# JULY 30, 2023 | Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Matins)

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to our worship service today! We are glad to have you with us as we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and brings us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

#### SERVICE NOTES

**God works through our calling in the church.** Not to separate ourselves from the world, which would be like trying to separate the weeds from the wheat, but to live with our eye on the coming harvest, with our hearts established in grace as we imitate the faith of our leaders who came before us, trusting in Jesus who remains the same – yesterday, today, and forever.

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today (the red binder in the front of church). If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with Pastor Van Kampen.

If you have small children, please note that there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

**For your convenience** today's order of service is printed on the following pages. It is based on the Order of Matins, found on p. 32ff. in *The Lutheran Hymnal*.

#### SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister Rev. S. Piet Van Kampen

Organist Deb Meyer

Elder on Duty Sunday: Daniel Lindquist

**Ushers on Duty** Dennis Barlament, Daniel Meves, Erik Van Kampen

Altar Guild Lila Barlament & Jan Johnson

# The Order of Matins

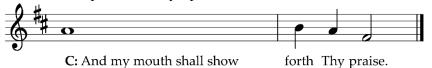
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### **OPENING HYMN**

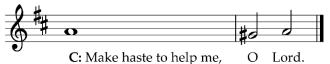
From All That Dwell below the Skies | 15

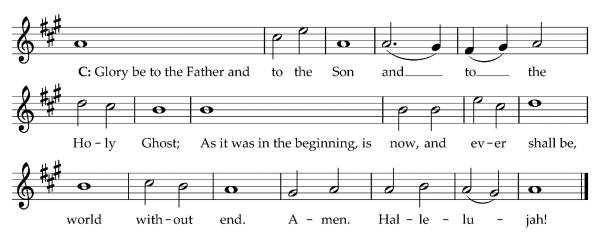
VERSICLES Psalm 51:15; 70:1

M: O Lord, open Thou my lips.



M: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.





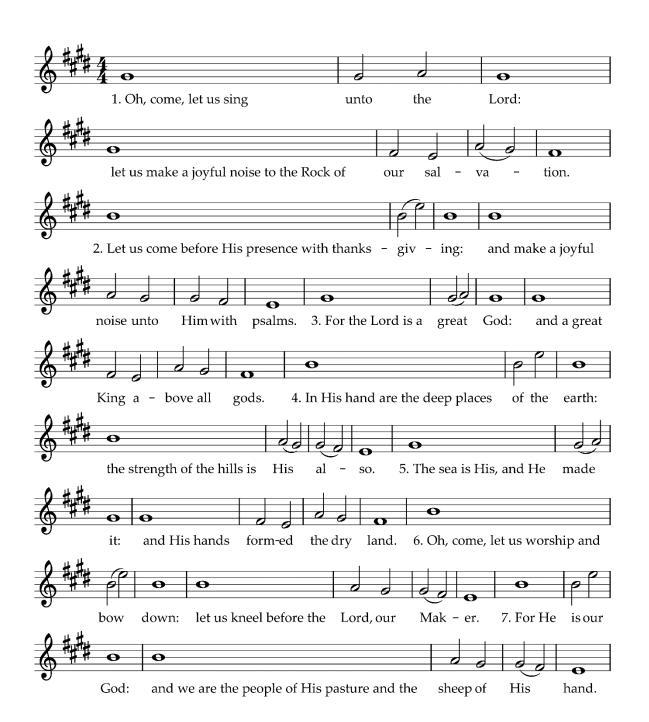
### THE INVITATORY & THE VENITE

"O Come, Let Us Sing" - Psalm 95:1-7

M: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:



**C:** For He is our Mak - er.





You may be seated.

### **HYMN**

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator | 568

# FIRST LESSON: JOEL 3:12-16

The Lord will shelter His people when the day of judgment comes.

