

WHETHER ON EARTH OR IN HEAVEN,
MAKING PEACE BY THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS.
COLOSSIANS 1:20



THE LAST SUNDAY OF
THE CHURCH YEAR
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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 There is a phrase familiar to both preschoolers and powerbrokers. When they see that someone else has something they want, they declare, “That’s mine!” seizing either toys or territory for themselves. This phrase is not unfamiliar to our God either. But where humans are motivated by selfishness, the Lord acts out of love. He claims you as His own because He loves you and He wants you to be with Him for eternity. You are His treasured possession! He will never leave you behind like a toddler may accidentally abandon her teddy bear, or neglect you like a king would treat those who supported his rival. When the Lord says, “You are Mine,” you have His pledge of enduring faithfulness, today and unto eternity!

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” *LSB 525*

**Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the virgin’s Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond’ring eyes At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o’er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav’n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv’n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.**

INVOCATION (8:30)

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM James Benjamin Wilkinson (11:00)

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 118:24; Psalm 22:27; Isaiah 43:1*

P: This is the day that the LORD has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

C: and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

P: Now thus says the LORD, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

C: I have called you by name, you are Mine."

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Colossians 1:13–14*

P: The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness

C: and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

P: Almighty God and King,

C: we confess that we have broken trust with You. We have doubted Your goodness, neglected Your ways, and sought to satisfy our sinful nature. We do not think, speak, or act like Your treasured possession. We bring before You our faults and failures, honestly and humbly recognizing that we deserve to be cast out of Your kingdom. Have mercy, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Spare us from Your wrath, deliver us from death and darkness, and cleanse us from sin, that we serve You in righteousness, innocence, and blessedness now and always. Amen.

P: On His cross, Jesus Christ, your Savior, was crowned with shame and given unto death for You. His blood pays the price Your sins deserve. Now crowned with glory, the risen and reigning Christ lives to declare sins forgiven. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I 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. O Holy Trinity, You are God from everlasting to everlasting, Your kingdom stretches from shore to shore, and by the cross of Christ, You are reconciling all things to Yourself. Surround us with Your expansive Gospel, that just as You separate us from our sin as far as the east is from the west, You would gather those from every language and locale to confess You: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and join You in paradise. In Your holy name we pray.

C: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Malachi 3:13-18 *(The Lord makes His claim on His treasured possession, declaring “they shall be Mine.”)*

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evil-doers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’” ¹⁶Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Colossians 1:13-20 (By His blood, the Christ who holds all things together also holds us in His kingdom.)

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE LSB 173



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 23:32-43

(Upon the cross, Jesus is enthroned as King and speaks of forgiveness and paradise.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of

condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus” *LSB* 531

**Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame!
By Thy merit we find favor: Life is given through Thy name.**

**Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made.
All Thy people are forgiven Through the virtue of Thy blood;
Opened is the gate of heaven, Reconciled are we with God.**

**Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, There forever to abide;
All the heav’nly hosts adore Thee, Seated at Thy Father’s side.
There for sinners Thou art pleading; There Thou dost our place prepare,
Ever for us interceding Till in glory we appear.**

**Worship, honor, pow’r, and blessing Thou art worthy to receive;
Highest praises, without ceasing, Right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, All your noblest anthems raise;
Help to sing our Savior’s merits, Help to chant Immanuel’s praise!**

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SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: As those delivered to the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us confidently approach His throne of grace with our prayers and intercessions, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: King of all creation, the whole earth is full of Your glory, and we are awed by Your creative majesty. Deepen our appreciation of Your care and keeping and dedicate us as faithful stewards of Your earthly gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: King of kindness and grace, who attends to our hurts of body and soul, show compassion to all who are facing sorrow, sickness, or adversity, embracing them in Your tender care, especially . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: King of justice, You rule Your world with wisdom and faithfulness. Give those chosen as our earthly authorities patience, perspective, and a heart that pursues Your will, that we might be led into peaceable prosperity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: King of all kings, You have authority over all things. Allow us to see Your authority as a blessing, that we might recognize Your preeminence in our lives and rest in Your merciful rule, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OFFERING + Solo “Baptized in Water”

*Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation, Trusting His promise, Faithfully now God's praise we sing.*

*Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
One with His rising, Freed and forgiven, Thankfully now God's praise we sing.*

*Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ our King:
Born of one Father, We are His children: Joyfully now God's praise we sing.*

