



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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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 In today's Gospel, our Lord Jesus moved beyond His ministry initially among the Jews now to the Gentile woman of Canaan. The miracle greater than the healing of her daughter was her great faith in Jesus addressing Him, saying, "Lord, help me" (Matthew 15:25). Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord said He would bring "foreigners" to His "house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:6–7). Here He gives "many blessings even though we are undeserving" (Prayer of the Day). The early church learned how the Gentiles are grafted into Israel, making the Christian Church the fulfillment of the true Israel, God's people! The outreach of the Gospel of Christ continues through His church, calling all people "that He may have mercy on all" (Romans 11:32). Because of God's effective call, you can have steadfast confidence in His loving kindness and mercy.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" *LSB* 901

**Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessèd is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!**

**Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.**

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OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; Isaiah 56:7; Matthew 15:22*

P: I will go to the altar of God,

C: to God my exceeding joy.

P: My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

C: Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Today, though we are undeserving, we come to the Lord saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David.” Let us seek the Lord here while He may be found to grant us healing, help, and forgiveness.

C: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David, Son of God, we are severely oppressed by sin in all our thoughts, words, and actions. We have sinned against You by our own fault. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and grant us forgiveness, help, and salvation. Amen.

P: Almighty God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all who believe in the name of His only begotten Son, is the God of mercy and for His sake forgives us all our sins. Therefore, 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. In that mercy He gives power to become the children of God and promises His Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (*Salvation for foreigners.*)

¹Thus says the Lord: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” ⁸The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32 (*Mercy for all*)

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? ²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE LSB 173



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28 (*A foreigner's daughter healed*)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹ Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “How Firm a Foundation” *LSB 728*

**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!**

**“When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

**“Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”**

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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: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people, according to their needs. Almighty and everlasting God, You have established Your church as a house of prayer for all people. Receive our prayer this day as our sacrifice of praise for Your mercy in accepting us into the family of those You have called to faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that many of all nations and nationalities be drawn by Your Spirit to the salvation You have provided by the sacrifice of Jesus for the sin of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C:hear our prayer.

P: Give strength and confidence to all pastors and called servants of Your church, that they may proclaim boldly Your desire to gather all by Your mercy into the family of the redeemed. Bless Your Word they preach to the joy and edifying of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C:hear our prayer.

P: Bless all those gathered here in Your presence with an increase of faith and steadfastness in Your Word, that they may continually look to You for the salvation of their souls and for help in every need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C:hear our prayer.

P: Hear our prayer especially for all who are in any need, those who are sick or hospitalized, those who are in trouble or suffer any need, those who are considered outcasts of society, especially we pray for... , and all who we name in our hearts before You. Grant to them healing, help, and deliverance from their needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C:hear our prayer.

P: Remembering the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and are with You, mercifully admit us into the fellowship of all Your saints, not counting our merits but on account of Your own mercy and grace. 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 + Instrumental

OFFERTORY LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

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

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who commissioned His church to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the triune name and teaching them all things He has commanded. 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 195

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,

bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

“God Loved the World So That He Gave” LSB 571

**God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.**

**Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.**

**God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.**

**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.**

**If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.**

**Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!**

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“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise” *LSB* 680

**Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

**Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.**

**Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.**

**Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.**

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“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *LSB* 686

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

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

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

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

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this Holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ~~✠~~ give you peace.

C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor” *LSB 534*

Lord, enthroned in heav’nly splendor, First-begotten from the dead,

You alone, our strong defender, Lifting up Your people’s head.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus, true and living bread! Jesus, true and living bread!

Though the lowliest form now veil You As of old in Bethlehem,

Here as there Your angels hail You, Branch and flow’r of Jesse’s stem.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We in worship join with them; We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, Your off’ring, finished Once for all when You were slain,

In its fullness undiminished Shall forevermore remain,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Cleansing souls from ev’ry stain; Cleansing souls from ev’ry stain.

Life-imparting heav’nly manna, Stricken rock with streaming side,

Heav’n and earth with loud hosanna Worship You, the Lamb who died,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Ris’n, ascended, glorified! Ris’n, ascended, glorified!

