

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10, 2023

Welcome to Christ The King Lutheran Church. God is very clear throughout the whole Bible that He is the only game in town. He is the one true God, and there is no other. To walk in this truth calls for great humility. We pray God's blessings as we gather to worship the one, true God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ...Pastor Jason Cashmer

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THE BELLS

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OPENING PRAYER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Duet/Instrumental

Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Face to Face

Children's Choirs

THE OPENING HYMN

Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses, righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

*Chorus: Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice it's the year of jubilee
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant David rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard declaring the word of the Lord.
(Repeat Chorus, bridge, then chorus twice)

*Bridge: There is no God like Jehovah, there is no God like Jehovah
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There is no God like Jehovah.*

THE INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS *(from Psalm 6)*

P: *O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger,*

C: nor discipline me in Your wrath.

P: *Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;*

C: heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.

P: *My soul also is greatly troubled.*

C: But You, O LORD—how long?

P: *Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;*

C: save me for the sake of Your steadfast love.

P: For in death there is no remembrance of You;

C: in Sheol who will give You praise?

P: *The Lord has heard my plea;*

C: the Lord accepts my prayer.

(Time of silence for individual confession)

THE ABSOLUTION

THE SONG RESPONSE

Amazing Grace! Alleluia

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

Chorus: Alleluia, alleluia, allelu! Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, allelu! Alleluia, allelu, alleluia!

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed! *Chorus*

Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong. *Chorus*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:1-10

Matthew 18:1-6

THE 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.

COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF Sunday 11:00 a.m.

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND FIRST FRUIT GIVING

Musical Offering

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Duet/Instrumental

Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

He Will Hold Me Fast

Choir/Instruments

THE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SERMON HYMN

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us, how high the mountain I could not climb!
In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving kindness tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished the end is written -- Jesus Christ, my Living Hope!

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever -- Jesus Christ, my Living Hope!

*Chorus: Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain there's salvation in Your Name,
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope!*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise; Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.
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Out of the silence the roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory!
Chorus, ending with: *Jesus Christ, my Living Hope! O God, You are my Living Hope!*

THE SERMON

Pastor Jason Cashmer

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING SONG

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

*Chorus: How great is our God, King of kings
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God.*

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Chorus twice*

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| <i>Adult Bible Classes</i> | | |
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| Saturday 6:00 p.m. | Fellowship Bible Study | West Gallery |
| Sunday 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Bible Study | PA Rd Gym |

Next Weekend at CTK

September 16 and 17, 2023

Holy Communion at all services

Preaching:

Vicar PJ Brooks

Music:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Chancel Choir

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Praise Band

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Ezekiel 33:7-9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

Romans 13:1-10

¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the

wrongdoer.

⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Matthew 18:1-6

¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.