

**Christ the King Lutheran Church**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, September 12, 2021**  
**Turn to FM Channel 96.1**

PRELUDE

*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

arr. Anne Krenz Organ

WELCOME

OPENING LITANY: (*Acts 2:42-47*)

People of Christ, as we begin another program year, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

**For many signs and wonders are being done among us.**

In a time of an ongoing pandemic, climate disasters, and increased political animosity,

**We come together as a people of Love and Hope and Faith.**

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

**Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.**

Let us devote ourselves to one another in our worship and our spiritual learning.

**Let us devote ourselves to love for ourselves and love for our neighbors.**

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

**For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.**

GATHERING

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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. Amen.**



## HYMN OF THE DAY

***Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service***

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.**
- 2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.**
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**
- 4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.**

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## MAASAI CREED

**We believe in the one High God of love who created the beautiful world and everything good in it. God created humanity and wanted people to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe in the world. We have known this God in darkness, and we now know God in the light. In the divine book, the Bible, God promised to save the world and all the nations and tribes.**

**We believe that God made good on this promise by sending the son, Jesus Christ, a man by the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari, doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and humanity, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is lord.**

**We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry about their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live by the rules of love and share the bread together, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

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## HONKING THE PEACE

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to Almighty God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*It is right. . . . as we praise your name and join their unending hymn*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.**

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

### HYMN

### *How Firm a Foundation*

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine."
- 4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

## BLESSING AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

*Trompette Recessional*

J. Boenke

## Worship Leaders

Preaching	Pastor Rory Philstrom
Presiding	Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert
Blessing of the Backpacks	Trevon Tellor
Lector	Elijah Jones
Prayers	Jane Bishop
Organist/Music Director	Bjorn Gustafson
Acclaim Worship Band: Denise Hagedorn, flute; Akiko and Adam Durbin, violin; Steve Olson, alto sax; Erin Gillis, alto sax; Jacob Johnson, trombone; John and Marilyn Akimoto, ukulele; Paul Krohg, bass; Loren Thompson, percussion	

*All worship and music leaders have been fully vaccinated.*

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## In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **For the family of Dick Jackson who passed away on 9/3**
- **Continuing Prayers: Laurie Youmans** (sister-in-law of Pam Jaye & Karen Youmans), **Lois Torvik, Pastor Jim Knutson, Jaden Hanson** (relative of Lorie Aljoe), **Char Weidenbach, John Peterson** (brother of Jim Stoll), **Carol Trewartha, Kim Boike** (Jackie Ireys brother), **Pat Andersen, Merritt Schuelein, Jacquie Craig** (Jodi Greiner's sister), **Mary Thompson, Cal & Barb Vraa, John Salveson, and Patti Larson** (friend of Liz Olson)
- **Jean Anderson** and all who are homebound
- **Rev. Philip and Lou-Marie Knutson, South Africa; Rev. Dorcas Wang, China and Peace Center for the Blind in Jerusalem**
- **Pastor Jeff and Miriam Neller-moe, Director of China Service Ventures**

**Yoga - Tuesdays at 6:30pm**  
**Outside in the front courtyard**  
**Bring your mat!**  
**\$10/session - All are welcome!**

**Bible Reading for next week:**  
Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Psalm 54  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

**We will continue to have Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 8:30am outside until the weather gets too cold** - for a time of fellowship and scripture study. **We'll meet on the plaza outside the narthex for about an hour.** Bring some coffee if you wish or a comfy chair! In the case of inclement weather, we'll find a place inside to meet.

### **A Restart for Evening Worship**

Some of our community have been wondering about whether we will see the return of an evening worship opportunity at Christ the King. We're excited to announce the start of a new evening worship experience, alongside a new format for our midweek programming.

Beginning on **Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**, we will hold Evening Worship outside in the plaza at 5:30pm (in the area outside the sanctuary doors). This will be a 40 minute worship experience, with an original sermon, music, and the sharing of communion. Though we will not be streaming this service, while the weather holds we will gather outside. This means that masks are optional and singing is possible, so if you have been holding out until you can rejoin the community mask-free and with song, this is the service for you!

