

## FOR OUR 8:15 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2020

*(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Worship)*

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### PRELUDE

### PASTORAL GREETING

### INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

### PRAYER

Jesus Christ, Son of God, Who walked the mountaintops and the cresting waves, stay by our side in sunshine and in storm, for we lack faith and courage enough to face the storms that life thrusts on us and are so very slow to pray when there are no trials for us to face; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

### OPENING HYMN

TLH 15

*From All that Dwell below the Skies*

1. From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise; Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung Thro' ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word: Alleluia! Alleluia! Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

A: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

*[1 John 1:8-9; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Romans 3:10]*

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

*[Luke 18:13; Matthew 7:21; John 20:19-32; John 1:12]*

### LESSONS

#### OLD TESTAMENT

*Job 38:4-18; NKJV – pg. 476*

<sup>4</sup> “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup> To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup> When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup> “Or who shut in the sea with doors, When it burst forth and issued from the womb; <sup>9</sup> When I made the clouds its garment, And thick darkness its swaddling band; <sup>10</sup> When I fixed My limit for it, And set bars and doors; <sup>11</sup> When I said, ‘This far you may come, but no farther, And here your proud waves must stop!’ <sup>12</sup> “Have you commanded the morning since your days began, And caused the dawn to know its place, <sup>13</sup> That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, And the wicked be shaken out of it? <sup>14</sup> It takes on form like clay under a seal, And stands out like a garment. <sup>15</sup> From the wicked their light is withheld, And the upraised arm is broken. <sup>16</sup> “Have you entered the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in search of the depths? <sup>17</sup> Have the gates of death been revealed to you? Or have you seen the doors of the shadow of death? <sup>18</sup> Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth? Tell Me, if you know all this.

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L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### EPISTLE

*Romans 10:5-17; NKJV – pg. 1007*

<sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, “The man who does those things shall live by them.” <sup>6</sup> But the

righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down from above) <sup>7</sup> or, "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): <sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. <sup>13</sup> For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." <sup>14</sup> How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup> And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, who has believed our report?" <sup>17</sup> So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*[Mark 1:15]*

**Matthew 14:22-33; NKJV – pg. 863**

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. <sup>23</sup> And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. <sup>24</sup> But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed

by the waves, for the wind was contrary. <sup>25</sup> Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup> And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." <sup>29</sup> So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

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P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## **COLLECT** *(In Unison)*

**Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**TLH 649**

*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*

**1. Jesus, Savior, pilot me Over life's tempestuous sea; Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal. Chart and compass come from Thee: Jesus, Savior, pilot me.**

**2. As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild; Boist'rous waves obey Thy will When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.**

3. When at last I near the shore And the fearful breakers roar 'Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on Thy breast, May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee."

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## SERMON

"Who is Jesus?"

Matthew 14:22-33

## APOSTLES' CREED *(In Unison)* [1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 10:9]

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell, The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, The holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

### OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER *(Pastor)*

### THE PRAYERS

### SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS *(Pastor)*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Chanted in Unison)*

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed by 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.

### CLOSING HYMN

HYL 29

#### *Take Thou My Hands and Lead Me*

1. Take Thou my hands and lead me O'er life's rough way; With heav'nly manna feed me From day to day. Alone my footsteps falter, Or straggle wide; Lord, who my life canst alter, Be Thou my Guide.

2. Take Thou my heart and hide it In folds of grace; Though weal or woe betide it To know Thy face. Draw, Lord, of Thy good pleasure Thy child to Thee, And grant me faith's full measure, Though not I see.

3. When evening shadows lengthen, And night is come, My faint heart, Father, strengthen, And bring me home. Take then my hands and lead me Till life is o'er, With heav'nly manna feed me For evermore.

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## BENEDICTION

ALL: "Amen, Amen, Amen."

## DOXOLOGY *(In Unison)*

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. [Psalm 150]

## SILENT PRAYER

## RECESSIONAL

## POSTLUDE

Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter

Lector: Mark Gade

Organist: Bruce Sininger

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**Christ the King Lutheran Church**  
**Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236**  
**Sunday, August 9, 2020**

**Good morning and welcome to worship today!** This morning in our Gospel we thank God that Jesus defies our small attempts to categorize Him, for any of our attempts to define Him pale in comparison to Who He is as Son of God and our Savior. This morning by Word and Sacrament, we are strengthened to reflect on and rejoice in a fuller understanding of Jesus as the Son of God. Because of our sin and weakness, we need Him to be far more than we understand or expect! God bless your worship of Jesus, the true Son of God.

**Holy Communion will be celebrated today at the 10:45 A.M. Divine Worship Service.** We confess that in the bread and wine we truly receive Jesus' body and blood which were given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins and for the strengthening of our faith. Fellow Lutherans and those who have communed with us before may join us at the Lord's Table. If you are uncertain as to what you receive in the Holy Supper or hold to a different confession, we ask that you speak to pastor or one of the elders **before** coming to His Holy Table. This practice is instituted to do a responsible ministry to all who come to the Holy Supper, and to ensure that the Sacrament is taken to the soul's health of each communicant.

