

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Great Falls, Virginia September 15, 2024 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Our vision is to be a vibrant community of Jesus' disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring God's grace into our world.

ELW refers to <u>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</u>, the red hymnal in the pew. *ACS* refers to <u>All Creation Sings</u>. *GS2* refers to <u>Global Songs 2</u>. *HFW* refers to <u>Hymns for Worship</u> compiled by Augsburg Fortress.

A: indicates Assisting Minister; P: indicates Presiding Minister; R: indicates Reader; C: indicates Congregation.

At places where the + appears, it is customary to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism. The Congregation responds with the words in **bold type**.

Should you need to use an enlarged print order of service, complete with Bible readings and hymns, you will find several in red binders located on the usher's table at the back of the sanctuary.

A few notes about worship:

- We are glad to have children in worship. We also know that children sometimes need to move and express themselves in ways that the service (and the pews) don't accommodate. There is a family break room/nursery available with toys, a rocking chair, changing table, and other items. It is staffed during Sunday School and the 11:00 worship service, but you are free to use it as needed.
 - To find the family break room, turn left in the foyer and go past the doors leading to the parking lot. It's the first door on the left down the hall.
- The 11:00 worship service is streamed live on Facebook. The camera angles are set so that worshipers' faces are never seen on camera (the camera may occasionally pick up the back of the heads of those sitting in the front rows); only those leading worship from the chancel, lectern, piano, and organ are ever shown fully or face-on.

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Invitation to Deeper Connection to the CtK Community ____ Join the CtK Community on September 29

The Christ the King community welcomes all people to receive God's blessings through worship, learning, fellowship, and service. We are thankful you have found a place here! On **September 29**, we will recognize and receive new members, and we invite you to consider joining us. Why now? Because, as we move into the time of pastoral transition, CtK would like input from everyone who worships with us. Membership brings added value, because members have a say and a vote in who will be called as a pastor as well as other matters affecting Christ the King. If you would like to know more about membership in this community, please speak with Pastor Langknecht in the next few weeks.

Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 6 _____

Join us on October 6 for one of the great Sundays at CtK – the Blessing of the Animals! The 8:30 a.m. service is indoors (small pets in containers would be fine); the 11:00 a.m. service is on the front lawn. All types of pets and domestic animals are welcome. In case of rain, the 11:00 a.m. service will be in Gysan Hall ... pets still welcome!

Great Falls Philharmonic Concert, Sunday, November 3 ____

Their next concert will be on November 3 at 3 p.m. in the CtK sanctuary. This concert titled "Tchaikovsky: Serenade for Strings" will feature the Great Falls Philharmonic strings with special guests Robert Rocheteau and musicians from Galatea Chamber Music. Tickets are available now. Click here to purchase yours!

Rise Against Hunger Event, St. Francis, Oct. 4_____

Please join your neighbors to support a fun and meaningful Great Falls community event on Friday, October 4, 6:30-8:30 pm, to assemble 15,120 meals supporting *Rise Against Hunger's Pathways to End Hunger*. These meals provide critical food to remote, last-mile communities within hunger pockets designated "serious" or higher by the Global Hunger Index. St Francis Episcopal Church is hosting this community-wide event in conjunction with Rise Against Hunger. School children can accumulate community service hours. We need **80 volunteers** to assemble these critical meals. Please join your neighbors and **REGISTER** at the link below now.

http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/StFrancisEpiscopal2024

Today's Altar Flowers _

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Whitlow family in celebration of Grey Whitlow's birthday

Welcome!



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Christ the King Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Metro DC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to know more about Christ the King or are interested in living out your discipleship as a member of this community, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068.

If you would like to be on our email list to receive our weekly newsletter, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068 or visit our website: gflutheran.org.

CALENDAR



Thanks for Your Support of Teta! Still Time to Vote/Donate

Thanks to everyone who donated to Teta's sponsorship at the Rwamagana Leaders' School in Rwanda. Last Sunday we collected \$1,428.25 toward our goal of \$2,160 for Teta's sponsorship. The vases will still be available today so that you can continue to vote for your favorite NFL team. Currently, the Packers are in the lead over the Eagles! If you are not a fan of any NFL team, simply put your "votes" in Teta's vase. Voting ends at 12:30 pm today, but donations to our two sponsorships can be made at any time.

