

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 13, 2025 11:00 a.m.

Mission Statement

Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church is a welcoming and inclusive community nourished by



Christ in vibrant worship and committed to God's mission of love and service especially to the oppressed and to the poor.

Welcome Statement

Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here. Called by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to welcoming and celebrating all people, inclusive of culture, age, race or ethnicity, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, economic status, or family structure. We are committed to the work of racial equity and justice within and through our community that we all may be transformed to be fully the body of Christ in our world. We invite you to worship with us, receive Christ's gift of Holy Communion with us, share your own story with us, and serve with us as we strive to live into God's universal embrace in Jesus Christ.

Whether you are a new member or visiting for the first time, we welcome you to our spiritual home.

- If this is your first Sunday with us, please stop by our information kiosk to learn more about our church community.
- During our worship service, children are invited to enjoy the prayground area. For families with infants, our nursery attendants are available to provide care. The nursery is accessible through the courtyard.
- Our Holy Communion elements are free of gluten and alcohol. You may choose to receive both the bread and cup, or either one: Christ is fully present in all.
- Restrooms are conveniently located in the ministry building. From the nave, simply follow the cloister through the courtyard and enter the double doors; you will find the restrooms on your left.
- Please note that firearms are strictly prohibited within all Christ the King Church buildings and courtyard at all times.

You are welcome and you are invited to celebrate life in Christ in this beloved community with us. The worship instructions in red (rubrics) will invite you to join in each particular act of jubilation. The notes in green will help us understand the history of each act and why we continue to do them. **Cover:** *The Good Samaritan*, painting by Patrick J. Murphy, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST, FOLLOWING JESUS, PRACTICING DISCIPLESHIP

Of the 52 possible Sundays each year, 30 are found in two "seasons:" Sundays after Epiphany (January 12 -March 2, this year) and Sundays after Pentecost (June 15-November 23, this year). Some also call these Sundays "ordinary time." The ministers' vestments and altar and pulpit hangings are green on these Sundays.

Sundays after Epiphany and Sundays after Pentecost are connected (hence, the same liturgical color) and, though interrupted by Lent and Easter, are marked by a continuous in-order reading of the Gospel appointed for the year. This year is known as series C and the Gospel we read this year is the Gospel of Luke.

Each of these seasons begins and concludes with festival Sundays. Sundays after Epiphany beginning with the Baptism of Jesus and conclude with Jesus' Transfiguration. Sundays after Pentecost begin with Holy Trinity Sunday and conclude with Christ the King Sunday. All four of these days use white vestments.

On each of these Sundays, the first reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and Psalm have been chosen to relate directly to the gospel reading. The second readings, however, are chosen to also be continuous inorder readings of other New Testament books. This year, the second readings will begin with Galatians 2 (June 15) and continue through Colossians, Hebrews, Philemon, 1 and 2 Timothy, and 2 Thessalonians.

Another occasion or holy day may be substituted for a particular Sunday after Pentecost. This summer, there are two such interruptions. On August 17, we will celebrate the Day of Mary, Mother of God. The color will be white and there will be two Prayers of the Day: for the Day (Mary), and for the week (10th Sunday after Pentecost).

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Ten, beginning on page 203.

Gathering

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

Pealing of the Bells

Prelude

Prelude on Rosymedre Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The prelude serves as an opportunity to center oneself before worship. We ask the congregation to refrain from conversation once the prelude begins. stand

Gathering Hymn 679 For the Fruit of All Creation O Ð For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be God. to 1 of la - bor, God's will done. 2 In the just re ward is the Spir - it, thanks God. 3 For the har - vests of be to 0 n O • these gifts thanks God. For to ev - 'ry na - tion, be to God's In the help we give our neigh-bor, will done. is For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be God. to Θ For the plow-ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing, In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair-ing, for the truths that still con-found us, For the won-ders that as-tound us, 0 • fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks God. be to God's the har-vests we are shar-ing, will done. in is that love has found us, thanks God. most of all, be to θ

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

During this season, the Kyrie is usually omitted and only the Canticle (Song) of *Praise is sung.*

Canticle of Praise



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

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

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First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:9-14 *The LORD will take delight in your fruitfulness*

⁹ The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Word of God, word of life.	or	The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.		Thanks be to God.

