
And I will praise His name  
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Songwriters: Twila Paris.

+ **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)**

**Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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**WORD**

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**First Reading**

Genesis 2:18-24

**Reading of the Psalm (responsively)**

Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—  
<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**  
<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**  
<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.  
<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**  
<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**  
<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Second Reading**

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia.* **If we love one another, God lives in us and God's love is perfected in us.** *Alleluia.* (1 John 4:12)

**+ Gospel Reading**

Mark 10:2-16

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 10, verses 2 through 16.

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

*After the reading:*

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Gary Becker

- 1 In all our grief and fear we turn to you.  
O God, you know all that we think or do,  
you know the pain we put each other through.

*Refrain*

Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord, grant us peace.

- 2 Help us to put aside the angry word,  
the clenching fist, the wish and will to hurt.  
Teach us the way in which love best is served. *Refrain*

- 3 You did not even spare your only Son.  
He lived our griefs and bore all evil done,  
but through his cross, redemption has been won. *Refrain*

- 4 God, when we suffer all that we can bear,  
then let us know that you in truth are near  
and will not leave us lost in all our fear. *Refrain*

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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

#### Offering Prayer (in unison)

**Blessed are you, O God,  
source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
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).*



*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)**

**Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

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**SENDING**

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**+ Sending Hymn***As with Gladness Men of Old***ELW No. 302**

- 1 As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore be led by thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,  
Savior, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek thy mercy seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare  
at thy cradle, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.
- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.
- 5 In the heav'nly country bright  
need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down;  
there forever may we sing  
alleluias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

**Announcements**

**+ Blessing**

Leader: God all mighty,  
God most merciful  
bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.

**All: Amen.**

**Postlude**

**Looking Ahead:**

Saturday, October 12	Men's Group at 9:00 AM
Sunday, October 13	No Worship service at CTK
Sunday, October 20	Worship with Communion at 10:00 AM
Sunday, October 27	Final Worship Service at Christ the King at 4:00 PM Fellowship Meal to follow

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