Christ the King Lutheran Church

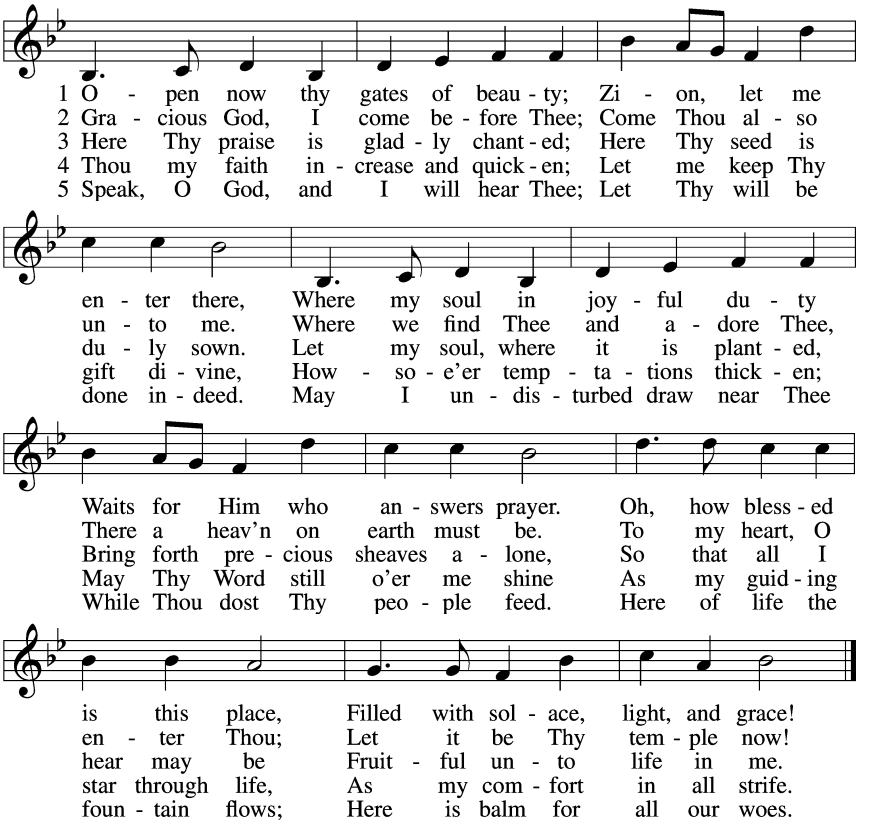
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 12, 2026

Divine Service Setting 4, p. 203 ~ Pastor Rob Morris

Welcome & Prelude *Our Father in Heaven* ~ Buxtehude (9:30)

Hymn of Invocation **901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

Psalm 100:4, 118:19-26; Isaiah 26:2-4; 2 Corinthians 6:16



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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross ✢ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Sit
Silence for reflection on the commands in God's Word and for self-examination.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

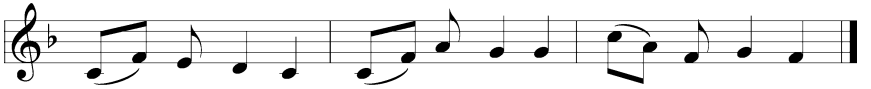
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Kyrie

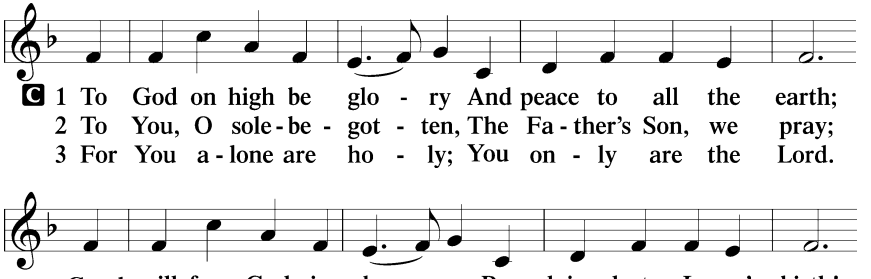
Mark 10:47; LSB p. 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.

Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;

We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,

Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **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 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 God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 55:10–13*

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 55.

10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
12 "For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 65:9–13

A We say together the Psalm reading for today:

C

[9]You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide their grain,
for so you have prepared it.
[10]You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.
[11]You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.
[12]The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
[13]the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle

Romans 8:12–17

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 8.

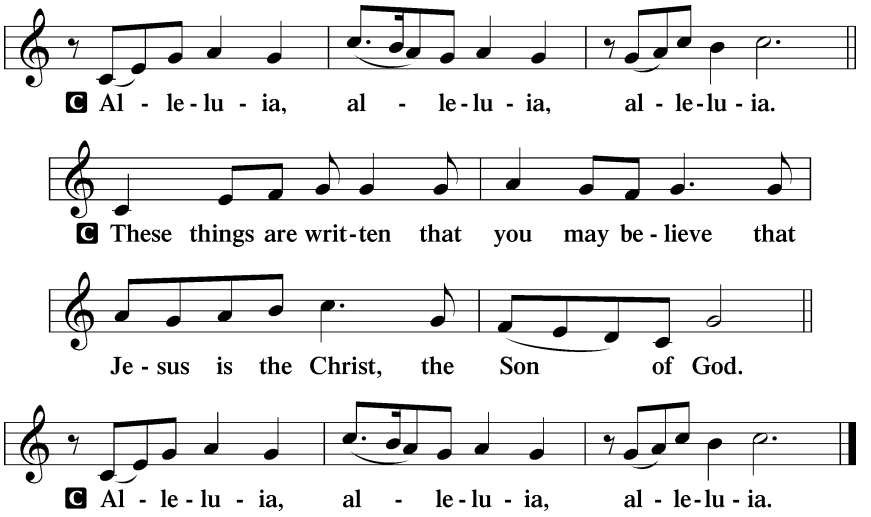
[12]So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. [13]For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. [14]For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. [15]For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" [16]The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17]and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1]That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.
[2]And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat
down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. [3]And he told them many
things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. [4]And as he sowed,
some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.
[5]Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil,
and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, [6]but
when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they
withered away. [7]Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up
and choked them. [8]Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain,
some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. [9]He who has ears, let him
hear. . . .

[18]"Hear then the parable of the sower: [19]When anyone hears the word
of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and
snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown
along the path. [20]As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one
who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, [21]yet he has no
root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or
persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.
[22]As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the
word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the

word, and it proves unfruitful. [23]As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

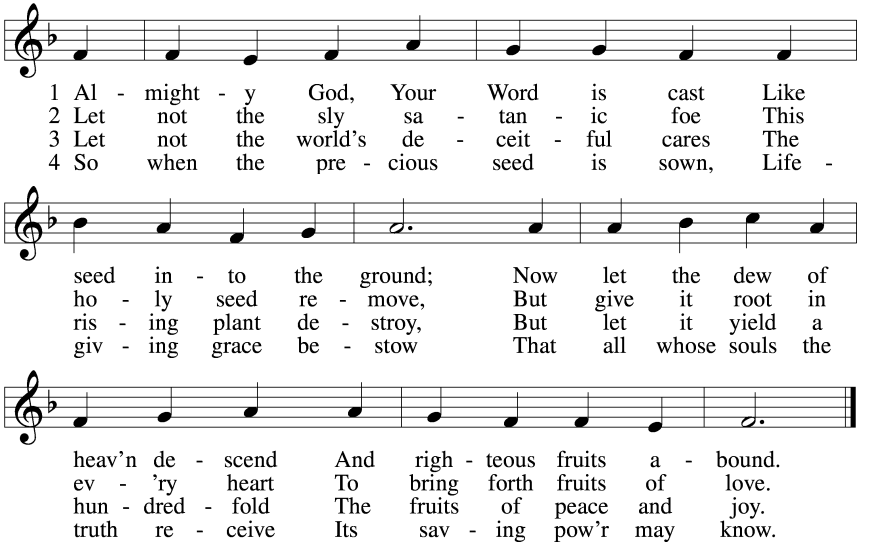
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Conversation with the Children

