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**OUR MISSION:** *Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church gives all praise and thanks to the Triune God for His grace received through Word and Sacrament by sharing the saving Gospel of Christ with the people of this community and the world.*

## JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

### Meet God All Over Again *by Rev. Piet Van Kampen*

It's amazing how people change and yet stay the same. When you strike up a conversation with an old classmate at your high school reunion, you notice right



away the same old personality. Yet you also notice some differences. Perhaps, since you last met, he or she has married and started a family, or gone through a career change, maturing since your last meeting. In some ways, it's like meeting this person all over again!

The prophet Isaiah's vision of the Lord that he records in chapter six of his book is kind of the same thing. He had grown up with God all of his life, hearing the promises of salvation recorded in the books of Moses. Yet now, seeing the Lord in His heavenly temple with his own eyes, Isaiah found that it was like meeting God all over again in His majesty and His mercy.

Isaiah said, "I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings..." (Isaiah 6:1-2, NKJV). A throne? A long, flowing robe? Seraphs attending Him? It doesn't get more majestic than that! We also know that the Lord is our ultimate king because of His majestic works. "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" (Isaiah 6:3). He is holy times three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! And the glories of the triune God fill the earth with the wonders of His creation and preservation. His almighty power is evident in all that He does from the awesome sight of the stars in the

heavens to the tiniest biological machinery in a living cell.

Yet heaven help those who know God only in His holy majesty. For a purely holy God cannot stomach our sin, which rises up in our hearts and oozes out of our mouths in the form of filthy gossip, lies, cursing, and obscene talk. Isaiah understood the condemnation he deserved for having "unclean lips" (Is. 6:5) in the presence of the holy, eternal God.

Yet the majestic God also reveals Himself in His mercy. The seraph cleansed Isaiah's "unclean lips" with the hot coal taken from the LORD's altar. That hot coal is the reflection of God's grace to us in Jesus Christ. Hot coals can flare up again after they've been snuffed out. Jesus, in love for us was snuffed out on the altar of the cross to pay for our sins. Yet, as our heavenly hot coal, He flared back to life to prove that our guilt is gone, that our sin is removed, and that God looks on us now as righteous saints, not filthy sinners. As our lives are touched by Him through faith, we now live before God as His redeemed and forgiven children, cleansed of all our sin.

This is the last newsletter article I will get to share with you, brothers and sisters of Christ the King. My prayer for you as our time together is coming to an end is that you will continue to meet God in His majesty as well as His mercy. Keep on meeting Him in His Word, the Bible, the Scriptures. Keep on meeting Him in His sacraments, as you recall the blessings of your baptism and receive Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper. Keep on meeting Him in the person of Jesus Christ, the hot coal who was snuffed out and then flared back to life in order to save you and show His love for you.

## News & Notes

### COME TO THE CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

FUN & FELLOWSHIP &

FAREWELL TO THE VAN KAMPENS



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To Pastor Van Kampen, Charity & Family,

Our congregation has been blessed by your services these past 9.5 years. We are so grateful for everything you have done for us. You have been a faithful and wonderful leader. We will miss you and pray for God's continued blessings to you and your family.



Members of Christ the King Lutheran Church



### QUARTERLY REPORTS/MEETINGS

**Reminder to officers, board and committee chairs—** have your quarterly reports into the office by Saturday, July 8.

Our quarterly council meeting is Sunday, July 9, at 10:30 am.

Our quarterly congregational and voters meeting is Sunday, July 16, at 10:30 a.m. (after the worship service).

#### ***WE'RE LIVE!***

Worship Services streamed live every week on our website!  
Visit us at [christthekinggb.org](http://christthekinggb.org) for more information!



### In God We Trust

#### **July Birthdays!**

7 Alexis Smith (Montes)  
9 Beth Kubitz  
13 James Saliger  
15 Thyra Hinkens  
28 Hannah Uhlig  
31 Phillip Heuser



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**ALTAR GUILD FOR JULY:**  
Lila Barlament & Jan Johnson

## YEAR AT A GLANCE

- 7/16 - 2nd Quarter Cong. & Voters Meetings
- 7/24-26 - Vacation Bible School
- 7/27-31 - ELS LYA Youth Rally
- 9/10 - Rally for Christian Education (First Day of Sun. School & Bible Class)
- 10/4-6 - ELS General Pastoral Conference
- 10/15 - 3rd Quarter Cong. & Voters Meetings
- 10/31 - Reformation Day, Trunk or Treat
- 11/22 - Thanksgiving Eve Service
- 12/6, 12/13, 12/20 - Midweek Advent Services
- 12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- 12/25 - Christmas Day Festival Service
- 12/31 - New Year's Eve Service



# July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. 10:05 Fellowship 10:30 Evangelism/Outreach	3  6:30 Divine Service	4 Independence Day 	5 4:00 Emerald Bay Service  6:30 VBS Org. Mtg.	6	7	8
USHERS: Group 3						
9 9:00 Divine Service 10:05 Fellowship 10:30 Council Meeting	10  6:30 Divine Service	11 9:00 Book Club  2:30 Brookview Meadows Service	12 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	13	14	15
USHERS: Group 4						
16 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. 10:05 Fellowship 10:30 1st Quarter Cong. & Voters Mtg.	17  6:30 Divine Service w/Holy Comm.	18 9:00 Book Club	19 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	20	21	22
USHERS: Group 1						
23 9:00 Divine Service 11:30 Church Picnic	24 	25 2:30 Brookview Meadows Service 26	26 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	27	28	29
USHERS: Group 2						
30 9:00 Divine Service 10:05 Fellowship	31  6:30 Divine Service					
USHERS: Group 3						

Vacation Bible School, 5:30—8:00 p.m.

**Vacation Bible School - 5:30-8:00  
p.m., July 24-26, 4K – Teens/Adults  
Bible Stories, Music, Crafts, Games  
& Fun!**

***Come and join us and learn how we  
are all covered in Jesus' grace!***



**Join us for worship & Bible study!**  
***Worship on Sunday at 9:00 a.m.,  
Monday Night at 6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study on Sunday at 10:20 a.m.,  
and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.***

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