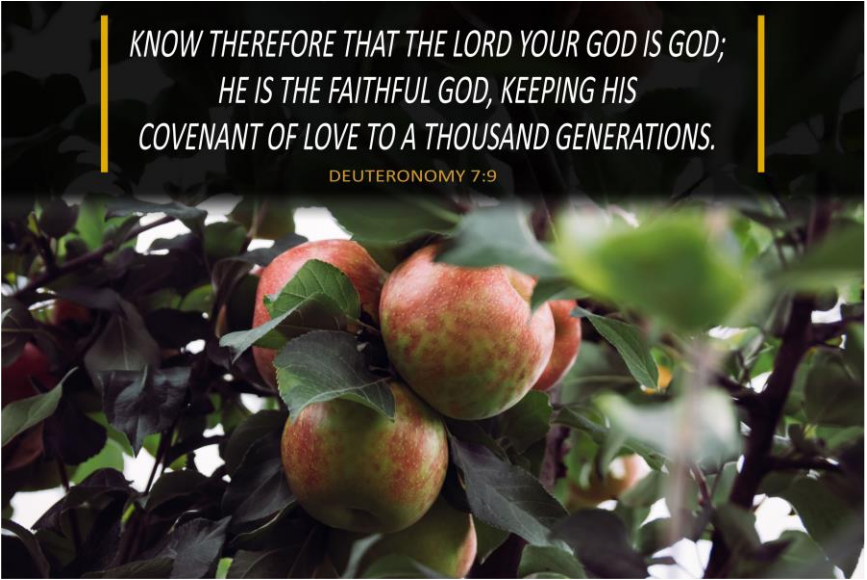


*KNOW THEREFORE THAT THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GOD;  
HE IS THE FAITHFUL GOD, KEEPING HIS  
COVENANT OF LOVE TO A THOUSAND GENERATIONS.*

DEUTERONOMY 7:9



## **FOR OUR 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP**

**9th Sunday After Pentecost**

**7/30/2023**

**WE PRAY:** Lord Jesus Christ, Whose knowledge and wisdom is infinite, move all humanity to seek the incomparable treasure of the Kingdom of Grace which You so completely endorsed, that no one lose the incomparable wonder of the Kingdom of Glory promised by the Father to those who own the treasure; Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

*(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Worship)*

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**PRELUDE**

**PASTORAL GREETING**

**OPENING HYMN**

**TLH 473**

*The Church's One Foundation*

- 1** The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word;  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy Bride;  
With His own Blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.
- 2** Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one Faith, one Birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.
- 3** The Church shall never perish!  
Her dear Lord, to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish,  
Is with her to the end.  
Tho' there be those that hate her,  
False sons within her pale,  
Against both foe and traitor  
She ever shall prevail.
- 4** Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed;  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

5 Mid toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore,  
Till with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

## THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVOCATION

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P:** Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

**C:** Who made heaven and earth.

**P:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C:** And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

**A:** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**C:** Amen.

### THE INTROIT

**P:** Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His Name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and His strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered, O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

### GLORIA PATRI

**C:** Glory to be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### THE KYRIE

**A:** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**C:** Glory be to God on high:

**C:** And on earth, peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord God, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## SALUTATION

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And with thy spirit.

## COLLECT

**P:** Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## LESSONS

### OLD TESTAMENT

#### *Deuteronomy 7: 6-9*

“For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; but because the Lord loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

“Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

### EPISTLE

#### *Romans 8: 28-39*

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If

God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**L:** Here ends the Epistle.

**C:** Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

**P:** The Holy Gospel is written in the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Luke, beginning at the 44<sup>th</sup> verse.

**C:** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

#### ***Matthew 13: 44-52***

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth." Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him,

“Yes, Lord.” Then He said to them, “Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.”

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

**THE NICENE CREED** (*In Unison*)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

**SERMON**      **“God’s Unrestrained Love”**      **Deuteronomy 7: 6-9**

**OFFERTORY**

**A:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not

**Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.**

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS**

**OFFERING PRAYER** (*Pastor*)

**THE PRAYERS**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C** Amen.

**THE AGNUS DEI**

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**TLH 462**

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

- 1** I love Thy kingdom, Lord,  
The house of Thine abode,  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved  
With His own precious blood.
- 2** I love Thy church, O God.  
Her walls before Thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,  
And written on Thy hand.
- 3** Should I with scoffers join  
Her altars to abuse?  
No! Better far my tongue were dumb,  
My hand its skill should lose.



- 4 For her my tears shall fall,  
For her my prayers ascend,  
To her my cares and toils be given  
Till toils and cares shall end.
- 5 Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heavenly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Her hymns of love and praise.
- 6 Jesus, Thou Friend Divine,  
Our Savior and our King,  
Thy hand from every snare and foe  
Shall great deliverance bring.
- 7 Sure as Thy truth shall last,  
To Zion shall be given  
The brightest glories earth can yield  
And brighter bliss of heaven.

#### THE NUNC DIMITTIS

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### FIRST ANTIPHON AND COLLECT

**P** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C** And His mercy endureth forever.

**P** We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**TLH 467 vv 1,3,4,7**

*Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand*

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church doth stand  
Even when steeples are falling;  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the soul distrest,  
Longing for rest everlasting.
  
- 3 We are God's house of living stones,  
Buildded for His habitation;  
He through baptismal grace us owns  
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell,  
Yet He would deign with us to dwell,  
With all His grace and His favor.
  