Hymn of the Day — 577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

Matthew 13:3-9; 18-24; Mark 4:3-9; 13-20; Romans 1:16



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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

Following the prayers, people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; LSB p. 208

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

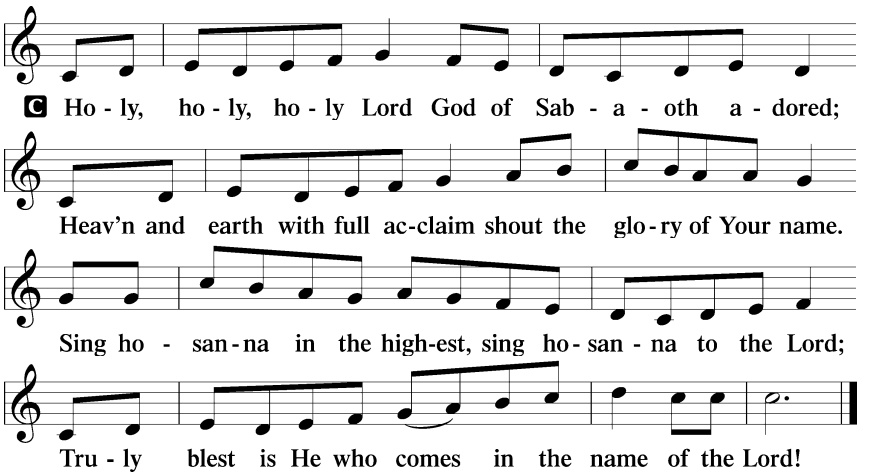
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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 Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ☩ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ☩ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

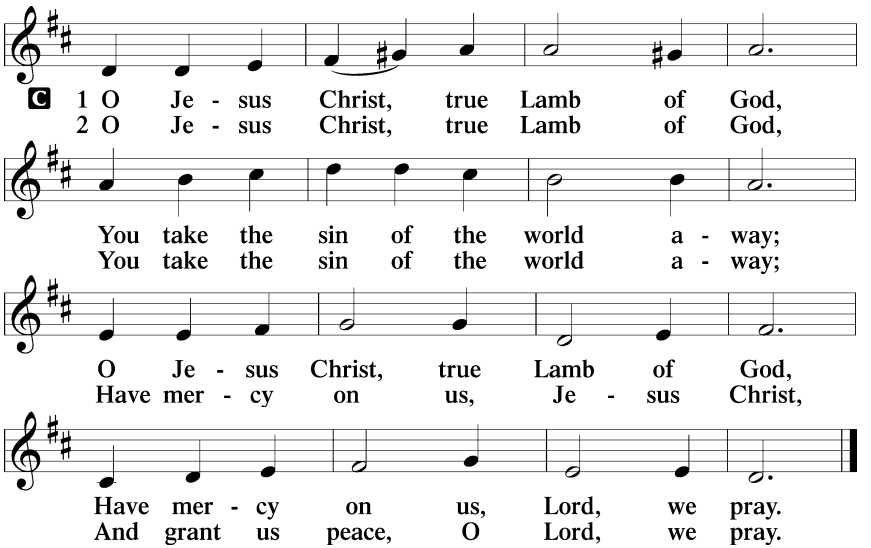
Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

