

***Who do you
say that I am?***

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Great Falls, Virginia

September 12, 2021

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

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

ELW refers to Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

At places where the ✝ appears, it is customary to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.

A few notes about worship:

- Marks are required and physical distancing is encouraged (try not to sit directly in front of or behind other worshipers). Throughout the pandemic, this community has followed the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and of our own state and local governments. We are requiring masks because Fairfax County is currently a “high incidence” region and because of our care for unvaccinated children and those who live with family members who are compromised.
 - Disposable masks are available on the usher’s table.
- Gluten-free wafers are available; let the pastor know if you need that option. Both wine (dark red) and grape juice (gold) are available in the trays of individual communion cups.
- We will not be passing the offering plates; plates are available on the usher’s table.
- The 9:00 am worship is also being streamed live on Facebook. The camera angles are set so that worshipers are never seen on camera, only those leading worship from the chancel, lectern, piano, and organ are ever shown on camera.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C: **Amen.**

P: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Fountain of living water,

C: **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



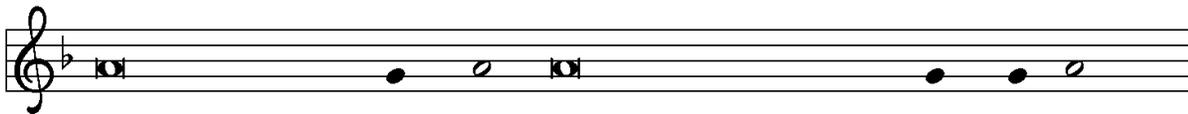
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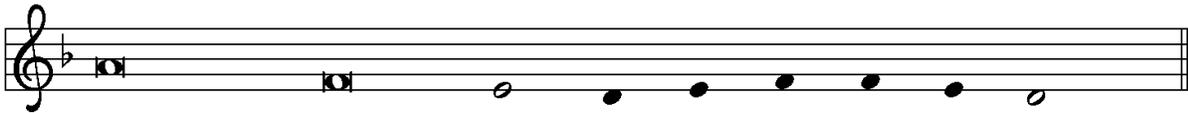
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for more details see the Announcements sheet

WORD

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

LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A: A reading from James.

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?

After the reading:

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9

Said responsively.

*The Assisting Minister (A) says the regular text;
the Congregation (C) says the **bold text**.*

A: 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.

A: 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.”

A: 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.

A: 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;

A: ⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 203 At Last, Lord



A - ho - ra, Se - ñor, se - gún tu pro - me - sa,
At last, Lord, your word of prom - ise ful - fill - ing,



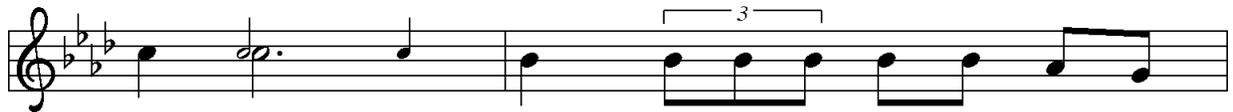
pue - des de - jar a tu sier - vo ir - se en paz.
you let your ser - vant go forth in free - dom and peace.



Por - que mis o - jos han vis - to_a tu Sal - va - dor,
With my own eyes I have seen the sal - va - tion



a quien has pre - sen - ta - do an - te to - dos los
you have pre - pared . . . in the sight of all of the



pue - blos: luz pa - ra_a - lum - brar a las na -
peo - ples: a light that will re - veal you to the



cio - nes y glo - ria de tu pue - blo Is - ra - el.
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

Before the reading:

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."

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Henry J. Langknecht

Silence for meditation may follow the sermon.

Please stand as you are able when the music begins.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 834 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters. Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

FELLOWSHIP AND PEACE SHARING

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

TABLE SONG: ELW 483 Here Is Bread



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Let us pray.

Holy God, you led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life 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 his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this meal and on those gathered here; wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Holy one, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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: In mercy, Jesus draws sinners to himself. Come to his meal and be fed.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION WITH MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING _____

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

BENEDICTION

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you. † that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C: **Amen.**

Please continue to the next page.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 733 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Announcements

Christ the King Lutheran Church

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

Dear God, We give you thanks for Jesus' teaching and example, which inspire us to serve humbly, share the gospel and invite people to experience the blessings of community in our congregations and church. Amen.

