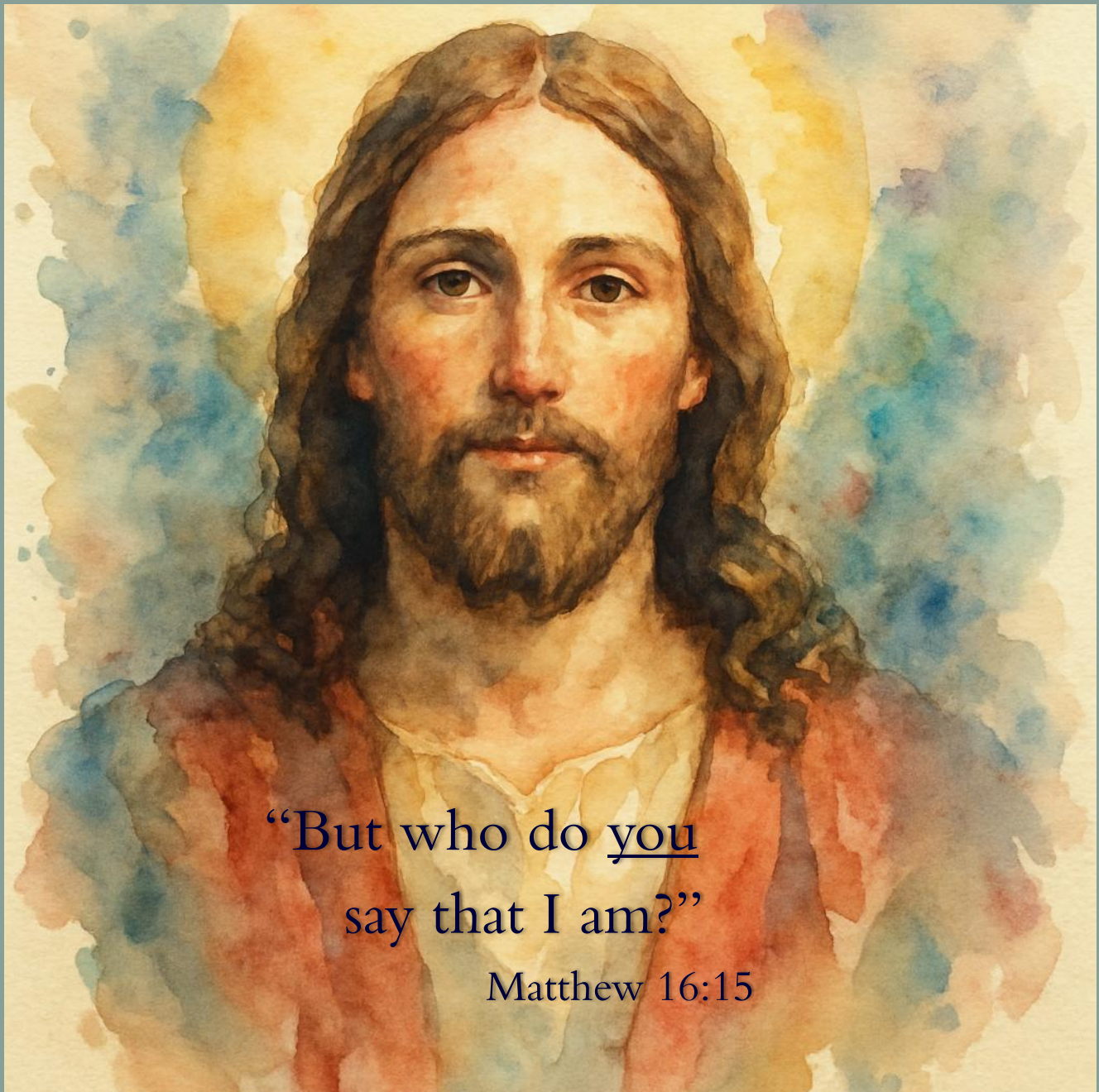




THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
23 AUGUST 2026  
CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH



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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

**AS WE GATHER** Sometimes people at worship are seemingly surprised when the same hymn is sung at services two weeks in a row or even twice in the same month. Many hymns are chosen in a way that honors the statement of Martin Luther: “A good song may well be sung often” (*WLS* § 1839). Luther expressed this truism as he was commenting on how frequently telling and retelling the grace of God is a good thing for Christian people. He states in a sermon from 1537: “This is grace: the forgiveness of sins for the sake of the Lord Christ, the covering up of all sins” (*WLS* § 1839). Our lives are shaped by the amazing grace of God, for which, through our faithful worship, we offer our thanks again and again.