Sung in alternation by verse



¹ To | you, O LORD,

I lift | up my soul.

² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

³ Let none who look to you be | put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴ Show me your | ways, O LORD,

and teach | me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your [|] truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all [|] the day long.

⁶ Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love, for they are from | everlasting.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and ¹ my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good-¹ ness, O LORD.

⁸ You are gracious and up-¹ right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners¹ in your way.

⁹ You lead the low- | ly in justice

and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰ All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. The second reading does not necessarily relate to the first reading, psalm, and gospel reading. It is a continuous week-to-week reading from a New Testament book.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:1-14 The gospel is growing, bearing fruit in the whole world

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Thanks be to God.		Thanks be to God.
Word of God, word of life.	or	The Word of the Lord.

The Gospel Acclamation and the responses we make before and after the reading of the Gospel honor, not the reading per se, but Jesus who is the Gospel. We give praise and glory to Christ the Lord as we stand.

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Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Luke 10:25-37 The parable of the merciful Samaritan Spark Story Bible, p. 360

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"

²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

sit Sermon

Silence

At the conclusion of the introduction, the assembly stands to sing the Hymn of the Day.

Hymn of the Day

Come Now, You Blessed



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During this season, the Apostles' Creed rather than the Nicene Creed is usually used.

Baptism Anniversaries and Apostles' Creed

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism as we rejoice with all who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Astrid Canepa, Luca Canepa, Dylan Smith, Max Lesher, Steven Stewart.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Sit or kneel. Those in the Prayground are invited to light a tea light on the Prayground altar or color their prayers at this time and will be collected during the offering.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

We join the whole church in commemorating: Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566, July 17.

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Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say: Peace be with you.

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Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

If you give through your bank or online, please place a reusable "Our Offering" card in the basket. These cards are located in front of you in the pew backs.

Solo

Five Mystical Songs: Love bade me welcome Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, Guilty of dust and sin. But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack From my first entrance in, Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, If I lack'd anything.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here: Love said, You shall be he. I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee. Love took my hand, and smiling did reply, Who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame Go where it doth deserve. And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame? My dear, then I will serve. You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat: So I did sit and eat. *stand* Offering Prayer

Let us pray: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. **Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

The introduction to the Great Thanksgiving is called the preface. It is the usual invitation for the assembly to praise and thank God with the presiding minister.



Great Thanksgiving

With the words "who on this day overcame death and the grave," in the proper preface that follows, the assembly is reminded that every Sunday is a celebration of Jesus' dying and rising; every Sunday is Easter.





The presiding minister continues in thanksgiving and intercession.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. 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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion

Invitation to the Christ's Table

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You are invited to take an individual communion cup from the table at the corner of the pews and approach the altar rail from its corner. You may receive the sacrament or a blessing, kneeling or standing. Please return to the seats through the short center aisles where there are trays for used glasses. Children of all ages are invited to commune or receive a blessing. Our Holy Communion elements do not contain gluten or alcohol.

If you do not wish to commune, please come to the altar rail with other worshipers for a blessing.

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Lamb of God



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- 2 Cuando alguno sufre y logra su consuelo, cuando espera y no se cansa de esperar, cuando amamos, aunque el odio nos rodee: Estribillo
- 3 Cuando crece la alegría y nos inunda, cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad, cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos: Estribillo
- 4 Cuando abunda el bien y llena los hogares, cuando alguien donde hay guerra pone paz, cuando "hermano" le llamamos al extraño: Estribillo

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stand

Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. Amen.

This congregation's Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) are given bread and wine from this liturgy to share with those who are unable come in person to the worship of this assembly.

Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

The bread and wine are taken from the Lord's table to members who are hospitalized, home-bound, or otherwise unable to be present in the liturgy.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Sending

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

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Hope-Tringali Senior Pastor

The President of the Congregation Federico Salas-Isnardi addresses Pastor Jennifer Hope-Tringali, whose call is concluding, with these words.