Prayers for the Congregation

Vivienne Wardian asks for prayers of healing.

Tammy Finger asks for prayers for strength and healing.

New Fall Signup Genius for Worship

Please click <u>here</u> for the fall signup genius. Please see the E-Blast for lay helper guidelines.

This Morning's Lay Helpers				
8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.			
Asst Minister – Joni Holeman	Asst Minister – Brad Ney			
Lector/Prayers –	Lessons/Psalms -			
Eva Soucy	Marian Zimmerman			
Greeter(s) - Annette Brady; Brooke Soucy	Greeter(s) - Open			
Usher(s) - Open	Usher(s) - Open			
Beverages - Open	Beverages - Open			
Next Week's Lay Helpers				
8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.			
Asst Minister – Brad Ney	Asst Minister - Open			
Lector/Prayers – Joni Holeman	Lector/Prayers -Open			
Greeter(s) - Annette Brady	Greeter(s) -Open			
Usher(s) – Brooke & Eva Soucy	Usher(s) - Open			
Beverages - Open	Beverages - Open			

AT CTK THIS WEEK September 15 – September 22

Sunday, September 15

8:30 a.m.—In-person Worship

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

9:45 a.m.—Adult forum, In-person & Zoom

11:00 a.m.—In-person Worship
(<u>streaming available</u> on Facebook Live)
7:00 p.m.—AA

Tuesday, September 17

7:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast, la Madeleine 7:30 p.m.—Council, In-person & Zoom

Wednesday, September 18

7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 21

6:30 p.m.—Rwanda Support Meeting, Firepit 7:00 p.m.—AA

Sunday, September 22

8:30 a.m.—In-person Worship

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

9:45 a.m.—Adult forum, In-person & Zoom

11:00 a.m.—In-person Worship
(<u>streaming available</u> on Facebook Live)
7:00 p.m.—AA

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CHRIST THE KING & KING'S KIDS PRESCHOOL STAFF

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Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN: ACS 1022 God, Bless the Hands



GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

KYRIE: Lord, Have Mercy



CANTICLE OF PRAISE: Glory to God



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Word_

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a

R: A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9 said responsively

The Reader (R) says the regular text; the Congregation (C) says the **bold text**.

- R: ¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,
- C: ²for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.
- R: ³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.
- C: 4Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- R: ⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
- C: 6The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.
- R: ⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.
- C: 8For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;
- R: ⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

SECOND LESSON: James 3:1-12

R: A reading from James.

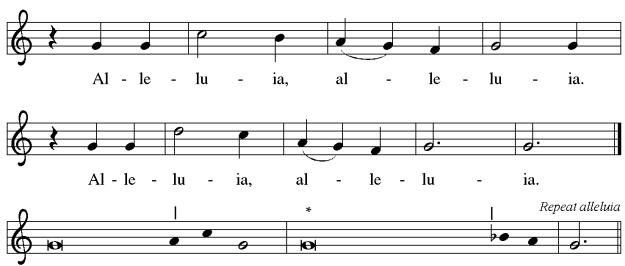
¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia



Alleluia.

Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for | the unrighteous, * in order to bring | you to God.

Alleluia. - 1 Pet. 3:18

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

- P: The holy gospel according to Mark.
- C: Glory to you, O LORD.
- P: ²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Henry Langknecht

Silence for meditation may follow the sermon.

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HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 667 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.
 - We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- A: We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- A: We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- A: We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve. Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- A: We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- A: We remember our beloved dead, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Hear us, O God,
- C: Your mercy is great.
- A: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C: Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying Peace be with you as you shake hands or embrace. Please be seated following the sharing of the peace.