Wednesday night activities, including Confirmation and adult discipleship groups will immediately follow worship. W.O.W. participants will begin worship with a gathering moment, then move to their W.O.W. activities which will partially overlap with worship.

*Note: Mask policy is subject to revision based on current COVID data. In case of inclement weather, worship will be moved inside to the sanctuary and masks will be required.*

### **Community Meals Drive-Up**

Community Meals will return **Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** and we have decided to start off this ministry by continuing with our **DRIVE-UP** system. If you or anyone you know would like a meal, just drive up under the canopy and we will hand one out. Meals are served every Wednesday from **4:00pm to 5:30pm** so please stop by and grab one! **All are welcome!**

### **W.O.W. gets an Outside Start**

We're looking forward to starting Word On Wednesdays for all of our elementary school friends. Our first night will be **September 15<sup>th</sup>** - with a Wednesday-night kickoff worship. **Worship will begin at 5:30pm in the front plaza.** You could even bring your family for our drive-up meal, available from 4-5:30pm, and enjoy a picnic on the church grounds before worship. **After worship, our W.O.W. friends will move to the amphitheater for an open house introduction to our program for the year. Families are encouraged to come to reconnect with our teachers and shepherds.** At this time, due to COVID concerns and while the weather is still nice, all of our Wednesday night programming will be held outside for the safety of volunteers, staff, and members.

### **Confirmation Ministry Jumps Back into Action**

Confirmation will restart with our Wednesday programming on **September 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.** Confirmation with our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will meet directly following our kickoff worship. Pastor Rory will be leading the first unit this year and we will be gathering in the courtyard.

### **Gift of Love for September - Kennedy Community Alliance**

We appreciate Christ the King for being our partner supporting Kennedy High School students/family who are economically vulnerable. **Some statistics...**

- At Kennedy High School 54% of our students receive Free or Reduced Lunch. Our feeder school, Valley View Middle has 70% of their students on Free or Reduced Lunch.
- We have an average of 34 students receiving a food bag on Fridays through our partnership with VEAP.
- Students received scholarships to participate in clubs, sports and activities including field trips.
- An average of 84 students visit the Pantry a month.

100% of your donation will go directly into the hand in need at Kennedy High School. If you have questions please feel free to contact Melissa Riebel [mriebel2@isd271.org](mailto:mriebel2@isd271.org)/ 952.681.5039

### **Scriptural Imagination with Pastor Maria**

It seems like every time we turn on the news we hear terrible stories: hurricanes, earthquakes, oppressive governments causing millions of people to become refugees around the world, a pandemic that still rages on, droughts or flooding - the list could go on and on and on. In moments like these we can rely on the stories of faithful people who have come before us who were so grounded in their faith able to imagine and proclaim the future that God promises to us, for example: Mary, Pharaoh's Daughter, the Syrophonecian Woman, or Abraham. Join Pr. Maria as we share their stories and practice exercising our own imaginations as we move through this challenging time. **We will meet for 4 Wednesday evenings - 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, & 10/20** - outside at CTK. (In the case of rain or cold, we will either meet inside with masks or via zoom, depending on what the pandemic is doing at the time and the comfort of the group.) Email Pastor Maria if you are interested – [manderson@ctkb.org](mailto:manderson@ctkb.org).

### **Children's & Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed!!**

The faithful community of Christ the King – we are in need of your help. If you are available to help on a full-time basis, as an alternate (once or twice a month) or for a block of time (fall, winter, spring), we are in need of help with the following children & youth ministries:

- Sunday School (which will be outside in the fall – while we can)
- W.O.W. (Word on Wednesday – also beginning outdoors)
- Confirmation Mentors
- Middle School Event/Trip Chaperones
- Retreat Chaperones
- High School Monthly Activity Chaperones
- CROWD Mentors/National Youth Gathering
- Help with the Resource Room
- Help with Youth Fundraising

Please contact Jane V. at [jvevea@ctkb.org](mailto:jvevea@ctkb.org) to let her know how you can help. If you have any questions about anything please do not hesitate to call the office, 952-881-8600. Please prayerfully consider being a part of the lives of our children and youth of CTK. Thank you!