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **✠ PREPARATION ✠**

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” *LSB* 819 vv.1-4

- 1 Sing praise to God, the highest good, The author of creation,  
The God of love who understood Our need for His salvation.  
With healing balm our souls He fills And ev’ry faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory!**
- 2 What God’s almighty pow’r has made, In mercy He is keeping.  
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.  
Within the kingdom of His might All things are just and good and right:  
To God all praise and glory!**
- 3 We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.  
Our Savior saw our helplessness And came with peace to cheer us.  
For this we thank and praise the Lord, Who is by one and all adored:  
To God all praise and glory!**
- 4 He never shall forsake His flock, His chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock, Their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother’s tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band:  
To God all praise and 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** *Psalm 29:1–2, 11; 96:3–4a*

*P: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

**C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;**

*P: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!*

**C: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.**

*P: May the LORD give strength to His people!*

**C: May the LORD bless His people!**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for self-examination*

*P: 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.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE** *LSB 819 v.5*

**All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory.**

**Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.**

**Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:**

**To God all praise and glory!**

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## **SALUTATION**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*P: Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C:Amen.**

## **✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 51:1-6 (*The salvation of the Lord will be forever.*)

<sup>1</sup>“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. <sup>3</sup>For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. <sup>4</sup>“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. <sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

*L: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** Romans 11:33-12:8 (*We are one Body in Christ.*)

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! <sup>34</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” <sup>35</sup>“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” <sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. <sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

<sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

*L: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### ALLELUIA VERSE LSB 173



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20 (*Jesus is confessed as the Christ, the Son of the living God, by Peter.*)

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.*

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

*P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY** “Built on the Rock” *LSB* 645

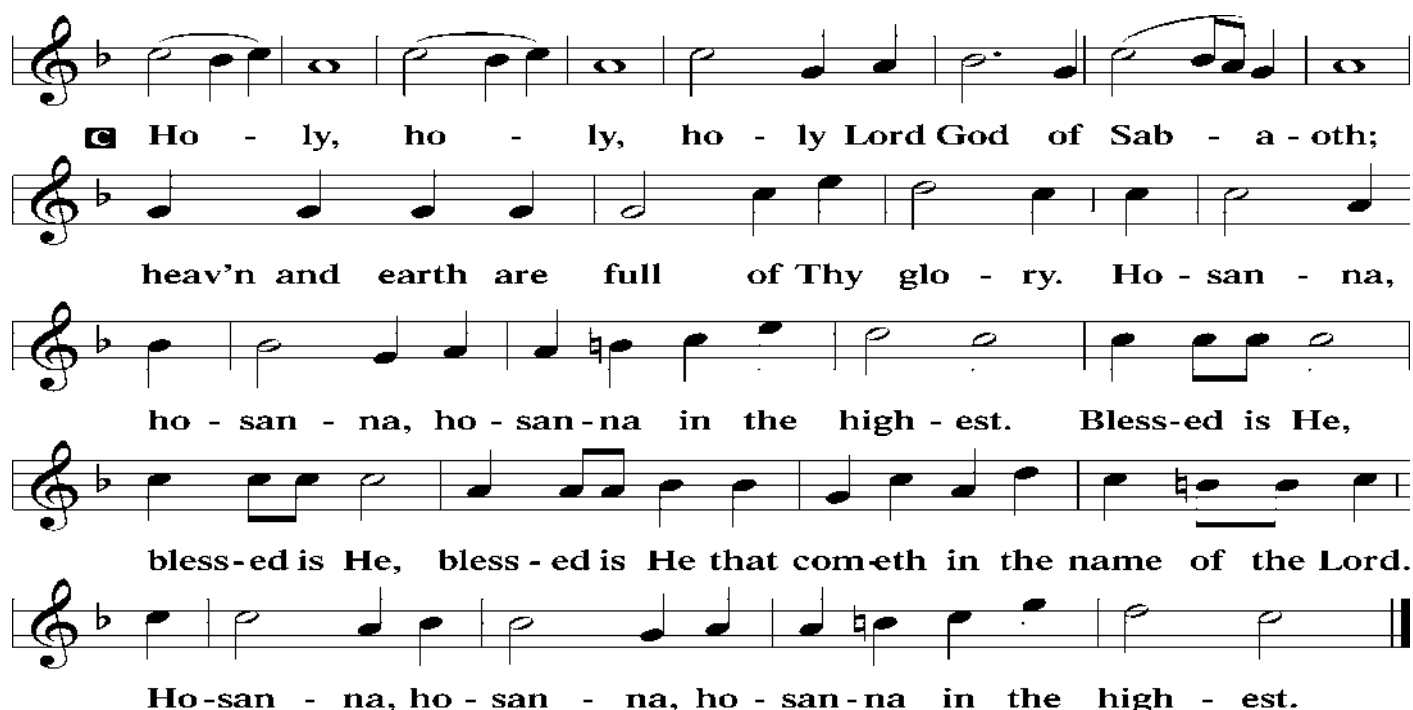
- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.**
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies His temple.**
- 3 We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
With all His grace and His favor.**
- 4 Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.  
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.  
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
And evermore, our Redeemer.**
- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are  
ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:  
“I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”**

