

CHRIST the KING

NINTH LORD'S DAY AFTER

Pentecost

August 10, 2025

The Lord's Service

Christ the King Church exists because of God's grace and for the sake of His glory. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to join us in our highest privilege—worshiping the Triune God. In the Lord's Service, the Father renews covenant with His people in Christ and through the Holy Spirit. We receive God's gifts through Word and Sacrament, and respond in faithful prayer and sacrificial praise, through our Great High Priest, Jesus Christ.

Please use the prelude to prepare your heart for worship. Jesus taught us that if your brother has something against you, before any other act of worship, you ought to be reconciled to him. Please do not delay this, if necessary.

The congregation will stand after the prelude, and during portions of the service. Those who are able are encouraged to kneel during the confession of sin. We also invite you to give a hearty "Amen!" after each prayer and song and to raise your hands to our Father in heaven during the Lord's Prayer.

We delight having our covenant children worship with us. They are part of God's royal priesthood, just as much as their parents! Jesus singled them out as models for entering the kingdom because of their humble faith, saying "Of such is the kingdom of God!"

We have included some instructional helps [in italics] in the liturgy. If you'd like to learn more about why we worship the way we do, we would be glad to talk. If this is one of your first visits to Christ the King, we are grateful that you joined us today and would like to get to know you better.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome to all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need the Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; to all who are poor in spirit and desire the riches of the gospel; and to whomsoever will come to Jesus Christ in living faith and repentance, looking to him as Lord and Liberator.

In Christ, The Session

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Season after Pentecost

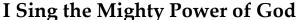
The Season after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time or Trinity Season, is the longest season of the Church Year, stretching from Pentecost to Advent. It emphasizes the growth and life of the Church through the work of the Holy Spirit. The liturgical color is green, symbolizing spiritual growth, vitality, and the ongoing mission of God's people in the world. This season focuses on discipleship, the teachings of Jesus, and living out the faith in daily life.

The Lord Calls Us

Welcome & Prelude

Arise and let us worship God! [stand]

Processional





Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl, 1784 Text: Isaac Watts (1674–1748) ELLACOMBE 8 6. 8 6. 8 6. 8 6.

Call to Worship

We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! May the Lord our God favor you!

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

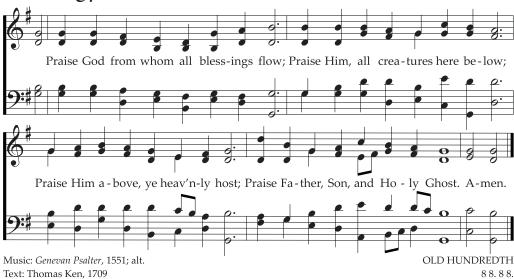
I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord!

Our feet are standing within Your gates, O Jerusalem!

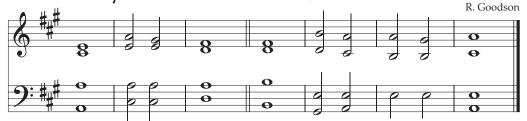
Our help is in the name of the Lord!

Maker of heaven and earth!

Doxology







Come, let us sing for | joy to | Yahweh;

Let us shout to the | Rock of | our sal- | vation;

Let us come before His face | with thanks- | giving;

With songs | let us | shout to | Him.

For a great | Mighty One + is | Yahweh,

And a great | King a- | bove all | gods.

In His hand are the | depths of + the | earth,

And the peaks | of the | mountains are | His.

His is the sea, | for He | made it,

And the | dry land | His hands | formed.

Come, let us worship and | **Bow** | down;

Let us kneel be- | fore Yah- | weh our | Maker.

For it is He | who is + our | God,

And we are the | peo-ple | of His | pasture,

And the | **SHEEP** | of His | hand.

Today His voice you will hear: Do not harden your hearts as at | Stri-ving | Waters,

As in the day of | Testing Place | in the | wilderness,

When your fathers | test-ed | Me;

They tried Me, though | they had | seen My | work.

