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faith!

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
5 OCTOBER 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 This is a difficult day for your pastor. For you are, in a sense, listening in to our Lord speaking to him of His high expectations as His called and ordained servant. It all has to do with addressing his sins with the cutting accusation of God's Law, but with the goal of applying the comforting healing and hope of God's Gospel of forgiveness and strength. Yet, if you listen carefully, you will discover that it's not only about your pastor's frailty or sins, but it is also Christ addressing your sins and need through him. The pastor's calling is, at once, a most difficult one but also the most joyous and fulfilling calling and vocation. Your pastor has the responsibility and obligation not to mislead you into sin but to apply the remedy for it. Preaching and teaching the Word of Christ, and administering that Word of forgiveness of sin and new life through the Sacraments, is not primarily the pastor's work but is indeed the work of Christ Himself. The pastor pours baptismal water, and the believer dies and is raised with Christ. The pastor does no magical incantation, but Christ speaks through him. The bread and wine are Christ's body and blood for you that takes away your sin (and the pastor's!), imparting forgiveness and eternal life. Pray for your pastor, as he prays for you. Forgive your pastor, as he lives by the same forgiveness he declares to you.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" *LSB* 549 vv.1-5

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.**

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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 43:4; Habakkuk 2:4, adapt.*

P: I will go to the altar of God,

C: to God my exceeding joy.

P: Behold the proud, his soul is not upright,

C: but the righteous shall live by his faith.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Luke 17:1, 5; 2 Timothy 1:8–9*

P: When the Lord Jesus warned His disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come,” the apostles said, “Increase our faith!” Let us confess our own weakness and sin, asking the same of our gracious and merciful God.

C: O God, Your Law is true and my delight. Yet because we still feebly struggle against sin, we confess our weakness and failure to live according to Your holy will. Our lack of faithfulness toward You causes us to hesitate or even refuse to love and forgive our neighbors. O God, increase our faith! Forgive us and renew our minds and spirit that we may serve You by faithfully serving our neighbor.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I 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 549 v.7*

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.**

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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 and gracious God, we give You thanks for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of Your Word and Sacrament through which You nurture us in Your truth and feed us with the holy food of the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that all pastors may continue to follow in word and deed the example of Your Son, and that together we may serve You now in the

church on earth and evermore praise You in the kingdom of heaven; through 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 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (*Woe to those at ease in Zion.*)

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. ²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ²And the Lord answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (*“Guard the good deposit entrusted to you.”*)

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am

not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE LSB 173



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 17:1-10 (*Temptations to sin*)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹And he said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.” ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink” *TLH* 396

**Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Tho' pressed by many a foe,
That will not tremble on the brink Of poverty or woe;**

**It will not murmur nor complain Beneath the chast'ning rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean upon its God:**

**A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage without,
That, when in danger, knows no fear; In darkness feels no doubt.**

**That bears unmoved the world's dread frown Nor heeds its scornful smile;
That sin's wild ocean cannot drown Nor Satan's arts beguile;**

**A faith that keeps the narrow way Till life's last spark is fled,
And with a pure and heav'nly ray Lights up a dying bed.**

**Lord, give me such a faith as this, And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.**

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: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise You for Your great glory demonstrated by Your righteous rule over Your whole creation, for the beauty of the earth, and for Your provision of everything good. Praise is due to You especially for Your care and deliverance of the world by the salvation of all people through the redemption of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By His death and resurrection, He has destroyed death and brought life and new hope to light through forgiveness for the sins of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Cause the proclamation of Your will to sanctify and bless the ministration of all those in the authority of the government that peace may prevail in our country and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Be the consolation, healer, and help of all who are in any need, in sickness or injury, or in fear or loneliness, that many may turn their hearts to trust in Your never-failing love especially... . Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For all Your saints of old, especially those You called and sent to deliver Your Word through the ages, for prophets and apostles, and all messengers of Your grace, we give You thanks. Grant peace and eternal rest to all who have gone before us, especially those we name in our hearts before you. Be pleased to count us in their fellowship both now and when You call us to Your nearer presence. Lord, 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 + Solo "Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else in me, save that thou art: Thou my best thought both by day and by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r:

Light of my soul, after victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 163*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION

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

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer’s ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, And drives away our fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole And calms the heart’s unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul And to the weary, rest.**

**Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place;
My never-failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace.**

**O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.**

**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.**

**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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“When Peace, Like a River” *LSB 763*