*Sweet baby James has been resurrected, Washed from his sin and given God's grace.
May our Lord keep James and his dear family With faith in Jesus, forever embraced.*

OFFERTORY LSB 805

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

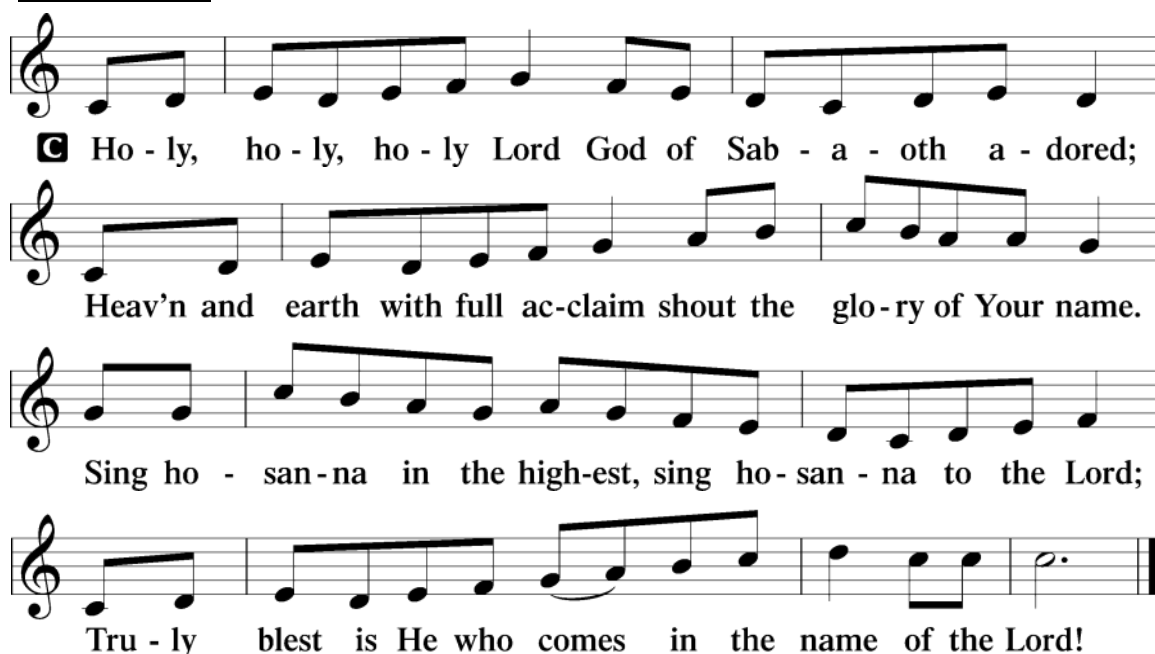
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-11

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

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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION

+ Instrumental “Fairest Lord Jesus”

“The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns” *LSB 532*

**The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns The mighty Victor’s brow.**

**The highest place that heav’n affords Is His, is His by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heav’n’s eternal Light;**

**The Joy of all who dwell above, The Joy of all below
To whom He manifests His love And grants His name to know.**

**To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv’n;
Their name an everlasting name, Their joy the joy of heav’n.**

**They suffer with their Lord below, They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know The myst’ry of His love.**

**The cross He bore is life and health, Though shame and death to Him:
His people’s hope, His people’s wealth, Their everlasting theme.**

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“The People That in Darkness Sat” *LSB 412*

**The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long In shades of death have been,
In shades of death have been.**

**To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness, The gath’ring nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear Their harvest treasures home,
Their harvest treasures home.**

**To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv’n,
And on His shoulder ever rests All pow’r in earth and heav’n,
All pow’r in earth and heav’n.**

**His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor, The God by all adored,
The God by all adored.**

**His righteous government and pow'r Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based, His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end.**

**Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one.**

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“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” LSB 621

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.**

**King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.**

**At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we praise You for remembering us in Your kingdom, setting a place for us at Your Table, and bringing us into a life that lasts forever. As those forgiven by Your grace and sealed as Your treasured possession, bless us with firm faith and a holy purpose, that on this side of paradise we would dedicate ourselves to announcing Your righteous rule as witnesses of Your glory and servants of Your kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: To God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be all honor and glory in His holy church, forever and ever.

C: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ shall come again!