Federico: Pastor Jennifer Hope-Tringali, September 1, 2023, we called you to be our minister: to proclaim God's Word, to announce God's forgiveness to us, to baptize new members into the Church of Christ, to preside at our celebration of the Lord's Supper, and to empower us for service in Jesus' name. With the Gospel, you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you and your family have been important to our life together in the Church of Jesus Christ and in our service to this community.

You have served our congregation faithfully for two years. You are now leaving our midst. As your fellow members of this congregation, we wish to honor your ministry among us and bid you farewell and Godspeed in your new endeavor, bringing closure to your ministry at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Pastor Jennifer: I thank the members of Christ the King Lutheran Church for the love, the kindness, and the support shown to me and my family during my active ministry among you. I ask forgiveness for the ways I have sinned against you. I am grateful for the ways my ministry has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

The assembly replies:

We receive your thankfulness. We offer you our forgiveness. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask forgiveness for the ways we have sinned against you. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure. *Pastor Jennifer:* I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

Do you, members of Christ the King Lutheran Church, release me from my duties as your pastor?

The assembly replies: We do, with God's help.

Federico: Do you, Pastor Jennifer Hope-Tringali, release us, Christ the King Lutheran Church from turning to you and depending on you?

Pastor Jennifer: I do, with God's help.

Federico: Let us pray: God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. As Pastor Jennifer joined us in our mission here at Christ the King Church, we experienced moments of laughter and tears, of many hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories, but move us in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

stand



- 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, may we each other's burdens share; may we, where help is needed, there give help as though to you.
- 6 And may your Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love, till you receive in heav'n above all those who live in you.

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Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Præambulum in G, WV 73 Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

You are invited to remain seated and enjoy the postlude or depart quietly and greet our clergy in the courtyard and narthex.

Pealing of the Bells

Mission Offering

Hospitality Apartments (HRDF)

Earliest accounts of Christian worship testify to an offering following the Eucharist designated to the poor and the alien by those able to give out of gratitude to God and generosity in imitating Christ.

Month-to-date contributions are \$389.68.

Christ the King Lutheran Church thanks you for your generous financial support. Offerings may be mailed to the church office, 2353 Rice Blvd., Houston, TX 77005, or given online through our website, www.ctkelc.org.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the ministry of The Rev. Jennifer Hope-Tringali.

Snacks are provided by Donna Olson-Salas. Donations benefit the ELCA World Hunger.

Snacks Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to provide snacks after worship for:

- August 3 at 11:00 a.m.
- August 10 at 11:00 a.m.
- August 17 at 11:00 a.m.

You can sign up by scanning the QR Code. Plan to provide snacks for 30 people. All monetary donations received at the snack table will benefit ELCA World Hunger. Thank you for signing up!

Serving

God gives us gifts and talents so that we might serve.

David Karohl	Head Usher
Linda Murray	Usher
Peter Boecher, Tate Williams	Bellringers
Anneliese Williams	Acolyte
Martin Jones	Music Associate
Fernando Grimaldo	Staff Singer
Rachel McWhirter	Digital Verger
Jane Brownlee	Name Tags
Peter Boecher	Lay Eucharistic Minister
Matt Kramer	Lay Eucharistic Minister
Rochelle Manske	Lay Eucharistic Minister
Rustin Buck	Server/Crucifer
Lisa Krueger	Assisting Minister
The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Hope-Tringali	Presiding Minister /Preacher

Members of the Altar Guild:

Jill Bailer, Bette Bowers, Anita Bryant, Kellye Burke, Carole Derr, Reinetta Hansen, Maureen Lamson, Gaelyn Lesher, Liz Lloyd, Linda Marx, Peggy Mathis, Jacquelyn McAnelly, Marie Monroe, Mary Jane Orsburn, Jan Petner, Eleanor Verret, and Nyla Woods. Members bake bread and order flowers, deliver flowers to church members, rotate paraments, arrange the communion ware, and generally prepare the nave for worship. Contact Janis Petner, jhpet1@gmail.com, for more information.



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