- P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

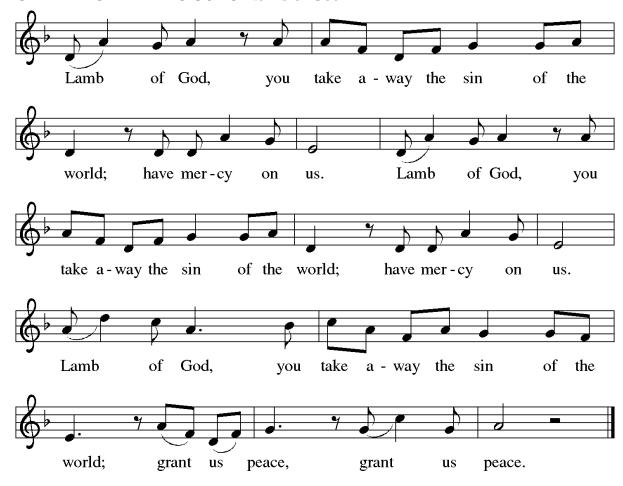
Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

During the offering, plates will be passed along the pews in which to place your offering. Make checks payable to "Christ the King Lutheran Church". Contributions go toward the ministries and programs of Christ the King Lutheran Church.

OFFERING AND REGATHERING SONG: Lamb of God



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

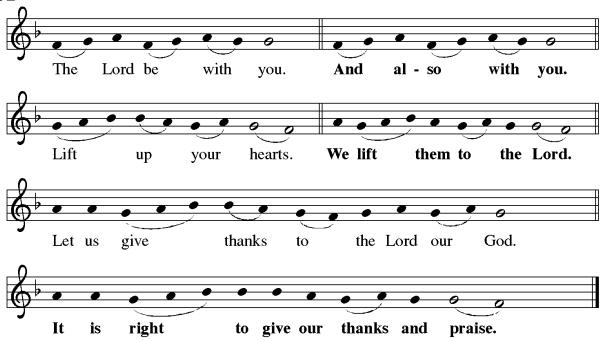
Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

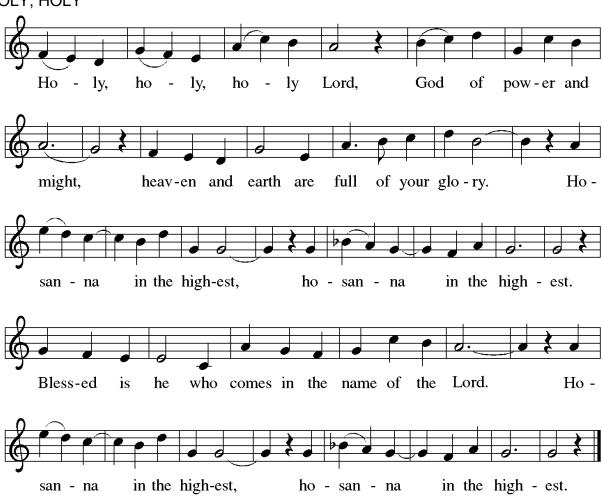
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DIALOGUE



PREFACE





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

DISTRIBUTION WITH MUSICAL OFFERING

Instructions for communion distribution will be given at this time.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Those who have not received instruction or who wish not to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

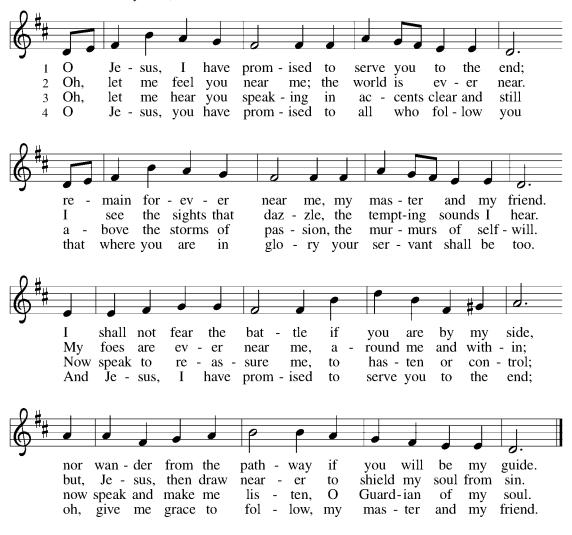
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God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

- P: God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace.
- C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 810 O Jesus, I Have Promised



DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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