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## **SERMON**

“A man who is merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on a level with the man who says he's a poached egg - or else he would be the devil of hell.” *C.S. Lewis*

## **CREEDAL HYMN** “We All Believe in One True God” *LSB 953*



The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a soprano or alto clef. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the church, that God's people may live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. And we pray for this gathering of God's holy people, that we be blessed with all grace and evidence the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

*P: We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or homebound, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, and all those whose needs are known to us, especially . . . As Your people, grant that we may bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

*P: Merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who have been called to glory and now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your splendid presence in heaven. Lord, in in Your mercy,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

*P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

**OFFERING +**

**“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

*Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace:  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.*

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.*

*Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry me to realms of endless day.*

**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.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ. Bless us, Your children, that we who partake of Christ's holy body and precious blood may be strengthened for service in the name of Christ. Fill us with Your heavenly peace and joy, so that we may live in the hope of an eternity in Your glorious kingdom.*

**C: Amen.**

## **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.**

## **AGNUS DEI**    *LSB 198*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*“How Sweet the name of Jesus Sounds” LSB 524*

- 1    How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!  
      It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, And drives away our fear.**
- 2    It makes the wounded spirit whole And calms the heart's unrest;  
      'Tis manna to the hungry soul And to the weary, rest.**
- 3    Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place;  
      My never-failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace.**

- 4 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.**
- 5 How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.**
- 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!**

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**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” *LSB* 770**

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!**
- 2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.**
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.**

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**“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” *LSB* 685**

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.**
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.**
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.**

**4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.**

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### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

*P: Let us pray. We give You thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that You have given us to eat and to drink in this Sacrament. Through this gift You have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By Your Holy Spirit, give us grace to live as Your beloved people until that day when You will receive us as Your guests in glory at the eternal Table of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.*

**C: Amen.**

### **BENEDICAMUS**

*P: Let us bless the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **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** “The Son of God Goes Forth to War” *LSB 661*

- 1 The Son of God goes forth to war A kingly crown to gain.  
His blood-red banner streams afar; Who follows in His train?  
Who best can drink His cup of woe, Triumphant over pain,  
Who patient bears his cross below—He follows in His train.**
- 2 The martyr first, whose eagle eye Could pierce beyond the grave,  
Who saw his master in the sky And called on Him to save.  
Like Him, with pardon on His tongue In midst of mortal pain,  
He prayed for those who did the wrong—Who follows in his train?**
- 3 A glorious band, the chosen few, On whom the Spirit came,  
Twelve valiant saints—their hope they knew And mocked the cross and flame.  
They met the tyrant’s brandished steel, The lion’s gory mane;  
They bowed their necks their death to feel—Who follows in their train?**

**4 A noble army, men and boys, The matron and the maid,  
Around the Savior's throne rejoice, In robes of light arrayed.  
They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n Through peril, toil, and pain.  
O God, to us may grace be giv'n To follow in their train!**

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## **POSTLUDE**

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In our prayers this week: Kathie Jenkins, Kim Weidenhamer, John Mewbourn, Margo McKee, Gene Mallett, Noah Rhoden, Floyd Bearly, Mark Lemley, Dylan Bruns, Bruce Forsythe, Jeff & Ellen Strum, Lori Nogueira, Julie Bourie, Stephanie Dublin, Zachary Rakow, Leigh Wilson, Zane Brooks, Tamara Scott, Sarah Gaddie, Lisa Chapman & family, Hannah Miller, Stephanie McNeese, Amy Brown, Sheila Gaia, Jeff & Cheryl Harrell, Judy Jacquez, Ross & Jackie Butler, Jean & Cliff Gorham, Jan Mathis, Kelly Swan, Diane Johnson, Dan Spry, Ann Schmitt, Sharon Adler, Pastor Bill Hugo, Bob Rogalski, Emily Mathis.

