

FOR OUR 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

WE PRAY: Almighty God, Lawgiver and Judge, who in Christ has blessed us beyond our deserving with forgiveness, life, and hope, grant that we pass on Your gifts in our conduct with all our fellow creatures, that by our example of holy living and our witness to the Gospel they may find and glorify You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

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

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PRELUDE

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING HYMN

TLH 360 vv. 1-2,4,6-7

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.
- 4 He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain;

His soul was once an offering made
For every soul of man.

7 Glory to God and praise and love
 Be ever, ever given,
 By saints below and saints above,
 The church in earth and heaven.

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

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 and merciful 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: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord! But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!

GLORIA PATRI

C: Glory to be to 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

C: 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: Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 50: 4-10

“The Lord God has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to *him who is* weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned. ⁵ The Lord God has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away. ⁶ I gave My back to those who struck *Me*, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. ⁷ “For the Lord God will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed. ⁸ *He is* near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who *is* My adversary? Let him come near Me. ⁹ Surely the Lord God will help Me; Who *is* he *who* will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; The moth will eat them up. ¹⁰ “Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness And has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord And rely upon his God.

EPISTLE

James 3: 1-12

My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. ² For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he *is* a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. ³ Indeed, we put bits in horses’ mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. ⁴ Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. ⁵ Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! ⁶ And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. ⁸ But no man can tame the tongue. *It is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring send forth fresh *water* and bitter from the same opening? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

L: Here ends the Epistle.

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel is written in the 9th chapter of St. Mark, beginning at the 14th verse.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Mark 9: 14-29

And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. ¹⁵ Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to *Him*, greeted Him. ¹⁶ And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?" ¹⁷ Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. ¹⁸ And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." ¹⁹ He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." ²⁰ Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" ²⁶ Then *the spirit* cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹ So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

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

“The Fiery Tongue ”

James 3: 1-12

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.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

OFFERING PRAYER (*Pastor*)

THE PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter

Lector: Mark Gade

Music Director: Bruce Sininger

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SEPTEMBER

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We turn our attention to James who instructs us in regard to the godly use of our tongue and words. In a time of unrest and rising violence in our country and in a world where it seems that the power of words has begun to wane, James takes exception and under the power of the Holy Spirit, teaches us that words have not lost their power, but are a force for good or evil! While our sinful, human tongues are capable of inflicting great damage in this world, Jesus Christ has come to restore our tongues, and to direct them to accomplish His good, to the glory of God, and the blessing of others. By Word and Sacrament, we are given grace and strength to tame our tongues, which will make a great difference in these loveless times in our troubled world. Worship with us again soon!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Neil Madler and Donna Noll- both at their homes and receiving palliative care.

Bob Skurda- who has returned home and is continuing to heal.

Julia Hingst- who is again enjoying life at her home.

Diana Hartzell – for healing

Andy Linsdeau – who is recovering from major surgery on Tuesday September 7th.

Rodney Smith and Carol Graf- continuing to make their recoveries from recent strokes.

Those with Covid-19.

The men, women and children in peril in Afghanistan.

Those treated for cancer: Jennifer Gade Dickerson, Andrew Phlaum, Roy Koeppe, Lori Dane, Joan Cardella, Vanessa Turnbow, Liza Zimmermann, Bruce Dane, Sheila Rice, Michael Fleck and Keith Josefiak. **Our troops at home and abroad-** for God's continued protection in their service.

LCMS WORLD RELIEF

Thanks to the generosity of contributors, LCMS World Relief and Human Care Disaster Response is able to respond immediately to the needs caused by recent disasters in Haiti and the southern United States. In addition, a [new online volunteer system](#) enables people to determine quickly and efficiently where their service will be of greatest benefit to those who face challenges because of Hurricane Ida.

- For updates, visit lcms.org/disaster.
- To find Hurricane Ida volunteer opportunities, visit lcms-lert.org/event.

SPECIAL INVITATION

We have received a special invitation from the city of Grosse Pointe Woods for one and all! The Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety is presenting a National Faith and Blue Day to be held on Sunday, October 3rd from 12 to 3 P.M. The city is partnering with local congregations and their leadership to invite not only GPW residents, but people from all our neighboring communities to a presentation from our Fire and Police Department. Through this event, it is also the hope of the Safety Department to build bridges in the community and to break biases in a time that has been difficult for all people. Helpful information for all ages will be presented on the lawn at City Hall on Mack Avenue. Activities will include the Fire Department's smoke house, teaching children and parents alike how to safely exit a home during a fire. Also, a program will be held for Senior Citizens on the subject of theft and fraud prevention. The GPW Police Department is also planning a K-9 demonstration with their service dogs. Other emergency responders are being invited to demonstrate their procedures to the public. Cider and donuts will be provided. Our thanks to the GPW Safety Department, and our friend, Detective Kevin Bonk for extending this invitation to our church and preschool. We are happy to be involved in passing this information on to you, and we hope that you

will attend! It will be a highly informative and a very worthy and enjoyable experience for everyone who attends.

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF CHRIST THE KING,

The family of Gerald ("Jerry") Pochert extends a cordial invitation to you to gather at Christ the King on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at 11 A.M. for a Funeral Service and a remembrance of Jerry's life. A luncheon will be held in Jerry's honor after the service at noon. The family also invites you to attend the luncheon, but kindly requests that, if possible, please RSVP your attendance at the luncheon by Wednesday, September 15. To RSVP, please email the family at geraldpochert@aol.com (or you may call or text Joan and Susan Pochert at 313-884-7237).

ALTAR GUILD

Serving with the Altar Guild for the month are Virginia Liebaert, Beverly Zimmermann, & Ellen Nelson.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Have been donated by Beverly Zimmermann for blessing received.

SPECIAL RINGING OF OUR BELLS

September 17-23rd is Constitution Week. In 1955, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Congress with a resolution to annually observe the American form of government by studying and educating the public about the American Constitution, which was adopted by the American Congress of the Confederation on September 17, 1787. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed this resolution into law on August 2, 1956. The Mayors of the Pointes and our Michigan Governor are also signing proclamations regarding Constitution Week 2021 as well. Christ the King Lutheran Church will join other congregations in our community in ringing our church bells on Friday afternoon, September 17, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. Each of these special proclamations encourages citizens to study the Constitution and reflect upon the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities which that privilege entails. Our Grosse Pointe School System will be celebrating Constitution Day on September 17th with a curriculum designed to teach our students about the Constitution of the United States of America. We ring our bells to remember our

Constitution, and as always, to give God the glory for the temporal blessings He has given us in this land.



Please join us to honor the memory of more than 60 million unborn babies victimized by abortion since 1973 on **September 18 at 1:30**

pm.

An Interfaith Memorial for Abortion Victims, please join us at Assumption Grotto Cemetery, 13770 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, 48205 hosted by local Right to Life affiliates.

Hear Claire Culwell, a twin abortion survivor. "Claire's story is one of survival, miracles, love, perseverance, and the sovereignty of God. After listening to her remarkable story, you will pause and ask the question, "What is God's purpose for my life?"

Come hear Dr. Monica Migliorino Miller, nationally known pro-life leader, author of Citizens for a Pro-life Society and author of "Abandoned-the Untold Story of the Abortion Wars," called by some the best book ever written on abortion.

Every life lost due to abortion cannot be taken back but every life saved from abortion is a profound witness of God's hope and love for every human life. **ENCOURAGE YOUR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULT CHILDREN TO ATTEND!**



ONE WEEK AGO TODAY:
8:15 Worship Service: 26
Communion: 25
10:45 Worship Service: 32
Bible Class: 5



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