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# **THE FIFTEEN SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE  
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CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH REDLANDS, CA**

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## SUNDAY MORNING

8:00a.m. & 10:30a.m. – Divine Service

9:30a.m. – Adult Bible Study

## TO GUEST AND VISITORS

We welcome you to our congregation in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book near the main door. We pray that the Holy Spirit would richly bless your hearing of God's Word with a living trust in Jesus Christ who died and rose for you. **For more information regarding Baptism, instruction in the Christian faith, and communicant membership, please see Pastor Smith.**

## RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER AT CHRIST THE KING

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- A) who have been **baptized** in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- B) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the **Lutheran Confessions**, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran Faith, and who **now confess** the same doctrine that is taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the **Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**;
- C) who believe that in this sacrament the **real body and blood** of Christ are truly distributed to them and **orally received** by them, bestowing on them the **forgiveness of sins, life and salvation**;
- D) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and **desire to receive** God's forgiveness in this holy meal.



## HYMNS for TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE



Processional Hymn: All Glory Be to God Alone..... 948  
Hymn of the Day: Come Down, O Love Divine ..... 501  
Distribution Hymns: All Christians Who Have Been Baptized..... 596  
                                  Lord Jesus, Think on Me..... 610  
Recessional Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God..... 895



Today's service will be broadcast live, and for later viewing, on Christ the King's YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CTKRedlands>

✘ Sermon manuscripts are now available on our website at:  
<https://www.ctrredlands.org/sermons-online/sermon-manuscripts/>

### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Linda Whittier**, her son Benjamin is with our Lord in His loving eternal home  
**Natalie & Rodney Nelson, Susan Jay's daughter and son-in-law**, they may have lost their home in Forest Falls do to the fire  
**Karen Prill**, receiving a very good report following her 5<sup>th</sup> treatment for B Cell Lymphoma  
**Dwayne Danielson**, recovering from eye surgery  
**Samuel Smith**, riding his bicycle across the country  
**Judy Alder**, recovering from surgery and beginning radiation treatments  
**Susan Jay**, at home receiving immune therapy infusions  
**Daniel Conrad**, our missionary to Mexico  
**Shut-ins:** Bill Nye, Troy & Louava Wideman



### ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Mike & Lee Alhorn in loving memory of Ed Albanese & Christine Schiller.

SERVANTS for THIS WEEK		SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK
<b>Altar</b>	Anna Smith	Erica Vasquez
<b>Elders</b>	Don David	Vic Haynes
<b>Finance</b>	Cindy Hanson & Anna Smith	Cindy Hanson & Anna Smith
<b>Flowers</b>	Mike & Lee Alhorn	Dwayne & Rebecca Mugiishi
<b>Ushers</b>	Glenn Henderson & Mike Nauman	Tom Crowley & Joesph Vasquez

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	8:00AM.....	Divine Service
	9:30AM.....	Adult Bible Study
	10:30AM.....	Divine Service
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM.....	Adult Bible Class (in the Church)
	7:00PM.....	New Members Class (in the Conference Room)
SATURDAY	8:30AM.....	Adult Bible Class with Deacon Russ
	10:00AM.....	Elders Meeting

## DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS – LSB pg. 302

<b>15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>		<b>Sep 13</b>	2 Chron. 32:1-22, Hos. 1:1-14:9 Col. 1:1-23	<b>Sep 14</b>	2 Chron. 33:1-25, Jonah 1:1-4;11 Col. 1:24-2:7
<b>Sep 15</b>	2 Chron. 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33 Nah. 1:1-3:19 Col. 2:8-23	<b>Sep 16</b>	2 Chron. 35:1-7, 16-25 Zeph. 1:1-3:20 Col. 3:1-25	<b>Sep 17</b>	2 Chron. 36:1-23 Philemon 1-25 Col. 4:1-18
<b>Sep 18</b>	Neh. 1:1-2:10, Hag. 1:1-2:23 1 Tim. 1:1-20	<b>Sep 19</b>	Neh. 2:11-20; 4:1-6 1 Tim 2:1-15	Have a <b>BLESSED</b> Week	



EVENTS ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 AT THE 8AM SERVICE AND FOLLOWING has two special events happening on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. During the 8:00am Divine Service we will receiving of new members. Following the same serve will be the dedication of Pastor Paulus’s Memorial. Following these two events we will have a cake and refreshments reception. (No bible study that day.) Everyone is invited to attend.



### WHAT’S UP? LET ME TELL YOU!

What a joy it is for folks to see a familiar face from CTK! Since the pandemic, some of our members have not been to church nor seen any of their CTK sisters or brothers in Christ for months! Here’s an opportunity to show that we are missing them and maybe enjoy a short visit with them. Every quarter the Portal of Prayer booklets are available in the church narthex. Then how do these members get one? By mail? No! Instead of mailing the Portals of Prayer, we, as a church body, are going to hand deliver them to our beloved members. Some folks will welcome a visit and some will just appreciate the delivery with a little note attached. In the narthex there is a list of names and the towns they live in. Please sign up to contact one or two members (their phone numbers are in your directory.) Then take one Portals of Prayers per household to deliver. Maybe you’ll get a short visit in too. Bless you for your help

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## What is the “Collect”?

The word “collect” (pronounced COLL-ect) comes from the Latin word *collectus* which means “gathered together.” A Collect is a prayer to God which **gathers together** the thoughts of the congregation into one prayer for the day.

## Why do we use a Collect in the Divine Service?

We use the Collect in the Divine Service because it focuses the congregation’s prayers and attention on the readings from God’s Word, which will be read shortly after the Collect. The Collect highlights the theme of the Sunday throughout the Church Year.



**Parents:** Before the Collect is prayed in the service, remind your children to pray in their minds along with the pastor. Encourage them to pay close attention to his words. Encourage them to listen for the theme in the collect and in the Gospel reading.



## CHRISTIANITY'S INFLUENCE IN AMERICA'S FOUNDING

Western Civilization owes an extraordinary debt to Christianity. Men who grew wise in the study and application of the Word of God brought their wisdom to bear on how to form a strong, cohesive, and productive civil estate. This brief overview of the intersection between church and state will examine the principles that the Founding Fathers strove to incorporate into our system of governance and why they did so. Also in view is why those principles are advantageous to us today and why we should defend them.

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## THE READINGS

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### GENESIS 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to

him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

### ROMANS 14:1-12

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day,

observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee  
shall bow to Me,  
and every tongue shall confess to

God."

<sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of  
himself to God.

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### **MATTHEW 18:21-35**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

<sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup>"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a

hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### *Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us*

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have "*mercy on your fellow servant,*" and "*forgive your brother from your heart*" (Matt 18:33, 35). By the Lord's forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead, and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we "*are the Lord's*" (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will "*stand before the judgment seat of God,*" we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also "*will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand*" (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends "*to bring it about that many people should be kept alive*" (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: "*I will provide for you and your little ones*" (Gen 50:21).

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**THE INTROIT** (*Ps. 143:1-2* ANTIPHON: *Ps. 143:9*)



Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD! \*  
I have fled to You for | refuge!

**Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy! \*  
In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your | righteousness!**

Enter not into judgment with Your | servant, \*  
for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen**

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD! \*  
I have fled to You for | refuge!

**THE COLLECT**

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**THE GRADUAL** (*Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.*)

**Fear the LORD, | you His saints, \*  
for those who fear Him lack | nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous, \*  
but the Lord delivers Him out | of them all.**