For forty years I abhorred that generation, and said:

A people who wander in their | heart are | these,

And they do not ac- | knowl-edge | My | ways.

Therefore, I swore | in Mine | anger:

Never shall they en-ter into My rest.

Glory | to the | Father,

And to the | Son + and to the | Ho-ly | Spirit,

As it was | in the + be- | ginning,

Is now and ever shall be, | age after | age. A- | men.

[please sit]

The Lord Cleanses Us

THE SIN OFFERING

Covenant family of God, our Creator and Redeemer teaches us that he who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will find mercy. Let us call upon our merciful Father to hear our confession, that He might grant us forgiveness in Christ and strength to repent through the Holy Spirit.



The Lord calls upon us to make confession of our sin in the sure confidence that He is faithful and just to forgive us and restore us to the joy of our salvation.

Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins together.

Confession of Sin [please kneel]

Most merciful God.

We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, By what we have done,
And by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For these sins and for our sinfulness,
We are truly contrite and we humbly repent.
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,
Have mercy on us and forgive us;
That we may delight in Your will,
And walk in Your ways,
To the glory of Your Name.
Amen.

Arise and hear the good news of God's forgiveness!

Declaration of Absolution [stand]

Brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ: Know surely, your sins are fully and freely forgiven! Believe the gospel and rejoice in the hope of eternal life.

Amen!

The Lord Consecrates Us

THE ASCENSION OFFERING

Hymn of Ascent

The Earth, with All That Dwell Therein



Music: Arthur Cottman, 1872 Text: *The Psalter*, 1912

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Lift up your hearts!

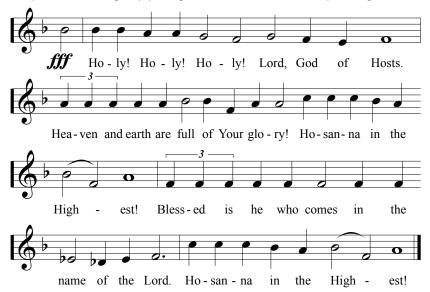
We lift them up to the Lord!

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouth will declare Your praise!

Sanctus

It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Collect

Lord God, Heavenly Father,
In your fatherly and infinite wisdom,
You place your children on earth under the cross
and we endure many troubles.
Guard us in these trials
and lead us to believe, hope, and pray.
Strengthen us to deny ourselves
and take up our cross and follow You,
Lead us to despise and flee from evil
and love and practice what is good.
Empower us with your Holy Spirit,
so that we may know your grace and fatherly goodness,
and praise and glorify You with all your saints in eternity,
for You, with your Son, and the Holy Spirit alone are the eternal God.

Amen.

Source: Veit Dietrich, 1549, Summaria christlicher lehr and Altenberger Bibel

[please sit]

Scripture Lessons

All Scripture is breathed out by God

And profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness!

Open my eyes,

That I may behold wondrous things out of your law!

First Lesson Joshua 1-2

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn



Second Lesson Colossians 3-4

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Gradual [stand]

Psalm 121



Music: David R. Erb, 2013 © derb@nsa.edu

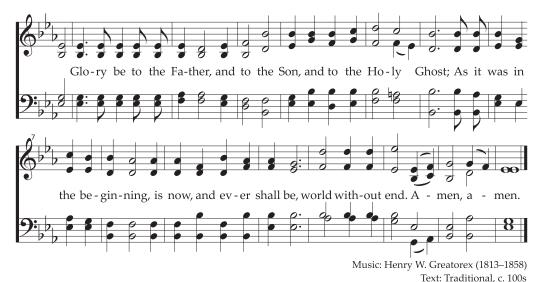
Text: Holy Bible, New King James Version, 1982 \odot 1983, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Inc.

Gospel Lesson Luke 11:1-28

This is the Gospel of Christ!

Praise be to Christ!