**Please note the following:**

- The Common Cup will not be celebrated until the epidemic passes.
- Communion will be held in CONTINUOUS FASHION only.
- The Pastor and Elders will wear masks and gloves to distribute the elements of the Lord's Supper to our people.
- The Host will be dropped into the cupped hand of each communicant.
- The individual cups will be spaced apart adequately so that cups will not be touched when communicants reach for the wine.
- Communicants will dispose of their individual cups in receptacles in the side aisles as is customary at continuous-style Communion.

**At the time of dismissal of service, we ask all worshipers to be patient.**

- Dismissal will be from the rear of the church first, with all present keeping social distancing practices in mind.
- No gathering in the Welcome Center.
- The Pastor will not be able to greet worshipers in line.
- Handshakes and hugs so plenteous in our church must be forgone until this epidemic passes.

**Our Next Membership Meeting** is scheduled for today, August 9<sup>th</sup> between our services at 9:30. Social distancing will be practiced. Please join us as we hear reports about our church and preschool ministry from our officers and leaders.

**In case of an emergency from August 10 through August 27<sup>th</sup>**, please contact our church office, one of our elders, or Pastor David Rutter at St. Paul Lutheran Church in SCS at 586-777-0215 or 586-778-7422. They will gladly assist you at this time.

**Remember in Prayer**

**Pastor emeritus Joseph Fabry** – for God's strength and daily provisions for body, mind and soul.

**Kathy Geffert** – who had surgery recently.

**Nancy Wenskus** – who was injured in a fall, and is recovering now at her mother's home.

**Doug Carmer** – husband of Lisa Adrian Carmer, who has been diagnosed with and is being treated for stage four colon cancer.

**Peter Noll** – who will undergo hip surgery this next Monday.

**Those being treated for cancer: Jennifer Gade-Kroll, Vanessa Turnbow, Keith Josefiak, Gary Aldinger, and Payton Huskey.**

**John Rzeppa and Delores Ford** – who are in hospice care.

**All suffering with the Covid-19 virus.**

**For our many members at home or in assisted living: Neil Madler, Evelyn Reinbold, Julia Hingst, Persis Graf, Hannah Beskange, Jan and Lou Mueller, Fred Wittwer, Gerry and Joan Pochert.**

**We remember in prayer: Judy and Charles Cantin** at the death of Judy's brother, Ward E. Collins II of Harrisburg, PA on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. May the Lord comfort the Cantins and their extended family with the Good News of the blessed hope of the resurrection.



**Received into God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this past Friday evening was Callie Adrianna Chase,** infant daughter of Collin Ross Chase and Adrienne Michael Urso Chase. Callie was born October 1, 2019 at St. John Hospital in Detroit, MI. Her baptismal sponsors are Amber Saroli and Kyle Chase.

Officiating: Pastor Boelter

**Life Thoughts** The Lord of Life intimately and meticulously attends to His creation (Job 38:4-18). He even gently but relentlessly looks after the inanimate objects. But did His devotion to mountains and oceans drive Him to order our world from within and not just from outside (Matthew 14:32)? No. He has put on the universe He put together so that He may love and save and have humankind. And He has not spared the smallest detail. So why would we exclude any, whatever their size, skills, or circumstances?

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**THE LUTHERAN HOUR TOPIC for next Sunday, 08/16: "A Wrong Comparison"** Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker: Dr. Wallace Schulz – (August Archives) Tune in to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday on WDFN (1130 AM) at 6:30 A.M., WRDT (560 AM) at 7:30 A.M. and at Noon, XM Satellite Family Radio Dial 170 at 1:00 P.M. or RealAudio on the internet at [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org).



**ALTAR FLOWERS** have been given to the glory of God by Laura and Chas Bommarito in celebration of 49 wonderful years of marriage filled with many blessings.

**IN HIS SERVICE** The ushers serving are Jim Dane, Keith Finley, Ed Fleck, Kurt Halsey, Grant Harris, Bob Isherwood, Ken Josefiak, Kyle Josefiak, Zachary Josefiak, Mark Kusch, Eric Pomber, Gary Rhoton, and Jim Touhey.

**ALTAR GUILD** Serving with the Altar Guild for the month of August are Pam Zimmer, Betty Gade, and Elaine Martin.

**Sincere thanks** to everyone who has so faithfully remembered the ministry of this church and preschool with regular gifts, tithes and special offerings. Your love for our Living Lord Jesus and your faith in His saving work have continued to bear much fruit...even under these trying conditions. Jesus has been with us giving us what we need to carry out His saving message of love and grace during this epidemic. Thank you to fellow members, friends and neighbors who have shared gifts with this ministry. We bless God for your love and support, and ask everyone to please continue your faithful sharing of God's blessings with your church home as well as others who need help at this time.

**Anyone wishing to make a contribution with a credit card please go to our website at [www.christthekinggp.org](http://www.christthekinggp.org) and click on the "Donate Now" box in the lower right-hand corner and follow the instructions.**

**Stewardship Corner** Proportionate or percentage giving gives all Christians an equal privilege and opportunity to share in extending God's kingdom. Since God blesses us in different ways and amounts, the size of our gifts will vary, but God directs us all to give in proportion to our blessings. *"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable to what one has, not according to what he does not have."* (II Corinthians 8:12) The person giving \$100 from \$1,000 of income is just as faithful as someone giving \$10,000 with earnings of \$100,000. We can give proportionately whether we are rich or poor.