TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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SUNDAY MORNING

9:00 a.m.–Divine Service 10:30 a.m.–Adult Bible Study & Sunday School

TO GUESTS 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.

We welcome both children and adults, who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church to come to the altar during communion for a pastoral blessing. Please indicate the request for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.



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PRAYER CONCERNS

Susan Jay, mother of Natalie Nelson, recovering from major back surgery.
Mary Coppenger, whose sister, Patricia Wilson, has fallen asleep in Christ.
Rev. Gene Fenton, briefly hospitalized and now bedridden
Matt Townsend, recovering from a broken leg
Brian Romberg, recovering from the ill effects of a car accident
Isabella (Bella) Alonzo, and her family, as their house has been damaged by fire
Becki Spartos, diagnosed with cancer, chemotherapy has begun
Paul Spartos, recovering from a successful surgery, still battling pancreatic cancer
Glenn Henderson, who has been diagnosed with leukemia
Daniel Conrad, our missionary to Mexico.
Shut-ins: Harriet Ouimette, Diane and Joe Ronchetto,
Bill Nye, Connie Johnson, Pamela Strong, Rev. Eugene Fenton

Altar Flowers

The flowers this week are given to the glory of God by Michael and Linda Murphy in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

	SERVANTS for THIS WEEK	SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK
Crucifer	Christian Vasquez	Dominick Vasquez
Acolytes	Brooke Cleary & William Lombardo	Christian Vasquez & Emily Nowak
Altar	Ingrid Umland	Tammy Hathaway
Elders	Loren Scott	Tom Crowley
Finance	Bob Holman & Robert Arnold	Bob Holman & Robert Arnold
Flowers	Michael and Linda Murphy	Timothy & Christine Reinman
Ushers	Tim Reiman & Joe Vasquez	Bruce Stevens & Ty Bush

SUNDAY	7:50AM	Confirmation
	9:00AM	Divine Service
	10:30AM	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
TUESDAY	5:30PM	LWML Board Meeting
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM	Bible Study

See's Candies Fundraiser - Christ the King School

Support Christ the King School while enjoying some delicious See's Candies!

Order forms are available on the table in the narthex, or you can scan the QR code to place your order online.

If ordering with a paper form, please return your completed order form and fundraiser collection envelope to **Gloria in the church office**, and she will make sure they are delivered to the school.

If ordering online, simply scan the QR code and choose to have your candy shipped directly to an address of your choice or delivered to the school for pickup.

All orders are due by December 1.

Orders delivered to the school will arrive before Christmas break, just in time for holiday gifting!

Thank you for supporting Christ the King School!

Mark Your Calendars – Part Deux!
Christmas Caroling
Sunday, December 13th
Meet at CTK at 5:00 p.m.

Pizza and refreshments afterwards.

Mark your calendars please!!!!

Sunday, December 6th.

CTK Annual Wassail Christmas Party

at the home of Mike and Linda Murphy.

Bible Study Today Part II

The Greek word for comfort is παρακαλέω.

The true consolation of the heart comes from God alone. In comparison with this true comfort all other is pale, wane, or worse -- a thief. Messianic salvation is the essence of divine comfort extended to the human heart -- a comfort that goes across situations and applicable to any and every heart. Come to Bible class today as we explore how God comforts us in difficulty and be refreshed by the bounty of God's Word.



THE READINGS



Amos 5:18-24

[18] Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, [19] as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. [20] Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? [21] "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. [22] Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. [23] Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. [24] But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

[13] But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. [15] For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13

[1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8] And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10] And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11] Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' [12] But He answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13] Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.



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The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming

The Day of the Lord is *"darkness, and not light"* (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their *"burnt offerings and grain offerings,"* nor will He look upon their *"peace offerings"* (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets *"justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream"* (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the "lamps" of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the "oil" of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1–4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us *"to the dealers"* (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus we wait upon the Lord, and we *"encourage one another with these words"* (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes *"with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God,"* and *"we will always be with the Lord"* (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Why do we worship on Sunday?

Do you remember on what day Jesus rose from the dead? On what day did Jesus appear to His disciples on the road to Emmaus? If you guessed Sunday, you are right! The Early Church gathered on Sunday because it directed our attention to Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Many other miraculous events in the early Christian Church, such as Pentecost, happened on Sunday.



When did Christians begin gathering together for worship on Sundays?

We know from the Bible that during Paul's lifetime Christians met on Sunday to hear God's Word and celebrate Holy Communion (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2). Though Christians in different regions of the world sometimes worshipped on different days, by A.D. 325 most Christians worshipped on Sunday because they considered it "the Lord's Day." Wow, what a great tradition we share with our Christian ancestors!

Parents: In the Early Church, Christians used different terms for their day of worship such as "First Day" or "Eighth Day." The label "the Lord's Day" stands out as the most significant title chosen by the Church. Direct your children to the significance in having a particular day set aside for receiving God's wonderful gifts through Word and Sacrament.

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THE INTROIT Ps. 84:9-12; antiphon: Ps. 84:3



Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*
at Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King | and my God.
How lovely is Your | dwelling place,*
O | Lord of hosts!
Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of Your a- | nointed!
For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.
For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and | honor.*
No good thing does He withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.
O | Lord of hosts,*
blessed is the one who | trusts in You!
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
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*
at Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King | and my God.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THE GRADUAL Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5
These are the ones coming out of the great trbu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.
Blessed are those whose strength is | in You,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.