Fall Worship/Education Schedule Begins This Week

Beginning on Sunday, September 12th, we will resume our modified regular worship and Christian education schedule.

- 9:00 a.m. In-Person Worship
(streaming available through the [CtK Facebook page](#))
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Education and Adult Forum
- 11:00 a.m. In-Person Worship

Both worship services will be indoors, in-person, with holy communion. Due to increased COVID-19 cases in our area, masks will be required. We look forward to welcoming you back and re-establishing our normal worship/education Sunday routine.

Sunday School Registration

We hope your kids (and neighbors and friends) will join us for Christ the King's incredible Sunday School program this year, beginning Sunday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. for children of all ages. We will follow all guidelines to keep everyone safe.

Contact Liz Spoto (lizspoto@gmail.com; cell: 703-615-2866) if you have any questions, or feel free to sign up now, through this link:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/christthekingsundayschool2021-2022>.

It's fast and easy, and we know you'll be happy you did it!

Rally Day Celebration

CtK's Rally Day Celebration is back....with a twist! An ice cream twist! We hope you'll all join us for the 11:00 a.m. service, where we'll see photos and hear stories from the Youth Team about CtK's work camp this summer. And then be sure to stay afterwards to enjoy an ice cream truck visit — and some play on CtK's new outdoor sport court!

Welcome Guests



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Welcome to Christ the King Lutheran Church, 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.

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



CHRIST THE KING is a Stephen
Ministry congregation.

Refugee Benefit Concert at CtK TODAY! _____

Join us at 5:00 p.m. TODAY for a benefit concert in support of a refugee family moving to Northern Virginia.

Tickets are available at <https://tinyurl.com/ctkconcert>

Altar Flowers Sign Up _____

- Altar flowers in honor, memory, or celebration of a loved one and/or event are available for purchase.
- Please [sign up for flowers](#) at least one Sunday in advance to allow time to order.

Drive-up Communion, September _____

Pastor will greet you, wearing a mask, and will provide you with a printed order of service. Only one person in the car will interact directly with the pastor, and that person must wear a mask. Please sign up using the link below:

- [September 16th](#)

Lay Helpers Needed _____

- We're currently recruiting lay helpers for our indoor worship services! [Please check out the Sign-Up Genius](#) and help us make worship happen!
- There also are opportunities to serve during the Facebook live-streamed services at 9:00 a.m. Please [visit the Sign-Up Genius form to register](#) and thanks in advance!

Morning Devotional and Almanac _____

Each morning, except Sunday, Pastor Hank broadcasts a brief morning devotional on the [CtK Facebook page](#).

Pray for Our Military Personnel _____

Capt. Ryan Anderson; Capt. Don Feeley; Col. David Dippold; Chaplain Capt. John Teitman; Capt. Chris Unger; Ensign Owen Shenk; Ensign Lillian Baker; Cody Jones, USN.

Prayer requests

Do you have someone for whom you would like prayers? Confidential prayer requests may be submitted to Melanie Miller-Civilikas at impresent@aol.com. Prayer requests for the bulletin should be emailed to the church office: karen.utter@gflutheran.org.

CALENDAR

September 12 —September 19

Sunday, September 12,

Return to Sunday School!

9:00 a.m. — In-person Worship,

Indoors, CtK ([streaming available](#))

10:00 a.m. — Adult Forum, [Zoom](#)

(**this is a new link!**)

10:00 a.m. — Christian Education

11:00 a.m. — In-person Worship

12:00 p.m. — Rally Day Celebration

5:00 p.m. — Refugee Benefit Concert,

Indoors, CtK

7:00 p.m. — AA

Monday, September 13

1:30 p.m. — Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 14

7:00 a.m. — Men's Breakfast,

Silver Diner-Reston

Wednesday, September 15

9:30 a.m. — Journey Women's Bible Study, Zoom

7:30 p.m. — Long-Range Planning, Luther's Lounge and Zoom

Thursday, September 16

4:30 p.m. — Drive-Up Communion

7:30 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 18

7:00 p.m. — AA

Sunday, September 19

9:00 a.m. — In-person Worship,

Indoors, CtK ([streaming available](#))

10:00 a.m. — Adult Forum, [Zoom](#)

10:00 a.m. — Christian Education

11:00 a.m. — In-person Worship

7:00 p.m. — AA

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