<sup>12</sup>"Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side. <sup>13</sup>Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow—so great is their wickedness!" <sup>14</sup>Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. <sup>15</sup>The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine. <sup>16</sup>The Lord will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the heavens will tremble. But the Lord will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



#### SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:26-27

<sup>26</sup>In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.





Please stand.

# GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:24-30,36-43

The parable of the weeds among the tares.

<sup>24</sup> Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. <sup>26</sup> When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. <sup>27</sup> "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup> "'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' <sup>29</sup> "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."…

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." <sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. <sup>40</sup> "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. <sup>42</sup> They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



You may be seated.

#### **HYMN**

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide | 292

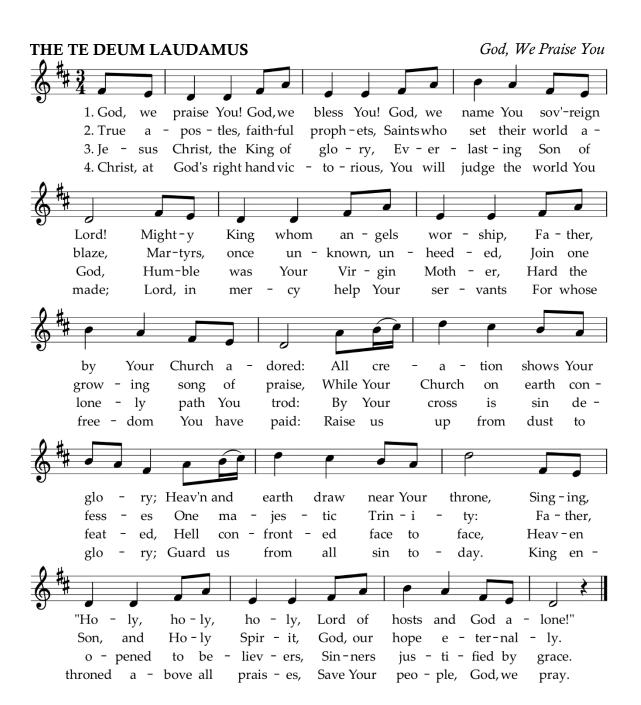
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**SERMON – Matthew13:24-30, 36-43** 

Waiting for the Harvest as Wheat Among Weeds

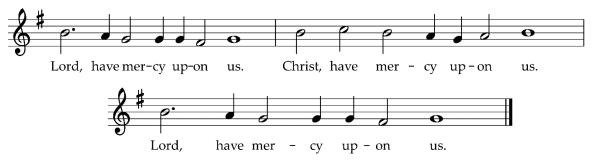
### THE OFFERING





### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## THE KYRIE ("LORD, HAVE MERCY") & THE LORD'S PRAYER



C: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



### THE SALUTATION & THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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



M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us with Your mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger, that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



### THE BENEDICAMUS & THE BENEDICTION

**M:** Bless we the Lord.



**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



CHOIR

God Be with You till We Meet Again

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ALTAR FLOWERS – If you'd like to donate altar flowers for one of our worship services, please sign up and find details on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP SNACKS - Thanks to the Heusers for serving snacks today. If you'd like to serve snacks on Sunday mornings, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

VACANCY PASTOR & MONDAY NIGHT SERVICE - Rev. Roger Holtz, Kaukauna, WI, begins as our vacancy pastor on August 1, 2023. Monday night worship service is suspended during the vacancy. The last Monday night service is July 31, 2023.

**AUGUST CALENDAR** – If you have a committee or group meeting scheduled in August, please email Barb Schnese at secretary@christthekinggb.org by Wednesday, July 26, with the name of the group and starting time of meeting. Also, you should contact Barb if you have an announcement for the bulletin or questions. Barb's office hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs, 9:00-12:30, 920-434-6010.

### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY (7/30) Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship, 10:05

MONDAY Divine Service, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY Rev. Roger Holtz begins as Vacancy Pastor

SUNDAY (8/6) Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m.

Education Hour, 10:20 a.m.

### **OUR MISSION**

Christ the King Ev. 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.