

FOR OUR 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebrated as Rally Day

September 13, 2020

WE PRAY: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(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.

OPENING HYMN

TLH 628 vv. 1, 4, & 5

Shepherd of Tender Youth

1. Shepherd of tender youth, Guiding in love and truth Thro' devious ways; Christ, our triumphant King, We come Thy name to sing And here our children bring To join Thy praise.

4. Ever be Thou our Guide, Our Shepherd and our Pride, Our Staff and Song; Jesus, Thou Christ of God, By Thine enduring Word Lead us where Thou hast trod, Make our faith strong.

5. So now, and till we die, Sound we Thy praises high And joyful sing; Infants and the glad throng Who to Thy Church belong, Unite to swell the song To Christ, our King.

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THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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.

P: 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 Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

A: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: Amen.

THE INTROIT

P: Behold, O God, our Shield, and look upon the face of Thine anointed: for a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.

How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!: My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the courts of the Lord.

GLORIA PATRI

C: Glory to be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

A: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P: Glory be to God on high:

C: And on earth, peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord God, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

COLLECT

P: Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism You began Your good work in our children, and You bless their instruction and training in Your Word. We implore You to pour out Your Holy Spirit on their hearts and minds so that they will truly love and revere You, confess the faith with joy and boldness, endeavor to live according to Your commandments, and praise and glorify You as their faithful God and Lord, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 6:4-15; NKJV – pg. 165

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. ⁶“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. ¹⁰“So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, ¹¹houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant—when you have eaten and are full— ¹²then beware, lest you forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. ¹³You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name. ¹⁴You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are all around you

¹⁵(for the LORD your God is a jealous God among you), lest the anger of the LORD your God be aroused against you and destroy you from the face of the earth.

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EPISTLE

Acts 2:36-39; NKJV – pg. 967

³⁶“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” ³⁸Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

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L: Here ends the Epistle.

C: **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

HOLY GOSPEL

[Mark 1:15]

P: The Holy Gospel is written in the 18th chapter of St. Luke, beginning at the 15th verse.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

Luke 18:15-17; NKJV – pg. 928

¹⁵Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to Him and said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”

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P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

THE NICENE CREED *(In Unison)*

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

SERMON “Who is Your Teacher?” Dt. 6:4-15

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY

A: 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.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER *(Pastor)*

THE PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ALL: “Amen, Amen, Amen.”

Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter
Lector: Mark Gade
Music Director: Bruce Sininger

*[] Denotes scriptural references pertinent to the various parts of our Liturgy Christ the King Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, 2020
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Bulletin Supplement
Christ the King Lutheran Church
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
Sunday, September 13, 2020 and
Monday, September 14, 2020

Good morning and welcome to worship today. In spite of experiencing the Covid Epidemic, we begin another year of Christian education in our congregation, a time for everyone of all ages to grow and deepen their faith in Jesus through the study of His Word. We all need to admit that at any age, we have many teachers leading us in many directions! Today through Word and Sacrament, we are led by Jesus to understand that God wants to be our Teacher...and our children and grandchildren's Teacher too. Because of this, God commands that we hear and learn His Word. Through His Word, He does what He promises...guiding us, and giving us great spiritual blessings as He teaches us. We need the gifts and blessings God provides us in His Word to live in His grace and receive eternal life! Today, He gives us the grace we need through Word and Sacrament, forgiving our sins for the times we have not set faithful examples of using His Word for our children and others. He also comes to give us His blessings: giving us His divine power to meditate and keep His Word when we "sit in our house, when we walk by the way, and when we lie down, and when we rise." A blessed Rally Day to you as we rejoice in God's life-giving Word!

Holy Communion will be celebrated today at the 10:45 A.M. Divine Worship Service and Monday at the 7:00 P.M. Divine 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.

Monday Evening Services We will begin our bi-monthly Monday Evening Services again this Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. As the covid-19 crisis continues, we will continue our practice of social distancing and will be worshiping in our church nave. Holy Communion will be celebrated at each Monday evening Divine Service. Dates of the next Monday evening services are: September 14 and 28, October 12 and 26.

Adult Bible Class will commence today, September 13th at 9:30 A.M. The class will meet, socially distanced, in our church library between 9:30 and 10:30.

Our Wednesday morning Bible Class studying the Book of Romans will commence this Wednesday, September 16 at 10:00 A.M. in our Church Library. Class will be held socially distanced with our windows open for fresh air and comfort.

Confirmation Instruction began last Tuesday evening. Level II and III classes meet outdoors at tables when weather permits. When weather will not permit, we will meet in our Library with the windows open, socially distanced at tables. Level II begins at 5:30, Level III at 6:30. Until the Covid-19 epidemic ends, there will be no provision for Tuesday pizza suppers. Students may bring a snack from home if it is deemed necessary by their parents. Level I instruction also began last Tuesday at 6:30 with Mrs. Sloan.

