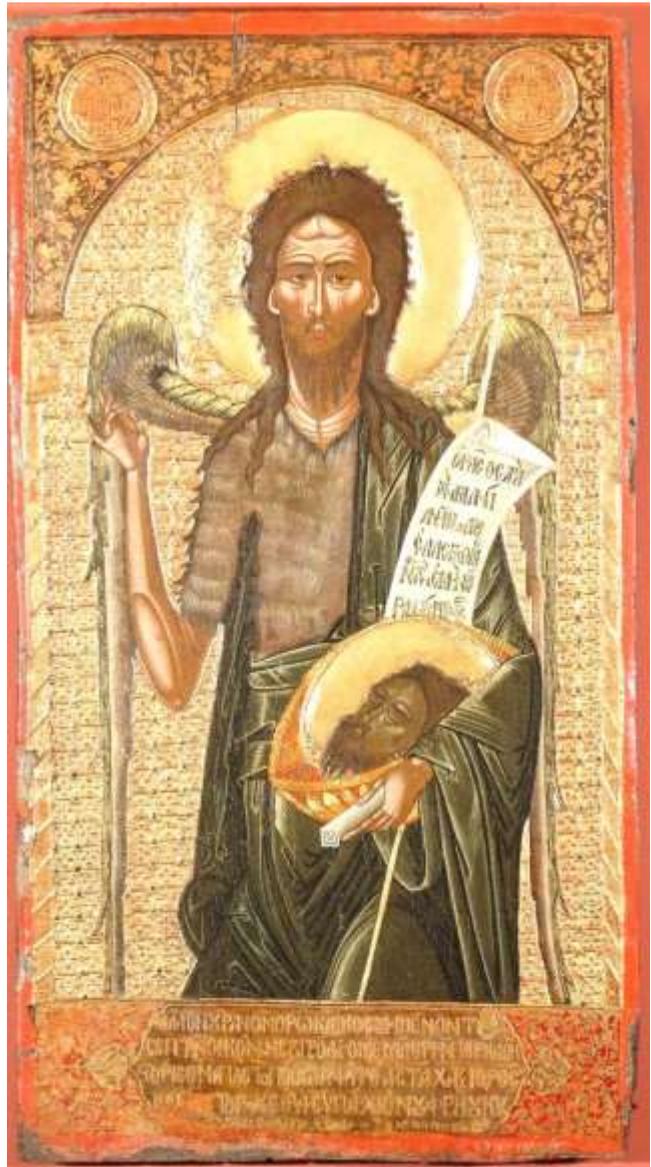


**THE
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CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH REDLANDS, CA**

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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: O Day of Rest and Gladness..... 906
 Hymn of the Day: Jesus, Priceless Treasure 743
 Distribution Hymns: I Walk in Danger All the Way 716
 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence 621
 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide..... 585
 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing..... 686
 Recessional Hymn: Abide, O Dearest Jesus..... 919



PRAYER CONCERNS

The Currier family, Cindy's mother-in-law, passed away on Monday
Catherine Murano, recovering from a broken arm
Ernie Hauschild, Rev. Hauschild's brother, at home, on oxygen, dealing with pneumonia
Susan Jay, recovering from two back surgeries
Christopher Chambers, Delores Koller's grandson, being treated for melanoma in his lung
Diane Ronchetto, experiencing severe joint pain
Astrid Johnson, Ingrid Umland's sister, has been in the hospital for months with leukemia
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 Dwayne & Cindy Danielson in memory of Cindy's brother Greg. May God bless you with joyous memories.

SERVANTS for THIS WEEK		SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK
Acolytes	Dominick Vasquez & Christian Vasquez	Samuel Lombardo & William Lombardo
Altar	Nicole Creavy	Tammy Hathaway
Elders	Roger Loewecke	Anthony Lombardo
Finance	Steve Aimar & Robert Arnold	Mary Coppenger & To Be Determined
Flowers	Dwayne & Cynthia Danielson	Glenn & Jodi Henderson
Ushers	Mike Nauman & Hayden Ramsay	Mike Nauman & Hayden Ramsay

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 9:00AM..... Divine Service
10:30AM..... Adult Bible Study & Sunday School Classes
WEDNESDAY 9:30AM..... Adult Bible Study
SATURDAY 8:30AM..... Adult Bible Study



NEXT SUNDAY: PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN IN THE NARTHEX

CTK wants your picture on the CTK Faith Family wall. It's a great way for you to see who folks are and for folks to see who you are. Please meet in the narthex following the Divine Service. Cindy Currier will be there to take your picture.

