

**Do unto others
as you would have them
do to you.**

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
31 AUGUST 2025
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 Finding one's right place in each setting can be a challenge of life in any society. In Bible times, it was important not only that people had seats in the right location; it was equally important that they sat down in the right sequence. The social guideline was this: at a session of study, precedence is to be given to wisdom; in reclining at a feast, to age. Jesus was a close observer of the earthly society in which He lived, including observing who sat where at a banquet table. He saw firsthand how limiting and restrictive some tables were when people were excluded from the feast. Contrasting those earthly tables, His description of the heavenly banquet was inclusive and expansive. He said to His followers, "Many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven" (*Matthew 8:11*). By faith, we look forward to that wonderful banquet. But anywhere that we can be at the Lord's Table is the right place to be for us—including here and now!

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *LSB 528*

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.**

**Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.**

**He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.**

**Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.**

**See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.**

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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 149:1–4*

P: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly! Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

C: let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

P: Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!

C: For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.

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 is kept for meditation and reflection.

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.

KYRIE *LSB 152*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Remember us, O Lord, not for what we deserve, but because You have begun Your good work in us. As You have called us to follow Your example of humble service, make us worthy of our calling; through Your Son, 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 Proverbs 25:2-10 (*Guidelines for a blessed life.*)

²It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.
³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Hebrews 13:1-17 (*Living in God-pleasing ways.*)

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an

altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE LSB 173



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 14:1-14 (*Jesus teaches about humble living.*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things. ⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” ¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner

or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid.¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “Almighty God, Your Word is Cast” *LSB 577*

**Almighty God, Your Word is cast Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav’n descend And righteous fruits abound.**

**Let not the sly satanic foe This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev’ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.**

**Let not the world’s deceitful cares The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy.**

**So when the precious seed is sown, Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving pow’r may know.**

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SERMON

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: God, our Savior, wants all people to come to know the truth. For the church, the gathering of God's people; for the clergy of the church that the Holy Spirit confirm them in their apostolic mission; for all Christians, that persevering in grace, we may proclaim the kingdom of heaven in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: For all public servants, that they zealously promote justice and the common good; for industrial workers, that their productivity provide blessing for all; for favorable weather, that we may give thanks for a good harvest. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: For the homeless and the hungry; for the physically and mentally ill and the aged and infirm, that we cherish Christ in them and surround them with our care, especially . . . , and that each of us would be graced with holy humility that we may find our joy in humble service in Jesus' name in every situation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of our missionaries, missionary teachers, medical personnel, and all Christian aid workers, that their work be unhindered and be a continuing source of blessings in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ still inspires us, and also for this holy assembly here and now, that sealed with the promised Spirit, we may witness to the fullness of God's love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: 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 "As the Deer" (M. Nystrom)

*As the deer panteth for the water So my long longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee.*

*Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield To You alone may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee.*

*You're my friend and You are my brother Even though You are a king.
I love you more than any other So much more than anything. Refrain*

*I love you more than gold or silver Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver And the apple of my eye. Refrain*

OFFERTORY *LSB 956*

**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 have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your sacred presence among us and number us with Your saints. Grant that we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

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

+ Instrumental “Let Us Break Bread Together” (arr. Rachel Chapin)

“Your Table I Approach” *LSB* 628

**Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.**

**Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.**

**Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.**

**Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.**

**O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.**

**Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.**

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“O Living Bread from Heaven” *LSB* 642

**O living Bread from heaven, How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.**

**My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.**

**You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before Your throne.**

**Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.**

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“Children of the Heavenly Father” LSB 725

**Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank You for having fed us with Your life-giving food. Grant that we ever follow our Lord Jesus Christ, bringing glory to You and blessed service to those around us as the Spirit works daily in our hearts and lives. When our earthly journey is completed, grant us a portion with the saints in light eternal. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior and Redeemer.

