

AUGUST 27, 2023 | *The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

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

The Church is meant for all people. It is only by God's grace that we come into His presence to offer true and faithful service. The gift of grace given to Israel is also the gift that God intended to give through Israel—to the entire world. That the Church is meant for all people is a display of God's mercy and a result of His living and active Word.

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 black 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 Holtz or an elder.

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.

Holy Communion: We hold to the ancient, biblical practice of "close communion," communing only confirmed members of our church or churches of our fellowship (ELS and WELS). Guests, please speak with the pastor prior to the service if you wish to commune. Thank you for your courteous respect of our beliefs and practices.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister

Rev. Roger C. Holtz

Organist

Deb Meyer

Elder on Duty

Sunday: Rod Meves;

Ushers on Duty

Dennis Barlament, Daniel Meves, Erik Van Kampen

Altar Guild

Julie Busse & Sandra VanderHeyden

The Order of Morning Service

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

God Himself Be Present | 4

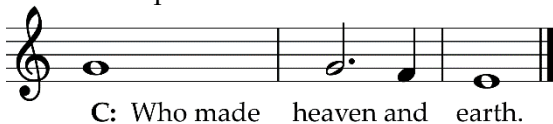
INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



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

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



M: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.



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

M: 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 your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



You may be seated.

THE INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

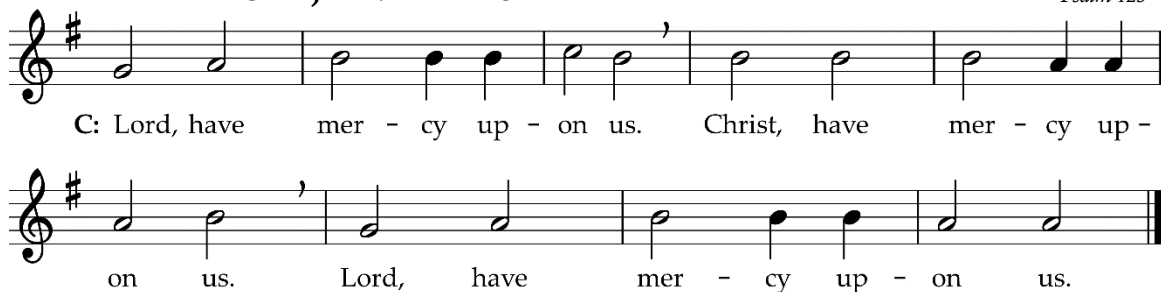
Psalm 67 (selected verses)

M: Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you. May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us; may your ways be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.



THE KYRIE—LORD, HAVE MERCY

Psalm 123



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"

Luke 2:14



C: Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,

Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the

world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the

world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the

Father, have mercy up - on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou
on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spir - it.

Please stand.

M: Let us pray: Gracious God, in Christ you bring people from near and far into the fellowship of your church. Open our eyes to your saving plan, and move us to embrace all who seek your salvation so that we may rejoice together at the banquet of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

This recently composed prayer nicely collects the thoughts of all the readings. Our eyes need to be opened to God's plan of a church meant for all the people He will bring from near and far, for more than crumbs but a banquet at the table of our God.

C: A - men.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8 *The Lord's House is a House of Prayer for All Nations.*

Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, For My salvation is about to come, And My righteousness to be revealed... ⁶" Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants—Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant— ⁷Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations." ⁸The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, "Yet I will gather to him Others besides those who are gathered to him."

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 11:13-15, 28-32 *God desires to have mercy on all.*

For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, ¹⁴if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them. ¹⁵For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?...

²⁸Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, ³¹even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. ³²For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.

GRADUAL

Hebrews 4:12

M: Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.



Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 15:21-28 *A Canaanite woman has surprising great faith in Jesus.*



HYMN

I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus | 428

Please stand for the singing of the final stanza.

SERMON – Matthew 14: 22-33

Jesus Won't Let Go of Your Hand

1. Upheld in prayer.
2. Saved from death.

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres-ence, and
take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of
Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

You may be seated.

THE OFFERING

Please stand.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & 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.

HYMN

Rise, Thou Light of Gentile Nations | 498

COLLECT OF THE WORD

M: 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 by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spir - it.

M: Let us bless the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds | 464

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 Donna Carter and Sandra VanderHeyden for serving snacks today. If you'd like to serve snacks on Sunday mornings, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL CALL MEETING – A Congregational Call Meeting is scheduled for **TODAY AT 3:30 p.m.** Pastor Otto and Pastor Kluge will monitor the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend to participate in calling a pastor.

PASTOR ROGER HOLTZ – Please make a note of Pastor Holtz's email and telephone number: rogholtz@gmail.com, cell number 920-759-7424.

OFFICE HOURS – Barb Schnese works most weeks on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR – If you have a committee or group meeting scheduled in September, please email Barb Schnese at secretary@christthekinggb.org by Wednesday, August 30, with the name of the group and start time of the meeting or place a note on her desk.

WOMEN ON A MISSION – Our committee's first meeting of the fall season is Tuesday, September 12, at 6:00 p.m. We meet 2nd Tuesday through May. We welcome new members. All women of the congregation are invited. We start the meeting with a devotion/Bible study and then discuss future activities. Come and join us!

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY (8/27)

Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship, 10:05 a.m.

Congregational Call Meeting, 3:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY (9/03)

Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship, 10:05 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.*