Twenty-Fifth 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.



HYMNS FOR TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

Processional Hymn:	Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise	680
Hymn of the Day:	The Day Is Surely Drawing Near	508
Distribution Hymns:	The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns	532
	We Give Thee But Thine Own	781
	Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You	668
	Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling	630
Recessional Hymn:	We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God	941

PRAYER CONCERNS\

David Hansen Sr., who fell and broke his leg
Jeanette Bailey, recovering from surgery
Jordanna Fitch, recovering from adenoids being removed
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
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 in celebration of Hannah's Baptism.

	SERVANTS for THIS WEEK	SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK
Crucifer	Dominick Vasquez	Samuel Lombardo
Acolytes	Christian Vasquez & Emily Nowak	Autumn Wagner & Jack Wagner
Altar	Tammy Hathaway	Mary Beth Gosnell
Elders	Tom Crowley	Dwayne Danielson
Finance	Bob Holman & Robert Arnold	Mary Coppenger & Judy Varner
Flowers	Timothy & Christine Reinman	**available for signup**
Ushers	Bruce Stevens & Ty Bush	Mike Bush & Joe Vasquez

SUNDAY	7:50AM	Confirmation
	9:00AM	Divine Service
	10:30AM	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
TUESDAY	7:00PM	Church Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM	Bible Study
FRIDAY	10:00AM	Quilting Circle
SATURDAY	8:30AM	Bible Study
	10:30AM	Elders Meeting

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.
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.
Sign up in the narthex

Please Note:
There will not be a Thanksgiving Eve Service this year.

Mark your calendars!!

Sunday, December 6th.
5:00 pm-8:00 pm
CTK Annual Wassail Christmas Party
at the home of Mike and Linda Murphy.
Sign up in the narthex.

Thank you!

Thank you so much for the cards, kind words, and encouragement following the passing of my sister, Pat. Your love and thoughtfulness have brought comfort to our hearts during this difficult time. We are grateful to be part of such a caring church family. In Christ,
Mary and Loyd Coppenger

Soup Supper
Advent Soup Suppers.
Dec 2, 9, 16 at 6:00 pm.
7:00 worship service
Sign-up in the narthex.



THE READINGS



Zephaniah 1:7-16

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared
a sacrifice and consecrated His guests. 8 And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice-- "I will
punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. 9 On that
day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud. 10 "On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the
Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. 11 Wail, O inhabitants of
the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. 12 At that time I
will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who
say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will He do ill.' 13 Their goods shall be
plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." 14 The great day of the
LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty
man cries aloud there. 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin
and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of
trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

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1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything
written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a
thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden
destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will
not escape. 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For
you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So
then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep,
sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let
us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of
salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord
Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30

14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to
them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each
according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at
once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two
talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the
ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came
and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward,
bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made
five talents more.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have
been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And he
also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents;
here I have made two talents more.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful
servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your
master.' 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you
to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25
so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26
But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I
have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my
money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with
interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to
everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who
has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer
darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others

The Day of the Lord is *"near and hastening fast,"* and it will be *"a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation"* (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish *"the men who are complacent"* concerning His Word, *"who fill their master's house with violence and fraud"* (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: *"Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them"* (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are *"good and faithful"* stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and *"the master of those servants"* settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, *"God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also *"put on the breastplate of faith and love"* in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is a "steward"?

A steward is someone who has been put in charge of something. For example, if you are a babysitter, you are a steward for the parents of the child you are watching. We have been entrusted as stewards, or keepers, of God's creation. That means that He has given us everything we have, and out of love for Him, we use all things for His will. This includes giving of our time, talents, money and all that we have in service to Him.

Why do Christians give?

Like everyone else, we belong to God because He created us and sustains us. As Christians we belong to His kingdom of salvation through our Baptism. God's love motivates us to give of what we have. We don't give because we owe God for all He has done for us in Jesus. Instead, we give because of the powerful Gospel that is working within us! Wow! God really strengthens us for wonderful service!

Parents: Before or after the service, discuss stewardship with your children. Remind them why we give. Help them to discover how they might give of what they have. Encourage them to set aside a certain portion of their own money each week to give. They will experience the joy of giving first-hand.

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THE INTROIT Ps. 143:2, 5-6, 10-11; antiphon: Ps. 143:1



Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!
Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*
for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.
I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done;*
I ponder the work | of your hands.
I stretch out my | hands to you;*
my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.
Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!*
Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!
For your name's sake, O Lord, pre | serve my life!*
In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!
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
Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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 tribe- | 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.