

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH REDLANDS, CA**

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SUNDAY MORNING

9:00a.m. -- Divine Service

10:30a.m. – 11:30a.m. -- Sunday School & 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: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	790
Hymn of the Day: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying.....	516
Distribution Hymns: The Infant Priest Was Holy Born	624
Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray.....	663
Recessional Hymn: Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won	490

PRAYER CONCERNS

Charles Baker, at home recovering from a bout of cellulitis 

Dwayne Danielson, recovering from eye surgery again

Richard Stracke, Jodi Henderson's brother, doing better but still dealing with an infection

Diane Ronchetto, experiencing severe hip pain

Susan Jay, at home receiving immune therapy infusions 

Daniel Conrad, our missionary to Mexico 

Shut-ins: Marianne Anderson, Bill Nye, Troy & Louava Wideman

ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers today are given by Irene Pickering to the glory of God in remembrance of her husband Robert. May God bless you with joyous memories and peace.



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.ctlredlands.org/sermons-online/sermon-manuscripts/>

Acolytes	SERVANTS for THIS WEEK	SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK
8:00am	Jilian Belli & Ava Belli	Lauren Hathaway & Alex Hathaway
10:30am	Dominick Vasquez & Christian Vasquez	Hayden Hinkleman & Emma Hinkleman
Altar	Alise Smith	Anna Smith
Elders	Don David	Vic Haynes
Finance	John Hinkleman, Jr. & Joe Vasquez	John Hinkleman, Jr. & Joe Vasquez
Flowers	Irene Pickering	Bobbe Monk
Ushers	Joe Belli Joe Vasquez	Tom Crowley Glenn Henderson

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	8:00AM	.....	Divine Service
	9:30AM	.....	Bible Study
	10:30AM	.....	Divine Service
	11:45AM	.....	LWML Program
		.....	Jr. Confirmation Class
TUESDAY	7:00PM	.....	School Board Meeting
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM	.....	Adult Bible Class (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	.....	New Members Class (Parish Hall)
SATURDAY	8:30AM	Adult Bible Study (Parish Hall)

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS – LSB pg. 302

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Nov 10	Jer. 23:1-20 Matt. 25:14-30	Nov 11	Jer. 23:21-40 Matt. 25:31-46	Nov 12	Jer. 25:1-18 Matt. 26:1-19
Nov 13	Jer. 26:1-19, Rev 123:1-18 Matt. 26:20-35	Nov 14	Jer. 29:1-19, Rev. 14:1-20 Matt. 26:36-56		



TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO UPDATE YOUR PICTURE

Please come to the narthex to have your picture taken today to update your picture on the CTK FAMILY OF FAITH wall of pictures



EVERYONE IS INVITED

We have a real treat in store for everyone at our LWML program today at noon. Samuel Smith is going to tell us about his summer journey bicycling across the USA. The event will be outside, picnic style, and open to anyone who wants to attend. So bring your family, a picnic lunch, beverages, and a blanket (or grab some chairs) and have a seat in our beautiful courtyard. The program will start once everyone gets seated.



CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY, SUNDAY, NOV. 15th

Sunday, November 15th, at the normal Bible Study time we will have our bi-annual voters meeting. Everyone come as each person's participation is both welcome and a blessing.



CTK PRE-SCHOOL IS HAVING A SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER

CTK preschool is selling See's candy. Order forms are on the table in the narthex. Make check's payable to Christ the King. Orders are due in the school office by November 13th. Orders will arrive at the school the first week of December. The candy you purchase from the fundraiser is the same price as in the stores, so you won't need to stand in the long candy lines!

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Why do we worship on Sunday?

Do you remember on what day Jesus rose from the dead? On what day did Jesus appear to His disciples on the road to Emmaus? If you guessed Sunday, you are right! The Early Church gathered on Sunday because it directed our attention to Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Many other miraculous events in the early Christian Church, such as Pentecost, happened on Sunday.



When did Christians begin gathering together for worship on Sundays?

We know from the Bible that during Paul's lifetime Christians met on Sunday to hear God's Word and celebrate Holy Communion (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2). Though Christians in different regions of the world sometimes worshipped on different days, by A.D. 325 most Christians worshipped on Sunday because they considered it "the Lord's Day." Wow, what a great tradition we share with our Christian ancestors!



Parents: In the Early Church, Christians used different terms for their day of worship such as "First Day" or "Eighth Day." The label "the Lord's Day" stands out as the most significant title chosen by the Church. Direct your children to the significance in having a particular day set aside for receiving God's wonderful gifts through Word and Sacrament.



NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS STARTING TODAY

Not of this world. It is a phrase that conveys so much of our Christian faith. Jesus spoke this phrase multiple times in multiple settings. It is certainly a phrase that has captured the imagination of popular Christian culture – the bumper stickers are everywhere! Like theological baklava – this plain and direct statement has multiple layers. In this new Bible class, we will explore the various contours of what Jesus meant when He said that He (and, by extension, we) are not of this world. To be sure, the world is in turmoil. While there's nothing particularly new about that, we are governed by a different reality. The result of participating in this study will be peace of heart and mind that the world cannot give. You are lovingly invited to engage this phrase and learn of the depth of meaning that is behind our Lord's priceless words.



THE READINGS



AMOS 5:18-24

- ¹⁸ Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
¹⁹ as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
²⁰ Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
²¹ "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
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1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ

will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and

so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13

¹[Jesus said:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the

door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' ¹²But He answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.



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The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming

The Day of the Lord is *"darkness, and not light"* (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their *"burnt offerings and grain offerings,"* nor will He look upon their *"peace offerings"* (Amos 5:22). Instead He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets *"justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream"* (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the "lamps" of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the "oil" of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt 25:1-4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us *"to the dealers"* (Matt 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus we wait upon the Lord, and we *"encourage one another with these words"* (1 Thessalonians 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes *"with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God,"* and *"we will always be with the Lord"* (1 Thess 4:16, 17).