Heavenly Father, we ask you to protect our troops and all service personnel. Lord of all nations, bring Your peace to our troubled world, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine, and guide all world leaders in wisdom. We continue to pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

The Altar flowers this week were given by  
Norman Rodriguez in celebration of the 83rd birthday of Mary Kay Rodriguez  
The Britt family in celebration of Adam's birthday

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Sign up online 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. Mark Goble  
Liturgist Rev. Matthew Lynch  
Organist Michella Novy  
Offering Rev Charles Neugebauer  
Acolyte Jack Bennett 11:00am  
Crucifers Luca Calhoun Williams, Audrey Eldridge  
Elders Ernie Rakow (L), Bill Kutteh  
Nathan Eldridge (L), Dave Swan  
Greeters Don & Carol Owens  
Stephen Hubbard, Fina Behnke  
Ushers Gil Whitlock, Jim Calhoun, Bo Summers, Charlton Gutierrez, Kevin Baskette, Andrew Smith  
Matt Adler, Kyle Byrum, Brandon McNeill, Mike Burton, Matt Davis, Tommy Smith  
Sound Walt Kosman, Murph Ellard, Kim Goble, Peter Cothron, Aaron Winter  
Live Streaming Mark Novy

### CALENDAR

#### Today

- Confirmation Kickoff, 9:45am, Fellowship Hall
- PK4-6th Sunday School, 9:45am, Science Room

#### Monday, August 24

- Board of Education, 6:00pm, Science Room

#### Tuesday, August 25

- Men's Bible Study, 7:00am, Parlour
- Nehemiahs, 8:00am
- Salzgeber Small Group, 7:00pm

#### Wednesday, August 26

- Adult Bible Class, 10:00am, Room 201
- Pick-up Basketball, 5:00pm, Gym

#### Thursday, August 27

- Woodworking, 7:00pm, Workshop

#### Friday, August 28

- Middle School Event, 5:30pm
- Pastor Matt's Small Group, 6:00pm

### Saturday, August 29

- Acolyte Training, 10:00am, Sanctuary

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School 2026 – students are finishing their Psalm 23 study in the next few weeks. NEW YEAR for Sunday school kicks off with **RALLY DAY**. Children in PK4 through 6th grade (and parents) are invited to the Fellowship Hall next **Sunday, August 30** at 9:45 to sign up, meet the teachers, take a look at the curriculum and have a snack **Hope to see every CTK child there!!** Questions, contact Kitty – [kkosman@ctkmemphis.com](mailto:kkosman@ctkmemphis.com)

### YOUTH (9th -12th Grade)

Hello, High Schoolers! Join Miss Paige in the youth room each week between services to talk about faith, life, and the Bible! Can't wait to see you there! [pmielke@ctkmemphis.com](mailto:pmielke@ctkmemphis.com)

### ADULT BIBLE CLASSES 9:50am

Adult Bible Class will meet in the sanctuary.

St. Paul's Epistles Led by Ernie Rakow in the Library. **New study:** St Paul's Epistles to the Thessalonians.

Adult Bible Class led by Matt Adler & Kyle Brown will begin a study on the Book of Daniel, next week, **Aug. 30** in Room 202.

Women's Sunday Bible Class led by Ashley Baskette will begin a study on Jesus and the Twelve, next week, **Aug. 30** in Room 201.

### WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Wednesday Bible Study A study of the Book of Revelation led by Pastor Chuck at 10:00am in Room 201.

Men's Bible Study A study of St Paul's letter to the congregations continues. Led by Gary Osing.

**Middle School Parents,** If you have a child in 6th-8th, please send me your contact information and your children's age, name, and grade, so you can stay up to date on youth events. Phone (478)-396-4830 or [nathan.leborious@ctkschool.com](mailto:nathan.leborious@ctkschool.com) or [pmielke@ctkmemphis.com](mailto:pmielke@ctkmemphis.com)

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**CHOIR SEASON STARTS SOON!** Singers and music lovers, Choir Director Chris Cardona invites you to our first rehearsal of the season on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 6:30PM in the choir loft. For more information, contact Chris at [cmckeys@gmail.com](mailto:cmckeys@gmail.com).