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 “The Lord, My God, Be Praised” LSB 794

**The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.**

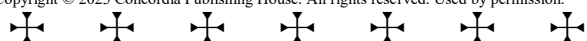
**The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living,
To whom the heav'nly host Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.**

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POSTLUDE

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In our prayers this week: Kathie Jenkins, Kim Weidenhamer, John Mewbourn, Margo McKee, Gene Mallett, Marsha & Norman Mundinger, Noah Rhoden, Floyd Bearly, Mark Lemley, Violet Lakatos, Dylan Bruns, Bruce Forsythe, Jeff & Ellen Strum, Sally Hornish Malmi, Lori Nogueira, Julie Bourie, Stephanie Dublin, Zachary Rakow, Loraine Andrews, Leigh Wilson, Chuck Fields, Zane Brooks, Tamara Scott, Sarah Gaddie, Liz Kiley, Jeff & Cheryl Harrell, Judy Jacquez, Wilber Brown, Jackie Butler, Norma & Tom Moore, Jean & Cliff Gorham, Howard Troyer, Micah Helms, Lorna Schmidt, Donna Dyer, Doris Cagle, DeWayne Baskette, David Joffre. Please pray for the victims of the natural disasters as they mourn their losses and rebuild their homes and communities. Bless and guide our DCE Call Committee. We pray for peace throughout the world, for unity and civility in our nation, and for swift aid and comfort to reach those suffering in Gaza. Comfort the families and the community of Annunciation Catholic School as they grieve the loss of children and support those injured in the school shooting.

The Altar flowers this week were given by:

Clarice Hunt in honor of Aaron & Sophie's wedding on August 24

Stella Carroll in loving memory of Don

**Sign up for a vase of Altar Flowers by going to bit.ly/CTKAltarFlowers2025
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
Liturgists	Rev. Matthew Lynch
Organist	Michella Novy
Offering	Soloist: Angie Shappley Accompanist: Michella Novy
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Crucifers	Cooper Smith, Celeste Hair
Elders	Clayton Bettin (L), Ernie Rakow Steven Andrews (L), Brian Hair
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Ushers	Dan Seward, Jim Chapin, Bob Bortz, Jeff Higginbotham, Paul Howell, Gary Carlson, Ross Hornish Matt Adler, Kyle Byrum, Brandon McNeill, Mike Burton, Matt Davis, Tommy Smith
Sound	Walt Kosman, Murph Ellard, Kim Goble, Jim Hofer, Peter Cothron, Aaron Winter
LiveStreaming	Kevin Madden

CALENDAR

Today

- High School Youth Pool party, 4:00_{pm}, Eldridge home

Monday, September 1

- Church Office closed

Tuesday, September 2

- Men's Bible Study, 7:00_{am}, Parlour
- Nehemiahs, 8:00_{am}
- Altar Guild, 11:45_{am}, Parlour
- Salzgeber Small Group, 7:00_{pm}

Wednesday, September 3

- Adult Bible Study, 10:00_{am}, Room 201
- Choir rehearsal, 6:30_{pm}, Choir Loft

Thursday, September 4

- Woodworking Small Group, 7:00_{pm},

Friday, September 5 No scheduled events

Saturday, September 6

- Acolyte Training, 10:00_{am}, Sanctuary

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Summer Sunday school meets in the room beside the gym. We are concluding our series on the Names of Jesus and will begin our Fall CPH Enduring Faith curriculum on Sept. 7. Join us at 9:45am each Sunday morning.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Meet in Room 203 at 9:45am

YOUTH (7th-12th Grade)

Join Mr. Kevin Baskette for Sunday School in the Youth Room. We are examining how God's Word and our faith helps us endure in the world today.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

9:50am

Adult Bible Class Join Pastor Matt in the Fellowship Hall for "In the Beginning," a study of Genesis.

"St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians" led by Ernie Rakow in the Library.

Adult Bible class led by Matt Adler & Kyle Brown, Room 202. Study of Timothy Keller's book "Romans for You".

Women's Sunday Bible Class led by Ashley Baskette, will begin on Sept. 7. We will study the Book of Ecclesiastes: Nothing new under the sun.

WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Wednesday Bible Class Join Pastor Chuck in Room 201 at 10:00am for a class on the Book of Revelation.

Men's Bible Study A study of St Paul's letter to the Romans led by Gary Osing on Tuesdays at 7:00am in the Parlour.