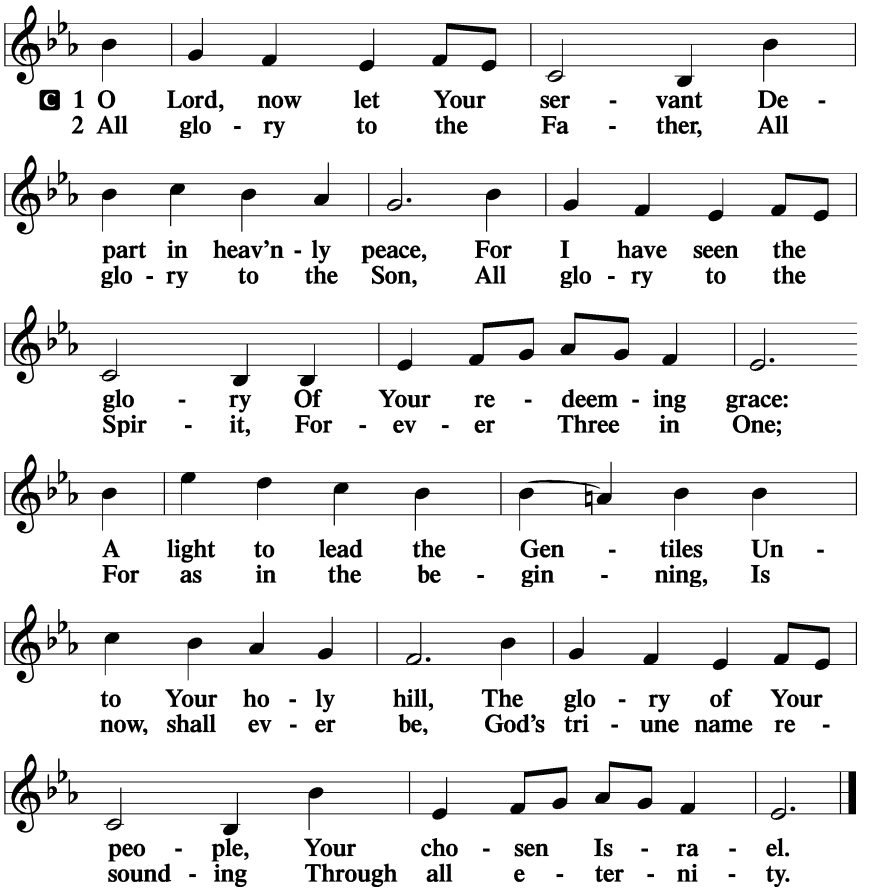
Distribution Instructions

**Gluten-free hosts are available in the small bowl; and alcohol-free wine in individual cups in the center of the tray. Please indicate to server if you need one of these.*

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32; LSB p. 211



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

C **We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

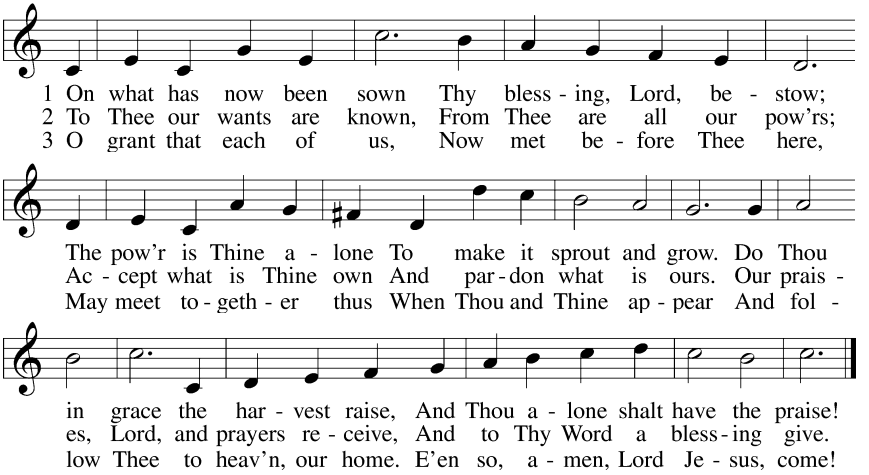
Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Hymn to Depart — 921 On What Has Now Been Sown

Mark 4:26-29; 1 Corinthians 3:6-7;
Philippians 1:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24



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Postlude

Prelude on St. Flavian ~ H. Willan (9:30)

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us perfectly to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that following His steps, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Welcome Card

A special welcome to today's guests & visitors. If you'd like us to follow-up with you, simply indicate this on the attendance insert.