Gloria Patri



[please sit]

Lesson of the Day I SAMUEL 25:14-35

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon Abigail's Intervention

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord Collects Our Gifts

THE TRIBUTE OFFERING

Giving of God's Tithes and our Offerings





Text: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; attr. George Keith or Robert Keene

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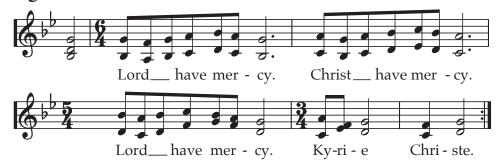
Offertory Prayer

Father, receive now these gifts offered to You in and through the Lord Jesus Christ, as we return to You a portion of that which You have freely given us. Use these tithes and offerings to support the work of the Church, to care for the poor and needy, to promote the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth, and to build up Your kingdom.

In the Name of Christ,

Amen!

Song of Intercession Kyrie



Prayer for the Church and World

As God's royal priesthood, let us stand for prayer. [stand]

God the Father, robed in the glory of heaven,

Have mercy on us and hear us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us and hear us.

God the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life,

Have mercy on us and hear us.

Be gracious to us.

Deliver us and help us, good Lord.

Give us your grace and peace, Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Hear us and help us.**

Our great God in heaven: Deliver us from all sin, error, and evil; from the crafts and assaults of the world, the flesh, and the devil; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from war and bloodshed;

Deliver us, good Lord.

Christ our Lord: Empower us by the mystery of your incarnation; by your birth and submission to the Law; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by your agony and bloody sweat; by your cross and passion; by your death and burial; by your glorious resurrection and ascension; by your kingly rule and reign; and by the coming of your Holy Spirit:

Empower us, good Lord.

Christ our King: Rule, and govern your Church Militant; preserve all pastors and ministers in the knowledge and understanding of your Word, and keep them in faith, godliness, and good doctrine; bring all who have erred and are deceived into the way of truth; accompany your Word in power and in the Holy Spirit with full conviction; send faithful laborers into your harvest; and beat down Satan under our feet:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Defender of the needy: Raise those who fall and strengthen those who stand; and comfort and help the weak-hearted and the distressed: Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Have mercy, Lord, and give to all your church unity and peace; preserve our land
from discord and strife; direct and defend your people and all in authority over
us; bless and protect our magistrates; watch over and help all who are in danger,
necessity, and tribulation; grant mothers increasing happiness in their blessings;
defend and provide for orphans and widows; grant godly spouses to all who
desire them; strengthen and keep the sick and the young; free those in bondage;
forgive the guilty who call upon You; deliver those in distress and need,
especially:
Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Turn the hearts of our enemies toward You; grant repentance to all who persecute and slander You; and provide for us, your people: houses we did not build, cisterns we did not dig, and vineyards we did not plant; that the ends of the earth will remember and turn to You:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Father and Lord, make these prayers effective that our ministry of intercession might bring You glory and good to your church.

The Lord's Prayer

And now hear us as we join our hearts, voices, and hands in the prayer Your Son, our Savior, taught us:

[join hands] Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be Thy Name, Thy King - dom come, Thy will—be done on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, us our debts And for - give for - give our debt as we And lead us not in - to temp-ta tion, but de -liv - er us from e-vil. [lift joined hands] For Thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er and the glo-ry For-ev-er! A -men!

Music: Nikolai Kedrov, Sr. (1871–1940); arr. James B. Jordan & Sarah Garner, 2011 Text: Holy Bible, King James Version, 1611; alt.

Confession of Faith Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith together.

Christian, in whom do you believe?

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 the 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 Spirit 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 sits on the right hand of the Father;

And He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;

Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The Lord and Giver of Life;

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;

Who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic 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.

The Lord Communes with us

THE PEACE OFFERING

Preface

Let us proclaim the faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again!

Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast!

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but resting in your great mercy.

Heavenly Father, through the Lord Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves to You as a living sacrifice. As we break the bread together and share the cup, make us to be the one body of Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to the Lord.

The Lord's Supper [sit and feast together]

This supper belongs to all Christians, not just Christ the King Church, and so we invite all members of God's family to partake with us, as the one body of Christ. If you are a baptized Christian, and not under church discipline—come and feast, celebrating Christ's victory over sin, death, and Satan.