ROOM IN THE INN

Thank you to all who have served this summer. Please volunteer to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ who truly are in need shelter and kindness. Sign up today:

bit.ly/RITISEP16

The Choir Season begins on September 3, with rehearsals each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the Choir Loft. If you love to sing, please join our Choir Director, Mr. Chris Cardona, and our Adult Choir in preparing anthems for worship. For more information, contact Chris at cmckeys@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

On Sunday, September 7, we will share in a hymnal-led worship service using the Divine Service, Setting Three. This music-filled liturgy will include familiar melodies—some sung by the congregation and others chanted by Pastor Matt. It's a wonderful opportunity to revisit cherished traditions while teaching future generations the richness of our liturgical history.

Stepping Stones Book Club will meet Sunday, September 14 in room 202 at 12:15pm. We will be discussing the book *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. It is a gripping mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American

history. All women of Christ the King are welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE! Men's Ministry Breakfast, Saturday, October 11, at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Paul Howell returns with a hearty breakfast, and our panel will tackle key retirement topics like Social Security, wills, long-term care, and more. Whether you're retired, approaching it, or helping family members navigate it - email your questions to me and we'll make sure the topic is covered! Please RSVP to garyosing@gmail.com, 901-326-6737, or on the CTK App under Events, or in the Rotunda.

The Altar Guild will resume its monthly meetings on Tuesday, September 2, at 11:45am in the Parlour. All are welcome to attend and learn more about this important ministry and the opportunity to serve in a meaningful way.

11TH ANNUAL CHILI AUCTION SEPTEMBER 21ST!

It's less than two months until our exciting event featuring a chili cook-off, silent auction, wine pull, battle of the bourbons, parade of the nutcrackers—and more! Enjoy Beef, Chicken, Veggie Chili, or BBQ, and don't miss *The Beatles Are Back* with Pastor Chuck, Hollis Prince, Pastor Matt, and Mike Salzgeber!

Sign up today so we know how many to serve! Want to enter the chili contest? Bring your best or most unique recipe—you *might win*!

We're also accepting auction items, wine, and bourbon donations. Proceeds support our adopted school in Haiti and local nonprofits. Thanks for your support!

Sign up at bit.ly/ChiliAuction2025

GriefShare begins October 7

A new **GriefShare** group starts at Christ the King on Tuesday, October 7. The meetings will begin at 2:00pm in Room 202. This support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through the 13-week sessions, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Griefshare is open to anyone in the community experiencing grief, so if you know anyone who has lost a loved one, please let them know about this support group. Call the Church Office for more information.

Small Group Ministry

Steven and Jennifer Andrews "The Arlington Saints and Sinners Club". We have concluded our study but watch for a new topic and coming dates!

Robyn Byrum "Crafting Moms" For parents of teens and college-age kids to share parenting tips, struggles, and prayers. For more info., contact Robyn at robynbyrum2@gmail.com.

Jim Devan – Woodworking and Nehemiahs 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 - Paul's Letter to the Galatians meets on the fourth Saturday each month at 7:00pm. Next meeting: September 27. For more info contact Billy at wkutteh4@comcast.net.

Salzgeber Small Group "Church History in Plain Language" by Bruce Shelley. Next meeting: September 2 at 7:00pm. **New address! 7293 Stags Leap Circle, Germantown.**

Pastor Matt's Group for 20's and 30's. Contact Pastor Matt at pastormatt@ctkmemphis.com. Next meeting: September 11 at 6:00pm at the Tidymans' home.

Mark your calendars for SIPFest, the Sea Isle Neighborhood Association annual festival at Sea Isle Park! It's Saturday, October 4, 11am - 2pm. We need volunteers to grill burgers and dogs and to staff the CTK booth, greeting people and sharing information. Contact Steven Andrews at skandrews24@gmail.com to volunteer!

MUSIC ON THE MOUNTAIN

The Seventh Annual Music on the Mountain will be held on Saturday, September 28, at Camp Trinity, the Lutheran camp on Petit Jean Mountain. Admission is free, but donations are welcome, as this event is a fundraiser for the camp.

Musicians will perform from a stage in front of the historic Trinity Chapel, featuring a variety of musical genres, including contemporary Christian, old-time gospel, pop oldies, country, bluegrass, and folk. Music will begin at 11:00am and continue throughout the afternoon.

Festival guests can enjoy family games, concession snacks, and the chance to relax in the shade while taking in the music. Barbecue dinners will be available for purchase starting at 11:00am until sold out. Guests can also bid on great items in the silent auction, held in conjunction with the music festival.



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