Christopher Blank

Rick & Jill Brua

And anyone else who would like to have a picture taken.

The Hoffmann Family

Jared & Sarah Dean

CONFIRMANDS

Aiden DeCent

Josh Hoffmann

SEPTEMBER 11TH – CONGREGATIONAL SEMINAR

FAITH THAT ENGAGES THE CULTURE



On September 11th of this year, Christ the King Lutheran Church will be sponsoring a seminar conducted by the Rev. Dr. Alfonso Espinosa. The topic couldn't possibly be timelier: **Faith That Engages the Culture**. We are seeing the broader culture around us change pretty dramatically. The temptation is to sit paralyzed as these convulsions rock society and retreat to those familiar quarters where everyone shares our opinion. If this were to be the strategy of the church in our era (any era), what would the long-term ramifications be? Do you believe that our Lord would have us adopt a passive perspective on life in the 21st century? Pastor Al Espinosa presents a different perspective, a joyous and uplifting perspective ~ Christ's perspective. Author of the book of the same title, Pr. Espinosa will lead us to understand and embrace our calling in this critical time. Save the date, circle the date, reserve THIS DATE: September 11th and look for a sign-up board soon to jot your name down as attending this blessed event.

CASTING CHRIST'S NET ON THE INTERNET



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 teachings include: The Calling

of Christians in the 21st Century, The Social Justice Movement, The Scandinavian Reformation, Lutheran Hymnwriter Anna Hoppe and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



Who is the Holy Spirit?

The explanation of the Small Catechism says, the Holy Spirit is “the third person in the Holy Trinity, true God with the Father and Son.” This means that we believe in one true God, in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God just as the Father is God and the Son is God.

What does the Holy Spirit do?

The Holy Spirit sanctifies God’s people. In other words, He makes us holy by giving us saving faith in Jesus and the strength to lead godly lives in His name.

Why is the Holy Spirit so important?

We need the Holy Spirit and what He gives to us, because without Him, we are not able to believe in Jesus. In 1 Cor. 2:14 we hear the following: “The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.” The Holy Spirit calls us to faith through the Gospel and delivers the gracious gifts of salvation in the Sacraments.



Parents:

During the service, tell your children to listen for times the Pastor says the name of the Holy Spirit (i.e. the Invocation, Benediction). Remind your children that the Holy Spirit is exactly where God promised us He would be — in the Word and Sacraments. He comes to us by no other means than through these gracious gifts.

THE READINGS

AMOS 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the LORD GOD] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass by them;
⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made
desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be
laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of
Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos

has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land."

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of

his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

MARK 6:14-29

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading

men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***The Lord Jesus Brings His People through Death into Life by the Preaching of Repentance***

Amos did not choose to be a prophet, but the Lord took him "*from following the flock*" and said to him, "*Go, prophesy to my people Israel*" (Amos 7:15). It was a hard word given him to preach: King Jeroboam would "*die by the sword,*" and Israel would "*go into exile away from his land*" (Amos 7:10–11). For this Word, Amos was hated and threatened. St. John the Baptist also suffered for his faithful preaching of repentance. King Herod "*sent and seized John and bound him in prison,*" even though he knew that John "*was a righteous and holy man*" (Mark 6:17, 20). Out of pride and fear, Herod "*sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head*" (Mark 6:27). Yet, in Christ, St. John the Baptist "*has been raised from the dead*" (Mark 6:14, 16). For Christ is the destruction of death itself and "*before the foundation of the world,*" and even now by faith, "*the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ*" has blessed us in Christ "*with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places*" (Eph. 1:3–4). Through Baptism into Christ, you also "*were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,*" for life and salvation (Eph. 1:13).

THE INTROIT (*Ps. 143:1-2, 8a; antiphon: Ps. 143:11*)



For your name's sake, O Lord, pre- | serve my life!*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

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.

Let me hear in the morning of your | steadfast love,*

for in | you I trust.

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.

For your name's sake, O Lord, pre- | serve my life!*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

THE COLLECT

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THE GRADUAL (*Romans 11:33, 36*)

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!*

How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable | his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are | all things.”

To him be glory forever. | Amen.