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**REGISTER TODAY!** We're just a few weeks away from the Spiritual First Aid training workshop and you must register in advance. Just follow the **QR Code** and you're in! Learn what to say and how to say it, as well as compassionate tools to minister to the whole person emotionally and spiritually, in the wake of a crisis. This biblically based training will be led by LCC President and CEO Rev. Chris Singer, and will include dinner on Friday, Sept. 18, and lunch on Saturday, Sept. 19, both catered by Jake Behnke. The registration fee is \$25 which covers LCC materials. Learn how to minister to those in stressed situations without becoming stressed yourself. For more information, check the table in the rotunda



**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHILI CONTEST & AUCTION.** Faith in Action is excited to host our twelfth year for this event coming up September 27, 2026. All proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to fund our adopted school in Haiti and to our local programs. It requires many volunteers to make this event successful, and there are many ways you can help!

- If you have the gift of cooking, please consider donating chili.
- If you would like to donate an auction item, we would love to have it.
- If you are available to help volunteer, be a judge, monitor the auction, etc... We need you!

**SIGN UP TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE!**  
Visit our table in the Rotunda or go online to [bit.ly/Chili12](https://bit.ly/Chili12).

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From **Room in the Inn** at CTK

As our summer season is coming to a close, we want to thank our many dedicated volunteers who made this season possible. Each of you put your time and your hearts into making our guests feel safe, protected, and cared for. We have the month of September still to go and hope to see you on the 15th before having the month of October off. The link for the Sept 15 sign-up is [bit.ly/RITI-Sept15](https://bit.ly/RITI-Sept15).

With thankful & Blessed Hearts,  
Inn Crew @ CTK

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CTK's faculty invites our congregation to join with the students in learning their weekly Memory Work, crafted around the theme of "Lavishly Loved." The verse for this week is taken from *LSB* 851 v.4. (Text, Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-1889) "**Lord of Glory you have bought us with your life-blood as the**

price; Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice. Give us faith to  
trust you bodily, Hope to stay our souls in  
you; But, oh best of all your graces, With  
you love our love renew."

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The **Stepping Stones Book Club** invites you to join us in reading Vicki Constantine Croke's nonfiction book *The Elephant Company*, the story of Jim Williams and the extraordinary elephants of Burma. The book explores their role in the teak trade, WWII supply efforts, and the remarkable bond between Williams and the elephant Bandoola. Our next meeting is Sept. 20 at 12:15pm in Room 202.

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### **CTK School**

**It's our birthday!!** Our school is celebrating its 65th birthday. We have a birthday tree set up in the rotunda with our school birthday wish lists. Grab an apple and celebrate with us! We'll have several opportunities throughout the year to keep celebrating! Our school year started on a very positive note. We thank the congregation for its continued support. We also thank Lisa Salzgeber and the congregation for the wonderful reception as we kicked off the year with our re-commissioning. Volunteer opportunities will be in the Church Sept newsletter-- we are seeking subs for our sub list, lunch monitors and more!

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### **Small Group Ministry**

Arlington Saints & Sinners Club - Join us—no dues required, just admit you're a saint *and* a sinner! We are beginning a new study using the book "Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers" by Dane Ortlund. Now is a

great time to join a Small Group and learn together. **Next meeting: August 18 at 7:00pm.**

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

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

Billy & Carol Kutteh - "James: Genuine Faith" by Sam Allberry. For more info, contact Billy at [wkutteh4@comcast.net](mailto:wkutteh4@comcast.net). Next meeting: **August 22 at 6:30pm.**

Coming soon...a new Small Group! The "Chunky Knit Group" will begin meeting in October. See the table in the rotunda for details on this crafting group that will make blankets by hand-knitting!

Pastor Matt's Group for 20's and 30's. **Next meeting: August 28, 6:00pm.**

Stepping Stones Book Club - Meets every six weeks at 12:15pm in Room 202. **Next meeting date: Sept. 20.** book: *The Elephant Company* by Vicki Constance Croke.

Salzgeber Small Group - We're reading the book "God at Work: Your Christian Vocation in All of Life" by Gene Veith. "*Given the enormous amount of time each of us spends working, we would do well to understand our callings and how God works through them.*" New participants are always welcome. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 25, 7:00 pm.**



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