- 4 Now we may gather with our King  
E'en in the lowliest dwelling;  
Praises to Him we there may bring,  
His wondrous mercy forthtelling;  
Jesus His grace to us accords;  
Spirit and life are all His words,  
His truth doth hallow the temple.
  
- 7 Grant then, O God, where'er men roam,  
That, when the church-bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come  
Where Christ His message is bringing:  
"I know Mine own, Mine own know Me;  
Ye, not the world, My face shall see.

My peace I leave with you." Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**ALL: "Amen, Amen, Amen."**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**RECESSIONAL**

**POSTLUDE**

Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter

Lector: Jean Azar

Music Director: Bruce Slinger

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07.30.2023



**Welcome to worship!** Our lives as fallen, sinful people bear much resemblance to the lives of God's chosen nation Israel. We are often rebellious and prone to creating gods of our own making. Still, God has made us in Jesus to be His treasured possessions, chosen and loved for all eternity. Today by Word and Sacrament, we rejoice that God's unrestrained love for us in Christ Jesus has overcome our rebellion, sin and idolatry. Today the Holy Spirit works through His Word to help us recognize and confess both our inward rebellion, as well as the grace, mercy and love of God in Jesus Christ that has set us free. We rejoice to be God's special, treasured possession in Jesus Christ!

**Remember in your prayers:**

Karen Besler- at Shorepointe Rehabilitation.

Roland Bernardi and Roger Parke- receiving hospice care.

**Joan Pochert-** at home regaining her strength after a recent hospitalization.

**Bob Graf-** husband of our former secretary Carol Graf- who is recovering in Dearborn, MI from a broken hip. Please remember Bob and Carol in your prayers for healing and comfort.

**Those fighting cancer:** Tom Harms, Paula Bombard, Lisa Zimmermann, Keith Josefiak, Betty Zayac, Shiela Rice, Frank Erbecker, Tom Bommarito and Bob Davis.

**For daily strength:** Julie Hingst, Gary Bombard, Doreen Riley, David Primeau, Clifford Popp.

**Our Congregation and Call Committee-**as work progresses week by week.

**Those left unnamed,** who are anticipating surgery in the next weeks and months.

**Rally Day** will be celebrated with a special service on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, the second Sunday in September. We will gather for a special worship service, and then a potluck dinner to follow. At the dinner, we will also spend some time together hearing the results of the congregational survey that was recently compiled and completed.

**Regular offerings and tithes** are essential, especially at this time when our attendance is lower with people vacationing in the summer months. Please give your offerings regularly and faithfully for the work of our ministry here at Christ the King Church and Preschool. Our work and our commitments continue each and every day for the Lord and His people...all year long.

**As you make your summer plans-** you may request the names of LCMS Congregations in the area to which you may be vacationing! We would be happy to provide you with the names of congregations where you can worship while you are on vacation! Also, as you make your

summer plans, please remember to be faithful in your offerings to the Lord for our Church and Preschool. Our ministry continues each day of each week, and your offerings are vital to our ongoing work!

**A Reminder**, our church office is now on summer hours, which are 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Please make your requests in person or by phone during these business hours until after Labor Day. Thank you.

## Life Quotes

“The Church is under an incredible assault, but perhaps never has the opportunity been greater. The question is whether we wish to take it, whether we want to be salt, or whether we’ll just mark time, leaving nothing but ruins for those who follow in our footsteps.” *Rev. Peter Scaer, Concordia Theological Seminary – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

## Altar Guild

Serving with the Altar Guild for the month are Judy Champine and Paula Touhey

## CTK on Facebook

Christ the King invites you to our Facebook page informing members of devotions and other information. ***Our services are live streamed on Facebook Live every Sunday at 10:45am.*** Look us up at [facebook.com/christthekinggp/](https://facebook.com/christthekinggp/) and click ‘LIKE’ so that you can be in touch with your church’s page.

# One Week Ago Today

8:15 Service: 37  
 10:45 Service: 41  
 Communion: 40

<b>FINANCIAL PROGRESS - JULY 2023</b>			
<b><u>Envelope &amp; Plate Receipts Only</u></b>			
<b>Week #</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	
1	\$ 5,169	\$ -	
2	4,037	10,605 *	
3			
4			
5			
<b>Month-to-Date Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,206</b>	<b>\$ 10,605</b>	
<b>Year-to-Date Total</b>	<b>\$ 171,219</b>	<b>\$ 169,606</b>	
<b>JULY 2023 - ACTUAL</b>			
<b>Budgeted Receipts - Envelope &amp; Plate</b>		<b>\$ 10,700</b>	
<b>Actual Receipts - Envelope &amp; Plate</b>		<b>\$ 9,206</b>	
<b>BEHIND of Budget - July 2023</b>		<b>\$ (1,494)</b>	
<b>FULL YEAR 2023 - YEAR TO DATE PROGRESS</b>			
<b>Budgeted YTD 2023 Envelope &amp; Plate Receipts</b>		<b>\$ 191,400</b>	
<b>Actual YTD 2023 Envelope &amp; Plate Receipts</b>		<b>\$ 171,219</b>	
<b>BEHIND Budget - YTD 2023</b>		<b>\$ (20,182)</b>	

<b>1-1-1 Missions Update</b>		
	<b>MTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
	\$ 22	\$ 620

\* 2022 amounts are for Weeks 1 & 2.