P: Lift up your heads and open your eyes,

C: for He is coming!

P: Who is coming?

C: The King of glory!

P: Who is this King of glory?

C: The Lord of hosts; He is the King of glory!

P: Blessings on Him who comes as King,

C: who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: The almighty and merciful God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless and preserve you, and lead you into everlasting life.

C: Amen, amen, and amen!

RECESSIONAL HYMN “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” *LSB 336*

**Lo! He comes with clouds descending, Once for ev’ry sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.**

**Ev’ry eye shall now behold Him Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him, Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, Shall their true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of His passion Still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation To His ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, amen, let all adore Thee, High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow’r and glory, Claim the kingdom as Thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!**

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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 Munding, 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, Leigh Wilson, Chuck Fields, Zane Brooks, Tamara Scott, Sarah Gaddie, Liz Kiley, Diane Conry, Lisa Chapman & family, Jeff & Cheryl Harrell, Judy Jacquez, Wilber Brown, Jackie Butler, Norma & Tom Moore, Jean & Cliff Gorham, Howard Troyer, Lorna Schmidt, Micha Helms, Donna Dyer, Doris Cagle, Randy Lusk, Marvin & Barb Ayers, Norm Rodriguez, Ken Johnson, Juliet Wheeler, Sophie Baker, Eloise Gaia, Norma Gullett, Jan Mathis, Rebekah Andrews. Bless and guide our DCE Call Committee.

The Altar flowers this week were given by:

Larry & Jennifer Marley in gratitude for friends and family, both past and present

Johnny Behnke in loving memory of Cynthia

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. Matthew Lynch
Liturgist Rev. Mark Goble
Organist Michella Novy
Offering Solo/Guitar: Rev. Charles Neugebauer
Distribution Flugelhorn: Terry Himebook
Acolytes Alyssa Bettin, Keira White
Crucifers Lacey Frey, Elayna Smith
Elders Lloyd Wilson (L), Bill Kutteh
Matt Adler (L), Dave Swan
Greeters Gil & Karen Whitlock
Doris Cagle, Fina Behnke
Ushers Dan Seward, Jim Chapin, Bob Bortz, Jeff Higginbotham, Paul Howell, Gary Carlson, Ross Hornish
Steven Andrews, Glenn Maclin, Jon Foshee, Mike Hewgley, Pete Wasmund, Stephen Hubbard
Sound Walt Kosman, Murph Ellard, Kim Goble, Peter Cothron, .
Aaron Winter
LiveStreaming Mike Salzgeber

CALENDAR

Today

Monday, November 24

- Board of Education, 6:30_{pm}, Science Room

Tuesday, November 25

- Men's Bible Study, 7:00_{am}, Parlour
- Griefshare, 2:00_{pm}, Room 202

Wednesday, November 26

- NO Adult Bible Study
- Altar Guild, 10:00_{am}

Thursday, November 27

- Cider & Scones, 9:00_{am}
- Thanksgiving Day Worship, 10:00_{pm}

Friday, November 28 Church office closed

Saturday, November 29 No scheduled events

WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Wednesday Bible Class Join Pastor Mark in Room 201 at 10:00am for a study of the Book of James.

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.

The Director of Outreach, Vicar Steven Andrews, is recruiting volunteers for an Outreach Committee. This committee will look for new ways to reach out and continue building on CTK's strong programs. If you have a heart for serving our community, please reach out to Steven @ 757-343-9720 or Email: skandrews24@gmail.org

Give thanks with a grateful heart at our 10:00am **Thanksgiving** worship service with Holy Communion on November 27. Bring your friends and family for "Cider and Scones" beginning at 9:00am (adjusted time!) in the Narthex and enjoy fellowship and a bite to hold you until your turkey dinner. *Come, ye thankful people, come!*

GriefShare

GriefShare meets each Tuesday afternoon at 2:00pm in Room 202. This support group offers a safe place to understand grief, learn healthy ways to cope, and receive support. Open to anyone in the community. For details, call the Church Office.

Men's Breakfast

Save the Date ~ January 10 @ 9:00am

Come for a hearty breakfast more financial topics: Brief recap of Retirement 1; Selling your home; Will vs Trust; Annuities; Investment tips for younger guys; Reverse Mortgages. The sign up will be available soon.