The Bread

Prayer, Breaking of Bread, Distribution, Eating

Hymn [page 17]

The Wine

Our Lord Jesus Christ through his blood gives us peace with God. Having ascended to the throne, we are seated as kings at the Lord's royal table. Remain seated as we partake of the cup. After receiving, fellowship with those sitting nearby, and greet one another with "the peace of Christ."

Prayer, Distribution, Drinking & Passing the Peace

Hymn [page 18]

Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal



Music: *Antiphoner*, Poitiers, 1746; harm. Healey Willan, 1918 Text: Latin hymn, c. 800s; tr. Maxwell J. Blacker, 1884 ISTE CONFESSOR (Rouen) 11 11 11. 5.

Behold the Glories of the Lamb



3. Thou hast redeemed us with Thy blood And set the pris'ners free;

Thou mad'st us kings and priests to God, And we shall reign with Thee.

 To Him who sits upon the throne, The God whom we adore,
 And to the Lamb that once was slain, Be glory evermore.

Music: Thomas Jarman (1776–1861) Text: Isaac Watts, c. 1688 DESERT 8 6. 8 6. w/ repeat

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us stand and pray. [stand]

Heavenly Father,

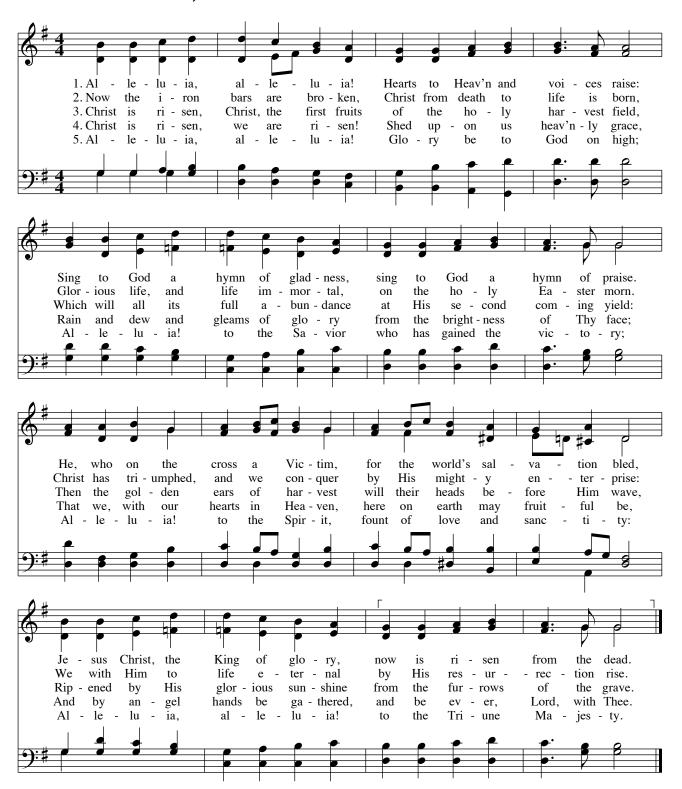
We thank You for making us partakers of the body and blood of Your Son, through the work of the Holy Spirit.

We praise You for serving us this heavenly food, which assures us that we belong, body and soul, in life and in death, to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Send us out in His strength to be salt and light wherever You lead us. Draw many people to love and follow You, as they see Your truth, beauty, and goodness in us. Amen.

The Lord Commissions Us

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven and Voices Raise



Words: Christopher Wordsworth, 1865.

Music: 'Ode to Joy' Ludwig van Beethoven; Adapted by Edward Hodges, 1824.

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Benediction

Look up and receive the Lord's blessing.



Contact & Announcements

We are a church of the CREC, a communion of churches in the Evangelical and Reformed tradition. We are grateful that you joined us today and would like to get to know you. If we can assist or pray for you in any way, or if you desire to join the church, contact Pastor Michael Hansen at mhansen@christkingchurch.com or 864-202-6920, Elder John Crawford at jcrawford@christkingchurch.com, or Elder Steve Roderer at sroderer@christkingchurch.com.

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