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POSTLUDE

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

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

The Altar flowers this week were given by
John Howrey in celebration of Everly Howrey's 2nd birthday
Linda Smiley in honor of our Pastors

**Note there is a new bitly to sign up for flowers bit.ly/AltarFlowersCTK
Sign up online or contact the Church Office and we'll sign you up! Each vase is \$35.**

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



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CALENDAR

Today

- Tanzania Mission Team Presentation, 9:45_{am}, Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 17

- Church Council, 6:00_{pm}, Parlour

Tuesday, August 18

- Men's Bible Study, 7:00_{am}, Parlour
- Nehemiahs, 8:00_{am}
- Room in the Inn, Host: CTK, 4:00_{pm},
- Andrews Small Group, 7:00_{pm}

Wednesday, August 19

- Adult Bible Class, 10:00_{am}, Room 201
- Room in the Inn, Host: St. Louis Catholic
- Pick-up Basketball, 5:00_{pm}, Gym

Thursday, August 20

- LWML, 5:00_{pm}, Room 201
- Woodworking, 7:00_{pm}, Workshop

Friday, August 21

- Middle School Event, 6:00_{pm}

Saturday, August 22

- Kutteh Small Group, 6:30_{pm}

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School 2026 – students are learning about David and delving into Psalm 23. Memory, Bible study, geography, games, crafts, snacks and more. Join us in the room adjacent to the gym, 9:45_{am} – 10:45_{am} each Sunday morning. Open to students who have completed PK4 – 6th grade. Rising 8th graders are welcome to be assistants! Questions, contact Kitty – kkosman@ctkmemphis.com

YOUTH (7th-12th Grade)

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

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES 9:50am

Adult Bible Class will not meet today.

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

Adult Bible Class led by Matt Adler & Kyle Brown is on break for the summer.

Women's Sunday Bible Class led by Ashley Baskette is on break for the summer.

WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

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

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

The Tanzania Mission Team invites you this morning between services in the Fellowship Hall for a presentation about our recent mission trip. Come see and hear what YOUR support of this mission has accomplished in spreading the love of Jesus in Tanzania.

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

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

CONFIRMATION KICKOFF for 7th and 8th graders and their parents is coming up on Sunday, Aug. 23, 9:45AM, in the Fellowship Hall! We'll cover materials, calendar, and expectations. Confirmation Class starts on Sunday, August 30, in Room 203

Register today! If you have a heart to help troubled friends and neighbors in your community but you don't always know what to say or do in times of turmoil or crisis, you're invited to attend the **Spiritual First Aid** training workshop the weekend of Sept. 18-19 at CTK. Led by President and CEO of Lutheran Church Charities, Rev. Chris Singer, this workshop will provide you with tools to show Christ-like compassion through a biblically based framework for emotional and crisis care. Ideal for teachers, ministry and lay leaders, elders, medical personnel, and anyone with a desire to communicate effectively with those who are hurting. Dinner is provided on the 18th, and lunch and refreshments on the 19th. Register today using the **QR code** or contact Genie Swan for more information at gswan@ctkmemphis.com.



Stop by the table in the rotunda today!

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

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

SIGN UP TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE!

Visit our table in the Rotunda or go online to bit.ly/Chili12.

CTK's faculty invites our congregation to join with the students in learning their weekly Memory Work, crafted around the theme of "Lavishly Loved." The verse for this week as school begins is taken from Ephesians 1:7-8. **"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding..."**

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

CTK School

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

Hello, Christ the King Family! Thank you for all that everyone did on Sunday to make me feel so loved and special. The generosity and love you showed not only to me, but also to my family will never be forgotten. I am beyond grateful for all the work everyone put in to make that day feel special! Thank you! - Paige Mielke

Small Group Ministry

Arlington Saints & Sinners Club - Join us—no dues required, just admit you're a saint *and* a sinner! We are beginning a new study using the book "Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers" by Dane Ortland. Now is a great time to join a Small Group and learn together. **Next meeting: August 18 at 7:00pm.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Salzgeber Small Group - **Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 25, 7:00 pm.**

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