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**Please stand as you are able.*

GATHERING

"Stir In Me," by T. Proctor

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*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.*

Amen.

*Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.
Merciful God,*

we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

*God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Receive the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

*OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In," ELW #532

Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away— here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

*GREETING

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

And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.

All: ... Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

PSALM

Psalm 119:129-136 (*read responsively*)

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love you name.

Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.

Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “I Will Sing, I Will Sing,” by Max Dyer

Allelu, alleluia, Glory to the Lord. Allelu, alleluia, Glory to the Lord.

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*GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

CHILDREN & YOUTH TIME

Pastor Chris

SERMON

Pastor Chris

*HYMN OF THE DAY "Seek Ye First," WOV #783

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things will be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto yo; seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth og God. Allelu, alleluia.

*APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

Leader: . . . Hear us, O God.,

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

"There is a Longing in Our Hearts," by A. Quigley

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*OFFERTORY “Asante Sana, Yesu (trad. African),” *M. Burrows*

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*OFFERING PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION “Lamb of God,” *Chicago Folk*

Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, give us your peace.

“Be Thou My Vision,” *ELW #793*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. Amen.

*SENDING "Every Time I Feel the Spirit," ACS #942

Refrain

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

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Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke. *Refrain*

All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain*

Jordan river, chilly and cold, chills the body but not the soul. *Refrain*

*SENDING OUT

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Heaven," by Garza

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***Thank you for worshiping with us today!
Please join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.***

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CTK PRAYER CONCERNS:

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING:

For everyone who joins in our worship from afar.

For all individuals supporting CTK with their gifts.

Gratitude for everyone sharing Flat Jesus this summer as we remember he is with us always.

For protection and mercy upon all who travel, out of necessity or for pleasure.

Gratitude for all CTK members filling in during Pastor Rebecca's quarantine period.

THOSE GRIEVING:

For the friends and family of Terry Sloan. (nephew of Phil & Betsy Danielson)

THOSE EXPERIENCING CANCER:

For Lee Boyce, daughter-in-law of the late Rev. Bruce Boyce, recently diagnosed with cancer.

For Barb, (Jan Hamstead's friend) starting chemo.

Wendy Ness, treatment for Lymphoma, and brother, Paul Wagener, treatment for stage 3 melanoma.

Gary Kloos (friend of Julie Ramer) multiple tumors, aggressive cancer.

Harvey Schindler (family member of Sharon Scott), cancer.

Oliver, 12-year-old nephew of Julie (friend of Elida Olson), recently diagnosed with leukemia.

Robert Crane (nephew of Sandy Serier) receiving treatment.

Mark Peterson (son of Alvina Peterson), finished chemo and continues to fight to get his immunity back.

OTHER HEALTH ISSUES:

For Sharon Scott's sister, Shirley Jones, recovering from surgery.

For Corrine Erlandson's sister Janice, for peace and pain relief.

For all who are undergoing medical procedures.

Camden Astrup (great nephew of Beth & Scott Tradup) receiving the treatment he needs.

Elaine (Lori Will's mother).

For Fletcher and Courtney McKinney, improvement in health.

GLOBAL CONCERNS:

For all impacted by weather related challenges: extreme heat, drought, flooding, and bad air quality.

For all victims of gun violence. For all who seek to prevent such violence and all who must respond to it.

For our partner congregation in Masisiwe, Tanzania as they seek their new pastor. That their plans and projects bear fruit for the glory of God.

MILITARY CONCERNS:

Elida's grandson, LCpl Marine Wyatt Reeves who has been transferred to the Philippines on special secure assignment.

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Intergenerational Summer Fun Continues THIS WEDNESDAY at CTK

Mark your calendar:

We'll meet for a meal and activities in Fellowship Hall on the following dates:

August 2 & 16.

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Eat dinner together. CTK provides the main. Potluck for sides and dessert. Sign up on the Kiosk in the Narthex.

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Build community with people of all ages. We'll learn, play and enjoy fellowship together. Come to one or all of them! All ages are needed.

Where is
FLAT JESUS

Please email your pictures to Pastor Rebecca or the church office so we can share them with you.

God's Work, Our Hands

This September our worship and activities will have the theme of "God's Work, Our Hands." We'll focus on celebrating the new year, exploring opportunities for serving at church, and participate in a service activity to show our love for our neighbors.



You are invited to purchase a gold "God's Work, Our Hands" T-shirt with Christ the King Lutheran Church on the back to wear in September. Shirts come in sizes youth small through 3XL and cost \$10 each. Sign up for your shirt on the kiosk in the narthex. Payment can be dropped in the offering plate or brought to the church office with "GWOH Shirt" in the check memo or on an envelope.

Sign up by Sunday August 7 so our shirts are ready for September!

For pastoral care or other needs please contact the Pastor or the church office at 651-429-4828.

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