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul. Refrain**

**Refrain It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain**

**He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain**

**And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. Refrain**

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**“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” LSB 918
Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell’s destruction, Land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.**

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**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE LSB 164
Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 “For All the Saints” *LSB 677 vv.1-3,4-6*

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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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, Diane Conry, 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, Marvin & Barb Ayers, Rose Mary Myers, Kelli Blake. Cynthia Burton as she mourns the passing of her father, Don Gamblin. 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 and for swift aid and comfort to reach those suffering in Gaza. Bring unity and civility to our nation, and peace and respect during this time of political unrest. 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:

Larry & Jennifer Marley in celebration of Jordan's 19th birthday

Mike & Lisa Salzgeber in celebration of Michael Bough's birthday

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.

TODAY IS MITE BOX SUNDAY! PLEASE POUR YOUR MITES AND COINS INTO THE OVER-SIZED MITE BOX IN THE NARTHEX.

Those Who Serve

Proclaimer Rev. Mark Goble

Liturgists Rev. Matthew Lynch

Organist Michella Novy

Offering Soloist: Nicholas Tieman

Accompanist: Michella Novy

Acolytes John Britt, Cooper Smith

Crucifers Audrey Eldridge (11:00)

Elders Billy Kutteh (L), Henry Askew
Nathan Eldridge (L), Bill Maclin

Greeters Mike & Georgia Clark
Janet Rudd, Cynthia Blocker

Ushers Gil Whitlock, Jim Calhoun, Bo Summers,
Charlton Gutierrez, Kevin Baskette,
Andrew Smith
Steven Andrews, Glenn Maclin, Jon Foshee,
Mike Hewgley, Pete Wasmund,
Stephen Hubbard

Sound Walt Kosman, Murph Ellard, Kim Goble,
Jim Hofer, Peter Cothron,
Aaron Winter

LiveStreaming Tyler Wilkinson

CALENDAR

Today

Monday, October 6

- Board of Elders, 6:30_{pm}, Room 201

Tuesday, October 7

- Men's Bible Study, 7:00_{am}, Parlour
- Nehemiahs, 8:00_{am}
- Altar Guild, 11:45_{am}
- Griefshare, 2:00_{pm}, Room 202
- Andrews Small Group, 7:00_{pm}

Wednesday, October 8

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

Thursday, October 9

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

Friday, October 10 No scheduled events

Saturday, October 11

- Men's Prayer Breakfast, 9:00_{am}, Fellowship Hall
- Future Comfort Dog, 10:00_{am}

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children PK4 - 6th grade are invited to join us at 9:45 in the room next to the gym for our CPH Enduring Faith "Jesus Comes to Us" Students will be studying the New Testament and how Jesus' birth, His journey to the cross, His sacrifice, His resurrection and beyond, is for all humanity... including each child.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Meets in Room 203 at 9:45_{am}

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

9:50_{am}

Adult Bible Class "God's Faithful Servants" led by Pastor Matt in the Fellowship Hall. We will take a break from "Genesis" the month of October to focus on our Stewardship study from Matthew 25:14:30.

The Book of Joshua 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 Matt in Room 201 at 10:00am for a study of Psalm 8, a hymn of Creation.

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.

Don't miss it! Men's Ministry Breakfast, October 11, at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. See back cover for all the details.

LWML - Purple Envelope Campaign

Thank you to everyone who donated last Sunday! We will continue the campaign through October 26 so pick up a purple envelope from the Information Desk in the Narthex (or give online at My Vanco - choose LWML AAS). Every dollar goes directly to our adopted students at the Concordia Seminaries.

As we mourn the passing of our former pastor, Rev. Jeff Stephens, St. Paul reminds us that we do not grieve like *"those who have no hope"* and urges us to *"therefore encourage each other with these words."* Susan's address is below if you would like to send your condolences and remembrances of Pastor Stephens to her.

Mrs. Susan Stephens
3266 Ashby Ln., Richfield, OH 44286

Bring Pastor Matt's Sunday morning Bible Study to More People!

We're looking for volunteers to help manage the sound board during Pastor Matt's Bible study. No prior experience is needed. If you are interested, please text Lisa Salzgeber at 513-919-7441 for more information.

GriefShare begins October 7

A new GriefShare group begins Tuesday, October 7, at 2:00pm in Room 202. This 13-week support group offers a safe place to understand grief, learn healthy ways to cope, and receive support. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability. Open to anyone in the community. For details, call the Church Office.

