



CHRIST THE KING The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany 23 February 2025

Our Mission: As God's forgiven family, we grow in faith through Word and Sacrament to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

WELCOME!

WE ARE HAPPY YOU WERE LED TO WORSHIP WITH US! IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME IN A LUTHERAN CHURCH, WE WANT YOU TO FEEL COMFORTABLE AND "AT HOME" IN OUR WORSHIP SETTING.

The Lord speaks to us through His Word and Sacrament and we respond with joy in song and prayer. This rhythm reflects our rich worship heritage built on the teachings of the Bible placing Jesus Christ at the center of all we do.

Check out the back of this bulletin for information on Bible Classes, upcoming events, how to get involved and more!

Holy Communion: CTK practices "close" communion. This expression means that all who receive the Sacrament believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, and embrace the teachings of the Lutheran faith according to the Scriptures. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, we ask that you please contact one of the pastors prior to receiving the Sacrament. You are welcome to approach the altar with folded arms to receive a blessing.

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

PRELUDE Today's Old Testament Reading is the account of Joseph forgiving his brothers, who had sold him into slavery years earlier. Is it possible for us to forgive as he did? Joseph learned to trust in God and how He would arrange things. God has arranged everything for us too! The resurrection of Jesus is beyond our understanding but not beyond our comprehension. So Paul tries to explain about heavenly beings. We don't know much about them, but we can forgive because our Lord went a lot farther than we are called to follow, into death, for God to forgive us. Today Word and Sacrament strengthen us to follow His example in daily living.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Jesus Has Come and Bring Pleasure Eternal" LSB 533

Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal, Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End; Godhead, humanity, union supernal, O great Redeemer, You come as our friend! Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder: Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!

Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder! Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear. See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder! He sets us free from our guilt and our fear, Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor. Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!

Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer. See now the threatening strong one disarmed! Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress, Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed. Satan, you wicked one, own now your master! Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!

Jesus has come as the King of all glory! Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r, Capturing hearts with the heavenly story; Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour! Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you! Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!

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INVOCATION

P: *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit* **C: Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES 1 Corinthians 15:21–22, 42

P: As by a man came death,
C:by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
P: As in Adam all die,
C:so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
P: What is sown is perishable;
C:what is raised is imperishable.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Luke 6:27, 32, 37

- *P: Confident of our Lord's victory over death, leading all who follow Him by faith Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*
- C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C:Amen.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, we pray Your protection and guidance. Be a ready source of strength so that the world around us will not deceive us and lead us from Your guidance and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

<u>OLD TESTAMENT READING</u> Genesis 45:3-15 (Joseph explains to his brothers that God is really in control of all things, including their selling him into slavery.)

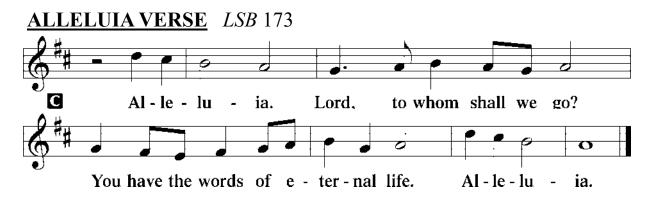
³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42 (*"What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable."*)

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. ³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. ⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 6:27-38 (Jesus preaches about loving our enemies, beggars we meet, and others.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter. C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. ³²"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. ³⁷"Judge not, and you will

not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken to-gether, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" LSB 700

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.

Breathe, O 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.

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.

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!

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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, our friends and family, the nations of the world, and our enemies. For the church, people gathered around Word and Sacrament, those who serve professionally that they reflect the Gospel they proclaim, and those who serve their family and friends quietly, that God remind them that they are indeed His children, let us pray to the Lord.

C:Lord, hear our prayer.

P: For the nations of this world and their leaders, that God use them for the good of all and that they serve both the influencers and those who have been forgotten by society, let us pray to the Lord.

C:Lord, hear our prayer.

P: For troops deployed and police at home, for first responders and health professionals and volunteers that their efforts bring about healing and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C:Lord, hear our prayer.

P: For those near and dear to us, including . . ., that God give them health and healing, recovery and remission, solace and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C:Lord, hear our prayer.

P: For ourselves and our congregation, that God refresh and renew our resolve to spread the Gospel, love the people around us, and serve Him with all the resources He provides, let us pray to the Lord.

