

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6 AND 7, 2025

Welcome to Christ The King Lutheran Church. Philosophers have debated for centuries over the issue of free will. To choose or not to choose, that is kind of the question. Can we choose? Do we have the power to choose, or are we stuck in an endless loop of bad decisions? God gave the Israelites a choice right before they entered the Promised Land. He encouraged them, as He encourages us to choose Him. ...Pastor Jason Cashmer

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THE BELLS

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OPENING PRAYER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Who Am I

Praise Band

THE OPENING HYMN

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.

I'm so glad You're in my life: I'm so glad You came to save us.

*Chorus: You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high!
(Repeat all, then repeat Chorus, ending with:)
Lord, I lift Your name on high! Lord, I lift Your name on high!*

THE INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE SONG RESPONSE

Freely, Freely

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you, to share His love as He told me to.

*Chorus: He said, "Freely, freely you have received: Freely, freely give.
Go in My name, and because you believe,
Others will know that I live."*

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name, in earth and heav'n in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you, to share His pow'r as He told me to. *Chorus*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Philemon 1-7

Luke 14:25-35

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. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND FIRST FRUIT GIVING

The Musical Offering

Your Name

Praise Band

THE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR Words of Institution

Distribution Hymns

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB #563

1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
2. Bold shall I stand in that great day, cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
3. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty, was also shed in love for me.
4. Lord, I believe were sinners more than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, for all a full atonement made.
5. When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
6. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made, an everlasting ransom paid.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SERMON HYMN

Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

LSB #589

1. Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens, let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me, let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife, wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor that I cling to You forever!
2. Oh, what blessing to be near You and to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You, let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord, flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin's burden You give words of peace and pardon.
3. Lord, Your words are waters living when my thirsting spirit pleads;
Lord, Your Words are bread life-giving; on Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing and my cup of joy unfailing!
4. As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me that I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise, from my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given in the endless joy of heaven.

THE SERMON

Pastor Jason Cashmer

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING SONG

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Brown Hymnal #591

1. I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

*Refrain: Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*
2. Thro' this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. *Refrain*
3. When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er, to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. *Refrain*

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SCHOLARSHIP OFFERING Christ The King is committed to help support our members who are students enrolled at Concordia Colleges and Seminaries. There will be a door offering today after all services. Please consider giving to this ministry area. Thank you!

| Adult Bible Classes | | |
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| Saturday 6:00 p.m. | Fellowship Bible Study | West Gallery |
| Sunday 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Bible Study | Gym |

ATTENDANCE REGISTER – Members and visitors, please be sure to sign the attendance clipboard at the end of your pew and pass it down. Also, don't forget to sign in your children, even if they're in the nursery. Circle your name if you are taking Holy Communion. When the last person signs the book, please pass it back.

| Next Weekend at CTK | | September 13 and 14, 2025 |
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| Preaching: | | Pastor PJ Brooks |
| Music: | | |
| Saturday 5:00 p.m. | | |
| Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. | Children's Choir; Adult Choir; Praise Band | |

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Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Philemon 1-7

¹ Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ² and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷ For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Luke 14:25-35

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them,

²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of

you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴ “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?

³⁵ It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”