School News

Calling ALL CTK Alumni: we want to revitalize our Alumni and create an active group of our CTK graduates. What can you do to get started? Check out our CTK Alumni page on Facebook- then be looking for a survey link to get you into our database or CTK alumni! We love connecting with our former students!

Students in grades K-8 -Basketball sign ups coming soon-- if you are interested in playing, contact our Athletic Director at the following: hugh.jackson@ctkschool.com

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 ONE SERVICE 10:00am

Sunday, October 26, we will celebrate our Lutheran heritage with a traditional Reformation worship service, and lay our 2026 pledges on the altar as a loving response to God's faithfulness to us. Following this uplifting service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a German potluck. We'll provide the brats and sauerkraut (and hot dogs for the kids), and you bring a dessert and a side. Please make plans to attend this special service and day of fellowship!

Sunday School 9:00am
One Worship Service 10:00am
German Potluck 11:15am
RSVP at bit.ly/CTKPotluck

TRUNK or TREAT

Saturday, October 25
East Parking Lot at 3:30pm
Decorated Trunks needed
(trunk set up at 3:00pm)
Reserve your trunk spot by
emailing martihuebner@gmail.com

Food & Fellowship begins at 4:00pm
BOUNCE HOUSE, FACE PAINT,
CAKE WALK ...

Homemade baked goods needed for the cake
walk (Cakes, brownies, cupcakes, cookies etc.).

Sunday, October 19, is Pastor Appreciation Day.
There will be baskets available in the Narthex to
fill with cards and well-wishes as we celebrate
Pastor Mark and Kim and Pastor Matt. CTK is
truly blessed by our wonderful pastors!

Attention Veterans!

On Sunday, November 9, we will recognize
our veterans and we want to include you. Please
call the Church Office or email us at
churchoffice@ctkmemphis.com and let us
know your branch of service. Thank you for
your service!

The 2025 Chili Bowl was a Big Success!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who
attended or volunteered at our **11th Annual
Chili Auction**, to all who donated wine,
bourbon or other items, brought chili, desserts,
or contributed in any other way to help with

everything and who said yes when asked to
help! We could not have done this without each
of you helping to make this a successful event.
We have already raised over \$7500 and will have
an after sale in the near future.

~ Caroline Johnson, 2025 Chili Auction Chair

Small Group Ministry

Steven and Jennifer Andrews Please join us at the
Arlington Saints and Sinners Club where the only
dues for membership is confessing to be one or
the other. But rest assured, after our robust and
joyful study of the Old Testament, you'll
ultimately see yourself as 100% both! Whether
you are intimately aware of the Old Testament
message or you don't know the difference
between the Old Testament and THE HOBBIT,
you will benefit from this study.

You will see the Old Testament is not a dusty and
boring book. It's a circus of humanity, with
clownish buffoons, high-soaring saints, back-
talking donkeys, left-handed kingslayers,
bewitching maidens, child-killing kings, naked
preachers, and all the glory and gore you can fit
inside the big top of this biblical tent. And
everywhere in this story is God who, in His wild
and passionate love for humanity, is shepherding
history toward the birth and ministry of Jesus the
Messiah.

The Arlington Saints and Sinners Club will have
opportunities to practice your faith and serve your
neighbors at Room in the Inn and the Memphis
Union Mission. Please join us as we strive to Share
the Light of Christ through lives transformed by
the Gospel. Next meeting: October 7 at 7:00pm.

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 6:30pm (New time!). Next meeting: October 25. For more info contact Billy at wkutteh4@comcast.net.

Salzgeber Small Group "Church History in Plain Language" by Bruce Shelley. Next meeting: October 21 at 7:00pm.

Pastor Matt's Group for 20's and 30's. Contact Pastor Matt at pastormatt@ctkmemphis.com. Next meeting: October 17 at 6:00pm at Ellen & Patrick Denning's home.

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.

Men's Breakfast

- ▶ Saturday, October 11th
- ▶ 9:00am
- ▶ Fellowship Hall
- ▶ Hearty Breakfast
- ▶ Retirement Issues Panel



The Panel will discuss:

- ▶ RMDs & QCDs
- ▶ The Talk with Spouse & Kids
- ▶ Selling Your Home
- ▶ Social Security
- ▶ Will or Trust
- ▶ Retirement Community?

Hosted by Men's Ministry

RSVP Today!

- bit.ly/MensBreakfast10-11-25
- Email: garyosing@gmail.com
- CTK App
- In the Rotunda

Please join us!