

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 18 AND 19, 2026

Today's Scripture readings have a common theme: hope. God tells us through the prophet Isaiah to hope in Him. Paul tells the church in Rome that our hope is not in this life, but in the life to come. Jesus directs our hope to the day "the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." Welcome to Christ The King Lutheran Church.

...Pastor Jason Cashmer

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THE BELLS

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPENING PRAYER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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Praise Band

THE OPENING HYMN

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Christ is my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand.
When everything around me is shaken, I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus, He's never let me down.
He's faithful through generations, so why would He fail now?
He won't, He won't.

I've still got joy in chaos; I've got peace that makes no sense.
I won't be going under, I'm not held by my own strength.
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus; He's never let me down.
He's faithful in every season, so why would He fail now?
He won't, He won't; He won't fail, He won't fail.

Rain came, wind blew, my house was built on You.
I'm safe with You, I'm gonna make it through.
Rain came, wind blew, my house was built on You.
I'm safe with You, I'm gonna make it through.
I'm gonna make it through.

Christ is my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand.
When everything around me is shaken, I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus, He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations, so, why would He fail now?
He won't, He won't. No, He won't.

THE INVOCATION

P: *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

P: *Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto 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.*

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: *I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.*

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

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

THE ABSOLUTION

THE SONG RESPONSE

Near the Cross

Brown Hymnal #254

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

Chorus: *In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
'Til my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. *Chorus*

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
'Til I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. *Chorus*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 44:6-8

Romans 8:18-27

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND FIRST FRUIT GIVING

The Musical Offering

There Was Jesus

Praise Band

THE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR *All Services*

Words of Institution

Distribution Hymns

All Services

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Brown Hymnal #98

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain*
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

The Lamb

LSB #547

1. The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes, God will provide the Lamb of price!

*Chorus: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*

2. The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heaven His praise to sing. *Chorus*
3. The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill. *Chorus*
4. He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. *Chorus*
5. He rose, He rose, my heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Chorus*

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SERMON HYMN

O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

I cast my mind to Calvary where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet, my Savior on that cursed tree.
His body bound and drenched in tears, they laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone; Messiah still and all alone.

*Chorus: O praise the name of the Lord our God, O praise His name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing Your praise, oh Lord, oh Lord our God.*

Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King. *Chorus*

He shall return in robes of white. The blazing sun shall pierce the night,
And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face. *Chorus twice*

Ending: Oh Lord, oh Lord our God, oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

THE SERMON

Pastor Jason Cashmer

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING SONG

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us, how high the mountain I could not climb!
In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving kindness tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished the end is written -- Jesus Christ, my Living Hope!

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever -- Jesus Christ, my Living Hope!

*Chorus: Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain there's salvation in Your Name,
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope!*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise; Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.
Then came the morning that sealed the promise; Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence the roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory!
Chorus, ending with: *Jesus Christ, my Living Hope! O God, You are my Living Hope!*

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| Adult Bible Classes | | |
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| Saturday 6:00 p.m. | Fellowship Bible Study | West Gallery |
| Sunday 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Bible Study | Gym |

ATTENDANCE REGISTER – Members and visitors, please be sure to sign the attendance clipboard at the end of your pew and pass it down. Also, don't forget to sign in your children, even if they're in the nursery. Circle your name if you are taking Holy Communion. When the last person signs the book, please pass it back.

Next Weekend at CTK**July 25 and 26, 2026**

Preaching:

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Music:

Pastor John Straub

Pastor Dan Meckes

Praise Band

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

⁸ Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of

heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.

²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also.

²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,

³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will

send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.