

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE
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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. – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School

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: Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now..... 902
 Hymn of the Day: Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid 500
 Distribution Hymns: Lord of All Hopefulness..... 738
 O Lord, We Praise Thee 617
 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast..... 577
 Oh, Blest the House 862
 Recessional Hymn: Almighty Father Bless the Word..... 923



PRAYER CONCERNS

Mark Courtney, for guidance and hope
Ernie Hauschild, Rev. Hauschild's brother, at home, on oxygen, dealing with pneumonia
Susan Jay, recovering from two back surgeries
Troy Wideman, recovering from cataract surgery
Christopher Chambers, Delores Koller's grandson, being treated for melanoma in his lung
Diane Ronchetto, experiencing severe joint pain
Gloria Paulus, at Plymouth Village Medical Care Center
Astrid Johnson, Ingrid Umland's sister, has been in the hospital for 4 months suffering with leukemia
Daniel Soso, at home, recovering from an urinary tract infection
Daniel Conrad, our missionary to Mexico
Shut-ins: Kathleen Neebe, Bill Nye, Troy & Louava Wideman

ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Glenn & Jodi Henderson in celebration of Jodi's birthday. Happy Birthday Jodi.

| SERVANTS for THIS WEEK | | SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK |
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| Acolytes | Gabriela Vasquez & Ava Belli | Emma Hansen & Dustin Hogue |
| Altar | Erica Vasquez | Alise Smith |
| Elders | David Alder | Tom Crowley |
| Finance | John Hinkleman, Jr. & Joe Vasquez | Cindy Hanson & Judy Alder |
| Flowers | Glenn & Jodi Henderson | Mike & Lee Alhorn |
| Ushers | Glenn Henderson & Dwayne Mugiishi | Glenn Henderson & Dwayne Mugiishi |

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| SUNDAY | 9:00AM | Divine Service |
| | 10:30AM | Adult Bible Study & Sunday School |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:30AM | Adult Bible Study |
| SATURDAY | 8:30AM | Adult Bible Study |
| | 10:00AM | Elders Meeting |



TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON (Pre-K through 8)

Lesson 9: "A Telling Truth" is the Bible lesson for this week. With the sound of a rushing wind and tongues of fire, the promised Holy Spirit descends on the disciples. As they speak "in other tongues" (Acts 2:4), their hearers, from a multitude of nations, hear about "the mighty works of God" (v. 11) in their own languages. Beginning with Old Testament prophecies, Peter's sermon proclaims Jesus, the promised Messiah. Discuss, "How did Pentecost change the Church forever?"

LET'S HIKE AND SEE GOD'S BEAUTIFUL CREATION ALL AROUND US



Come for a hike on Saturday, July 3rd, in the morning when it's not too hot. Everyone is invited. We're not sure of the place or the duration yet, but we will meet at CTK at 8:30am to venture out somewhere nearby. If you would like to go on the hike please sign up on the board in the narthex. Should be fun!



LUTHERANISM IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: A Christian Response to Progressive Ideology, Religious Liberty in Crisis, Media Coverage of Religion, Freedom of Conscience and more You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.



SYMBOLS IN THE CHURCH – LITURGICAL PLAQUES

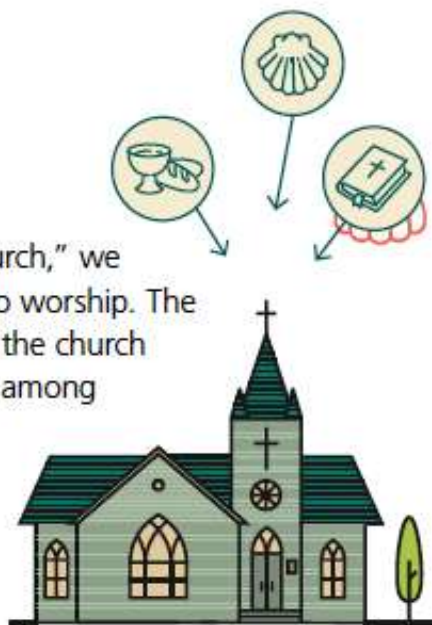
THE LAMP

Light has always been associated with knowledge, and for centuries a lighted oil lamp has been used as a symbol for learning. For Christians, the lamp takes on additional significance as a metaphor for our devotion to God's Word. Psalm 119:105: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). This liturgical plaque reminds us that the light of Christ invades our church for His Word is proclaimed there and His light brightens our soul with truth, salvation, and grace.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the “church”?

When someone says the word “church,” we usually think of a place people go to worship. The Lutheran Confessions teach us that the church is the “assembly of all the believers among whom the Gospel is preached in its purity and the Holy Sacraments are administered according to the Gospel.” Wow! The church is so much more than a building!



If the church is more than just the building, then why is the building and everything in it so important?

The church building, or the “sanctuary,” is a place where God is present. We know that our Lord has promised to come to us in His Sacraments. Since God is actually here with us in His house, we should be very reverent, or respectful. We don’t want anything in the church pulling us away from what God gives us in His Word and Sacraments. Everything should direct our attention toward Him.



Parents: Before or after the service, direct your children to the wonderfully Gospel-rich symbolism found in the sanctuary, including the on the altar, windows and banners. Remind them that the Lord truly comes to us here in His Word and Sacraments. He brings us what we really need: the forgiveness of sins.



THE READINGS



EZEKIEL 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And

under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-17

¹We know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

MARK 4:26-34

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰And He said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed,

which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables He spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.

³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to His own disciples He explained everything.

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***The Cross of Christ Is the Tree of Life, Which Bears Abundant Fruit after Its Own Kind***

The Parables of our Lord convey the mysteries of the kingdom of God to those who are "able to hear it," that is, "to his own disciples," who are catechized to fear, love and trust in Him by faith (Mark 4:33–34). He scatters "seed on the ground," which "sprouts and grows" unto life, even as "he sleeps and rises" (Mark 4:26–27). "On the mountain height of Israel," He plants a young and tender twig, and it becomes "a noble cedar." Indeed, His own cross becomes the Tree of Life, under which "every kind of bird" will dwell, and in which "birds of every sort will nest" (Ezek. 17:22–25). His cross is our resting place, even while now in mortal bodies, we "groan, being burdened" (2 Cor. 5:1–4). Yet in faith, we live for God in Christ, who for our sake "died and was raised" (2 Cor. 5:15). We know that, in His resurrected body, "we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Cor. 5:1).

THE INTROIT *Ps. 92:12-15; antiphon: Ps. 92.:1*



It is good to give thanks | to the Lord,*
to sing praises to Your name, | O Most High;

**The righteous flourish like the | palm tree*
and grow like a cedar in | Lebanon.**

They are planted in the house | of the Lord;*
they flourish in the courts | of our God.

**They still bear fruit in | old age;*
they are ever full of | sap and green,**

to declare that the Lord is | upright,*
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness | in Him.

**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.**

It is good to give thanks | to the Lord,*
to sing praises to Your name, | O Most High;

THE COLLECT

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THE GRADUAL *Ps. 145:3, 5b, 6b*

**Great is the Lord, and greatly | to be praised,*
and his greatness is un- | searchable.**

**On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*
and I will declare your | greatness.**

Praise
and give thanks to *the*
Lord