Members, the insert helps keep church records & the directory current. Please fill in your name, communion attendance, & any info changes.

Kindly leave it in the offering plate on your way out. Thank you.

Weekly Newsletter and Prayer Emails

Thank you for being a community that prays for one another.
To stay up to date with our newsletter and prayer announcements, please provide a current email address.

- To request prayer or update us, email: ctknewtown@protonmail.com
- For urgent needs/pastoral care, please contact the church office.

An Invitation

Members are invited to participate in worship as volunteers:

- For consideration as an usher, reader, altar prep, or fellowship hour host, or for choir information, please email the church office.

All are invited to participate in various church events & activities:

- Altar flower sponsorship: see the calendar on the narthex wall for details & available openings.
- Activities & event attendance: sign up as indicated. Details announced at services, via email, or online at www.ctklutherannewtown.org.

MARTIN LUTHER ON PSALM 65

This is a remarkable Psalm of thanksgiving…

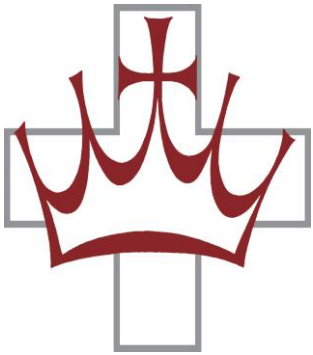
The Psalmist gives thanks to God that He preserves peace; (in which one thing are contained all the treasures of good;) that He gives rain from heaven and fruitful seasons; and that He crowns the year with His goodness: that is, that during the revolution of the year, He accomplishes and performs, as it were, a certain round of divine blessing and goodness. For, in the spring, there first appear the blossoms; and then, shortly after, the strawberries and cherries; and then, ere long, plums, apples, and berries of various juice and virtue; (to say nothing about the perpetual verdure of the herbs which flourishes all the while, and is continually revived with fresh supplies of dew).

To these we are to add, the infinite variety of herbs and odours. And then, at the time of harvest, our barns are filled with wheat, rye, barley, and corn, and grain of every kind. In the autumn, our presses overflow with wine of an infinite variety of taste and fragrance, and our vats are filled to the brim. Thus the Lord fills the whole revolution of the year, and every part of it, with his overflowing and infinite goodness: and indeed every single fruit is, as it were, a fund, and a world of the goodness of God.

But how few are there, in general, who think about these numberless and valuable blessings, and render thanks unto God for them? Alas! we have innumerable examples of the impious manner in which the noble, the powerful, and the rich, have abused the saving doctrine of faith and Christian liberty, and also that peace which God has hitherto miraculously preserved to us: we have numberless examples, I say, of the manner in which they have abused these great blessings, to their own lusts, as Sodom and Gomorrah did: but they shall be visited with Sodom and Gomorrah's judgment.

You see, therefore, that those in the kingdom of David, and among the people of Israel who composed these Psalms, were excellent and great men. For these are spiritual and truly divine poems. No poems ever equalled these. No poets, not even Homer himself, ever equalled these poets, who thus speak of God, his works, and his creatures. These Psalms contain the greatest and most weighty things, in a marvelous brevity of expression!

A Manual on the Book of Psalms
By Martin Luther
Translated by Henry Cole



And He has a name written on His robe and on His thigh:
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.
Revelation 19:16

Today's Volunteers & Worship Staff

July 12, 2026	
Reader:	Michael Natal
Communion Assistants:	Jim Wallace, Bud Williams
Acolyte/Crucifer:	Orion Lowery, Sam Wolfard
Chancel:	Kirsten Balancia
Communion Preparation:	Rachel Williams
Coffee Hour Hosts:	Liz Lopez & TBA
Organist/Director of Music:	Bev Thompson
Organist (4 pm):	Elijah Morris
Guitar:	Peter Obre

Today's Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God, with praise to our Lord, by Michelle Casson in celebration of the birthday of her daughter, Faith.

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