Next Sunday begins the four weeks of **Advent**, a time of penitent anticipation as we await the birth of our Savior. The Advent wreath will grow brighter as the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love signal the promised Light drawing nearer. Advent services will be on Dec. 3, 10, and 17 at 6:30pm. These services will be preceded by a light dinner at 5:30pm, hosted by the LWML, the School Faculty, and the High School Youth. Please mark your calendar to join us for Advent evening services as well as Sunday worship.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA Christ the King members are invited to sign up to lay wreaths at the West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery on Saturday, December 13. We will join with volunteers across the country to honor those who have died in service to their country. A short ceremony will start at 11:00am in the cemetery chapel and then volunteers will disburse to various locations throughout the cemetery to lay wreaths. You can sign up to volunteer at the table in the Rotunda. ***You can also make a donation to provide a wreath.*** Pick up an instruction card in the Rotunda. Thank you.

Angel Tree 2025

Next Sunday, November 30, the Angel Tree will be set up in the Narthex with requests for Gift Cards for families in need. Stay tuned for details in the Friday Reminders and next Sunday's bulletin.

Polina Osetinskaya, 49 years old, is a world-renowned Russian pianist. A child prodigy, she performed publicly for the first time at the age of six. When she was only eleven, she made her debut in the Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory, where she performed Mozart's sublime 23rd Piano Concerto in A Major.

An elite talent of her level, she and her team have the luxury of choosing when and where she will perform, including the amount of her compensation. Every year, around the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, she performs a charity concert at a hospice facility in Moscow.

When a reporter asked incredulously why she plays concerts for the residents, she responded, "How can you not play concerts at the hospice? I don't really understand." The reporter countered, "There are thousands of pianists in Russia, and yet you go perform." Ms. Osetinskaya shook her head dismissively and said, "It's such a valuable, important feeling, when you are passing, to have it treated as a meaningful act, full of dignity."

How beautiful to know that a woman of her stature considers it a blessed gift to perform for those struggling near the end of life. This Thanksgiving and Christmas season, as we recall how God dignified us with His Son, let's ask ourselves how we might do the same.

Small Group Ministry

Arlington Saints & Sinners Club - Join us—no dues required, just admit you're a saint *and* a sinner! Together we'll dive into the Old Testament, discovering that it's anything but boring—a wild, grace-filled story pointing to Jesus.

We will also 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 meetings: **December 2 and 16 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: December 27.** For more info contact Billy at wkutteh4@comcast.net.

Salzgeber Small Group "Church History in Plain Language" by Bruce Shelley. Next meetings: **December 2 and 9 at 7:00pm.**

Pastor Matt's Group for 20's and 30's. Stay tuned for the date of our next meeting in 2026!

Stewardship

It's not too late to respond with your pledge for 2026. It is an important part of your faith life, but it also is essential for future ministry planning and budgeting. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex and may be placed in the offering plates. Thank you for your faithfulness to our Lord and Christ the King.

Camp Trinity's summer camp registration opens January 1st! Summer campers hike, swim, shoot a bow, canoe, throw axes, rock climb, play all camp games, and learn and grow in their knowledge of the one true God. Register at lutherancamp.org.

Camp Trinity is looking for college-aged young people to serve on summer staff. For more information email the camp office at director@lutherancamp.org.

Camp Trinity is looking for a full-time Associate Director. Interested applicants can contact Camp Director Aaron Davis by phone or text at 501-652-6304 or by email: director@lutherancamp.org.

Did you know...? Christ the King is very proud to be a part of the outreach network of **Operation Barnabas**, an arm of the Office of the Ministry to the Armed Forces of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, which seeks to engage and envelop God's servants in actively displaying His love for military personnel in their vocations and in their families' lives. Operation Barnabas has grown into a united network of care responding to the unique needs of military-related people. Called by Christ's love, Operation Barnabas engages, empowers, and equips LCMS congregations to provide hope, healing, and support to military-connected people living in their communities. Thank you, CTK, for honoring those who serve now, those who have served in the past, and those making the decision to join their ranks in the future.

Thanksgiving Day Worship ~ 10:00am

Cider & Scones ~ 9:00am in the Narthex

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The Advent Season begins Sunday, November 30. Please join us each week - on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings - as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

First Week of Advent ~ Candle of Hope

Mid-Week Advent Service ~ December 3

Dinner 5:30pm ~ Worship 6:30pm

Note the new, earlier time!