C:Lord, hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, gracious Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, grace, and compassion, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C:Amen.

OFFERING

+ Solo "What Grace Is Mine" (Traditional Irish Melody, arr. K. Getty; lyrics, K. Getty)

What grace is mine, that He who dwells in endless light Called through the night to find my distant soul. And from His scars poured mercy that would plead for me That I might live and in His Name be known.

Refrain: So I will go wherever He is calling me; I lose my life to find my life in Him. I give my all to gain the hope that never dies; I bow my heart, take up my cross, and follow Him.

What grace is mine, to know HIs breath alive in me; Beneath His wings my weary soul may soar. All fear can flee for death's dark night is overcome; My Savior lives and reigns forever more. Refrain

OFFERTORY LSB 192

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

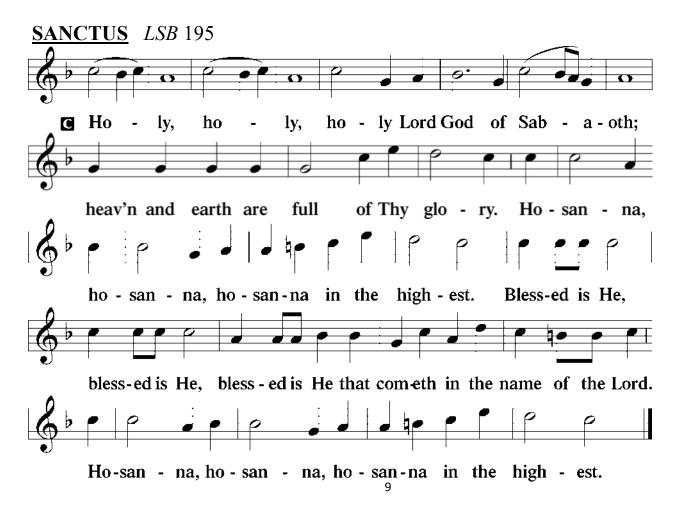
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1
C: We lift them up to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136
C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us, revealing Your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to His own brilliant light. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your holy name, evermore praising You and saying:



LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-11

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

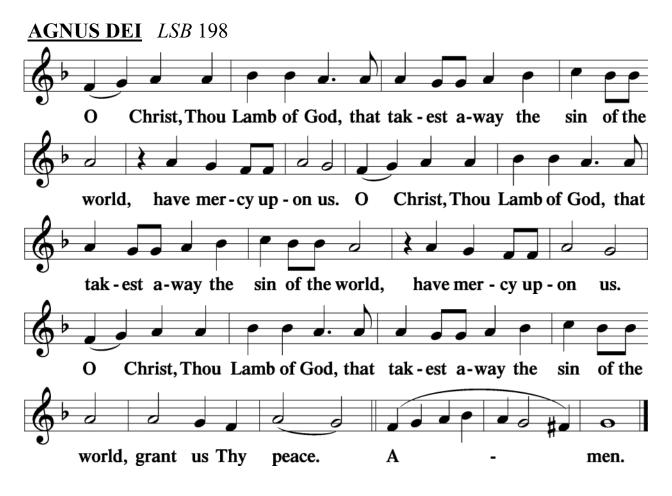
C:Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**



DISTRIBUTION

+ Guitar Solo

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LSB 411

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. Refrain

Refrain: In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father. Refrain

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

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"By Grace I'm Saved" LSB 566

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not. Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught? No! Then this word must true remain: By grace you too will life obtain.

By grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works and conduct have no worth. God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth; His death did for our sins atone, And we are saved by grace alone.

By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin. Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

By grace! This ground of faith is certain; As long as God is true, it stands. What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands, Our faith in what our God has done Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried, By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide. Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?

By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice; For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice. My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.

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"On My Heart Imprint Your Image" LSB 422

On my heart imprint Your image, Blessèd Jesus, King of grace, That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase; Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me, Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation!