LWML English District Greater Detroit Zone Fall Rally in on Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 9:30am-1:00pm at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI. Join us for a morning filled with love, laughter, devotion, music, and lunch. Mission Speaker is Cynthia Khan of POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach). Please register by October 19th to davejan7@hotmail.com or asrichert@comcast.net. \$10 registration includes lunch.

CtK on Facebook Christ the King invites you to our Facebook page informing members of devotions and other information. ***Our services are now live streamed on Facebook Live every Sunday at 10:45am.*** Look us up at facebook.com/christthekinggp/ and click 'LIKE' so that you can be in touch with your church's page.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TOPIC for next Sunday, 09/20: "I Stand at the Door" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler – "What would happen if Jesus came over to your house for dinner and a little chat? He invites you to have a conversation with Him that speaks both confrontation and comfort. Dr. Michael Zeigler says, 'Jesus is the Guest Who will become the Host for all who trust in Him.' New Series: 'Households of Faith'" (Luke 24:13-35) 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.



ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the glory of God by Barb Chase and Lynn DeSantis.

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 September Virginia Liebaert, Beverly Zimmermann, and Ellen Nelson.

Remember in Prayer

Elaine Martin – who is undergoing tests.

Katherine Knapp – who is making a good recovery from the Covid-19 virus.

Lisa Zimmermann – whose cancer has returned and is undergoing further treatment at this time.

Pastor emeritus Joseph Fabry and Delores Ford – in hospice care.

Those continuing to be treated for cancer: Jennifer Gade-Kroll, Keith Josefiak, Gary Aldinger, and Payton Huskey.

Nancy Wenskus and Kathy Geffert – as they recover and grow stronger.

Our many shut-in members at Christ the King.

Those serving in our armed forces. Those affected by the wildfires in western states.

Evan Chase and Francesca Saracino- to be married Saturday evening.

Life Thoughts Today the good Lord has a good Word for those of us who have participated in abortion. He forgives that. He forgives you. "As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:12) What's more, He redeems every sinner. He redeems all our failures. "You meant evil...but God meant it for good." (Genesis 50:20) Who could you counsel or comfort with what you've learned from this mistake? (Romans 14:7)

King's Chronicles Newsletter We will be assembling a combined October/November King's Chronicles Newsletter soon. Boards, Committees, and church groups, please email articles to be included in this newsletter by Tuesday, Sept. 22nd to admin@christthekinggp.org. Thank you!

The next LWML Board meeting will be held at Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church in Beverly Hills, MI on Saturday, September 19 at 9:30 A.M. Christ the King hosts this meeting at Ascension this month providing the coffee hour items.





Youth Group Bottle and Can Pick-up Service

Although we are suspending our bottle and can drop-off program in the church entranceway while it is being used as an area to welcome our preschoolers and their families back and checking temperatures each day, we have a new plan!

If you would like to contribute your empty bottles and cans to the Youth Group, we can make arrangements to come and pick them up from your home. I would also like to take this opportunity to gently remind one and all that we do appreciate when the bottles and cans are rinsed out a bit and also that there are no "recyclable" items included in the bags - like water bottles or other beverage containers that do not have a deposit on them.

If this is something you would like to participate in, the Youth Group truly appreciates it. It is amazing how quickly the money adds up and is a real blessing to help with some of the expenses associated with our activities. Please call or email Nancy Josefiak 313-881-2851 - nancyjosefiak@gmail.com and we will make a date for pick-up! Thank you!

Stewardship Corner Why does God elevate those of us with few talents, the foolish, and the lowly to be His workers? A reason may be found in I Corinthians 1:29: *“so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.”* It is only by God’s grace that we are saved, called, and equipped to be in His service. If we come into God’s work with impressive talents, we risk taking the glory and credit for ourselves. God desires the weak and the lowly. As Paul said, *“Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”* (II Corinthians 12:9-10) God uses ordinary people to do extra-ordinary things. Are you ready for duty?

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 and click on the "Donate Now" box in the lower right-hand corner and follow the instructions.

AUGUST 2020 - FINANCIAL PROGRESS			
Envelope & Plate Receipts Only			
	2020	2019	
Month-to-Date Total	\$ 25,483	\$ 22,946	
Year-to-Date Total	\$ 196,811	\$ 216,870	
AUGUST 2020 - ACTUAL			
Budgeted Receipts - Envelope & Plate		\$ 18,000	
Actual Receipts - Envelope & Plate		\$ 25,483	
AHEAD of Budget - August 2020		\$ 7,483	
FULL YEAR 2020 - YEAR TO DATE PROGRESS			
Budgeted YTD 2020 Envelope & Plate Receipts		\$ 217,400	
Actual YTD 2020 Envelope & Plate Receipts		\$ 196,811	
BEHIND Budget - YTD 2020 (Envelope & Plate Only)		\$ (20,590)	

1-1-1 Missions Update	
Last week	YTD
\$134.00	\$990.00