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:Amen.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace. C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LSB 922

Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own. In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever. Go, My children, with My blessing—You are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory. Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me; Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free. Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you. Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace; I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace: I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother. Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

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In our prayers this week: Kathie Jenkins, Kim Weidenhamer, John Mewbourn, Margo McKee, Gene Mallett, Marsha & Norman Mundinger, Noah Rhoden, Edith Ringger, Rachel Barnett, Floyd Bearly, Mark Lemley, Violet Lakatos, Kelly McGugan, Dylan Bruns, Bruce Forsythe, Jeff & Ellen Strum, Sally Hornish Malmi, Lori Nogueira, Julie Bourie, Diane Conry, AC Parsons, Brian Hume, Stephanie Dublin, Loraine Andrews, Zachary Rakow, Donna & Mary Belenchia, Jeff & Cheryl Harrell, Bernie & Judy Jacquez, Randy Lusk, Wilber Brown, Marvin Ayers, Jerry House, Ginger Lewis, Betsy Hume, Jackie Butler, Charlie Parsons, Norma & Tom Moore, Jennifer Andrews, Billie Schelp. We pray for peace and stability throughout the world and wisdom and comfort to families experiencing loss from natural disasters and terror attacks. The Future Comfort Dog team that God would provide a Caregiver. Lord, we pray that You would bless and guide our DCE Call Committee. Send them Your Spirit of wisdom as they strive to do Your will for Christ the King.

The Altar flowers this week were given by

Kristine, Valerie, Sheryl and Jacob in celebration of the birthday of our wonderful mother and grandmother, Donna Gable Parker & Mandy Magness in celebration of our 21st wedding anniversary

Sign up for a vase of Altar Flowers by going to <u>bit.ly/CTKAltarFlowers2025</u> (*note this is a new link*) or contact the Church Office and we'll sign you up! Each vase is \$35.

If you are a first-time visitor with us today, welcome! Please stop by the Information Desk in the Narthex after the service so we can greet you with a gift of thanks for being with us today. May God bless your worship.

Those Who Serve

Proclaimer Rev. Matthey Lynch

Organist Michella Novy

- Elders Dave Swan (L), Lloyd Wilson, John Behnke Matt Adler (L), Chris Hugo, Kyle Brown
- Acolytes Luca Calhoun-Williams, Jack Bennett
- Crucifers Charlotte Baskette, Andrew White
- Offering Soloist: Cooper Smith Accompanist: Michael Salzgeber
- Distribution Guitarist: Michael Salzgeber

Greeters Bob & Sue Rogalski Mike & Orma Simpson

- Ushers Gil Whitlock, Jim Calhoun, Bo Summers, Charlton Gutierrez, Kevin Baskette, Andrew Smith Matt Adler, Kyle Byrum, Brandon McNeill, Mike Burton, Ben Kuefner, Matt Davis, Kevin Clark, Tommy Smith
- Sound Walt Kosman, Murph Ellard, Kim Goble, Jim Hofer, Peter Cothron, Aaron Winter

Live Streaming Mark Novy

CALENDAR

<u>Today</u>

• Congregation Potluck, 12:15_{pm}, Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 24

- Board of Education, 6:00pm, Science Room
- DYF Call Committee, 6:00pm, Parlour

Tuesday, February 25

- Men's Bible Study, 7:00_{am}, Parlour
- Nehemiahs, 8:00_{am}
- Church Council, 6:00pm, Parlour
- Olive Branch Small group, 7:00pm, Salzgeber home

Wednesday, February 26

- Adult Bible Study, 10:00_{am}, Room 201
- Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm
- Arlington Small group, 7:00_{pm}, Andrews home

Thursday, February 27

• Woodworking, 7:00pm, Workshop

Friday, February 28 No scheduled events

Saturday, March 1 No scheduled events

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

<u>PK4 - 6th grade</u>: Join us in the Upper School Building as we continue our curriculum, CPH's Enduring Faith. We will meet in the room next to the exterior gym doors at 9:45am and divide into classes following the opening.

> CONFIRMATION CLASS Meet in Room 203 at 9:45am

YOUTH (9th-12th Grade) Hey High Schoolers!

Join Mr. Nathan LeBorious for Sunday School in the youth room. We are exploring the book of John and discussing how it applies to our lives today as Christians and children of God in a world filled with distractions.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES 9:50am

<u>Adult Bible Class</u> Join Justin Zagel in the Fellowship Hall for a study of Hospitality based on today's Scripture readings.

<u>"St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians</u>" led by Ernie Rakow, in the Library.

<u>Adult Bible class</u> led by Matt Adler & Kyle Brown, Room 202. "Forgiveness - Find Peace through Letting Go". Join us as we explore forgiveness in our relationship with God and others in our lives

Women's Sunday Bible Class led by Ashley Baskette, Room 201. "The Names of God".

WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Wednesday Bible Class Mark your calendars for 10:00am each Wednesday for the adult Bible class. All are welcome.

<u>Men's Bible Study</u> Led by Gary Osing on Tuesdays at 7:00am in the Parlour. The are reviewing the book "Practicing the Way: Be with Jesus. Become like Him. Do as he did." by John Mark Comer.

NURSERY Volunteers Nursery volunteers! Sign up today! bit.ly/NurseryVolunteers

FUTURE COMFORT DOG MINISTRY

Attention members! Watch your bulletin next week for a GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY to join the Future Comfort Dog team as we kick off two big projects - our next fundraiser and celebrating our current Comfort Dog Team and Job! Details will be announced next week.

Room in the Inn Winter Season Please take 3 hours out of your week to serve our unsheltered neighbors. Questions? Call the Church Office. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry!

The Season of Lent begins March 5, Ash Wednesday, with the Imposition of Ashes offered at Noon and 7:00pm, and Holy Communion also at 7:00pm. Each Wednesday evening service is preceded by a Soup Supper at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are seeking Soup Supper hosts for March 12 and April 2. Thank you to the LWML, the CTK Faculty, Job Comfort Dog Team, and the CTK youth attending the Youth Gathering for volunteering for other dates! Please contact Genie Swan (901827-9223 or <u>gswan@ctkmemphis.com</u>) if your group can host one evening. Thank you!

Stepping Stones Book Club

Sunday, March 9 at 12:15 in Room 202

Join us as we discuss Lisa Wingate's *The Prayer Bax*. Running away from a messy dangerous past, Tandi never expects to find more than a temporary hiding place within Iola's walls. But everything changes with the discovery of 81 carefully decorated prayer boxes, one for every year, spanning from Iola's youth to her last days.

Small Group Ministry

Sign up for any of these groups at bit.ly/CTKSmallGroupRSVP

Steven and Jennifer Andrews "The Arlington Saint and Sinner Club" "Limping with God: Jacob & the Old Testament". Next meeting: March 11 at 7:00pm

Robyn Byrum "Crafting Moms" For parents of teens and college-age kids to share parenting tips, struggles, and prayers. We gather for crafts, devotions, and snacks. Next meeting: March 7. For more information, contact Robyn at <u>robynbyrum2@gmail.com</u>. Next meeting: March 7

Jim Devan – Woodworking and Nehemiahs <u>Woodworking</u>: Meets Thursday nights at 7:00pm in the Nehemiah workshop. Learn, teach, create!

<u>Nehemiahs</u>: Meets every Tuesday, 8:00am. Projects around campus. Devotion with lunch provided.

Billy & Carol Kutteh Rotating leaders on a topic chosen by the group meet on the fourth Saturday each month at 7:00pm. Contact Carol Kutteh, cckutteh@yahoo.com. Next meeting: March 22.

Michael Salzgeber and Lisa Bough "The Olive Branch Outpost" "Church History in Plain Language" by Bruce Shelley. Next meeting: March 11 at 7:00pm

Pastor Matt's Group For 20's and 30's The 2nd week of each month at 6:30pm. Contact Pastor Matt at pastormatt@ctkmemphis.com. Next meeting: February 27 at the Denning's home.

Homeschool Moms of CTK - Meets once a month to offer support and encouragement. For more information, contact Ashley Tieman at <u>ashley.tieman@gmail.com</u>.

SCHOOL NEWS

We are looking for volunteers to tutor our students in reading and math as well as proctors for the upcoming testing. If you would like to volunteer an hour or two in the mornings, contact Ann Laury at <u>ann.laury@ctkschool.com</u>.

We are enrolling for the 2025-2026 year!! Contact Jaycie jaycie.hart@ctkschool.com.

COMFORT KITS

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Help us create comfort kits for One More Child, an organization that provides help to victims of trafficking here in Memphis.



Faith in Action will purchase backpacks, **Bibles and blankets.** But, we need your help to bring in many more items for each of the kits including:

COLLECTING NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 2025

- 1 or 2 re-useable water bottles
- a blank notebook or journal
- pens
- adult coloring book
- colored pencils or
 wipes
- a devotional of some sort

Hygiene items /New & **Unused Travel Size**

- hand sanitizer
- shampoo
- conditioner
- lotion
- vaseline
- washable markers 2-3 travel toothpaste
 - 2-3 toothbrushes

