



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020

ONLINE WORSHIP — 9:30AM

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/RITE OF CONFIRMATION

EVENING PRAYER — 5:15PM

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GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PASTOR: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

ALL: Amen.

PASTOR: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,

ALL: have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PASTOR: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

ALL: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* ELW 504

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PASTOR: Let us pray together.

ALL: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28

GOSPEL John 8:31-36

SERMON



That Priceless Grace



1 That price-less grace, that price-less grace, that price-less
2 That price-less blood, that price-less blood, that price-less
3 That pain-ful death, that pain-ful death, that pain-ful
4 That pre-cious word, that pre-cious word, that pre-cious



grace, which gave me life: Je - sus' life is price-less grace.
blood was shed for me: Je - sus' blood is price-less grace.
death took sins a - way: Je - sus' death is price-less grace.
word, which brought me light: Je - sus' word is price-less grace.



That price - less grace is life for me.

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM — RITE OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION

PASTOR: Friends and family, today 8 of our young people have chosen to affirm their faith publicly as the close of our confirmation process and the next step on a life-long journey of faith. Our confirmation experience has had twists and turns, especially this year. This celebration was originally intended to take place in the Spring, but in light of the COVID reality we extended our time together in new ways and have come to this gathering – which in and of itself is a new way - to witness your affirmation of faith and celebrate with you. We give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these young people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Gretchen has been a part of our Confirmation experience for a while and we've asked her to be a part of this special day. Gretchen, who do you present to make public affirmation of their faith?

GRETCHEN: I present Peter, Dylan, Kyle, Harold Thomas, Matthew, Rebecca, Nicholas and Kyle, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

PASTOR: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

ALL: Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PASTOR: Confirmands, I now ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

CONFIRMANDS: *I renounce them.*

PASTOR: Now, I ask you:

Do you believe in God the Father?

CONFIRMANDS: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

CONFIRMANDS: *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.*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

CONFIRMANDS: *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.*

AFFIRMATION

PASTOR: You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so, respond individually, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

CONFIRMANDS: *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

PASTOR: People of God, from wherever you are, do you promise to support these siblings in Christ and pray for them in their life in Christ?

ALL: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

PASTOR: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Laying on of hands and blessing for each confirmand.

PASTOR: Stir up in Peter, Dylan, Kyle, Harold Thomas, Matthew, Rebecca, Nicholas and Kyle the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

PASTOR: Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

ALL: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AND GIFTS

OFFERING *I Dream of a Church*

You are invited to give your tithes and offerings via our website at:
ctknshua.org/give or by sending a check in the mail to:
Christ the King Lutheran Church, 3 Lutheran Drive, Nashua NH 03063.

THANK YOU for your faithfulness.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition will end with: "Lord, in your mercy,"
*You are invited to respond: "**hear our prayer.**"*

READER: Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

PASTOR: Mothering God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

ALL: Amen.

Let us go on our way with singing.

SENDING HYMN *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* ELW 779

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

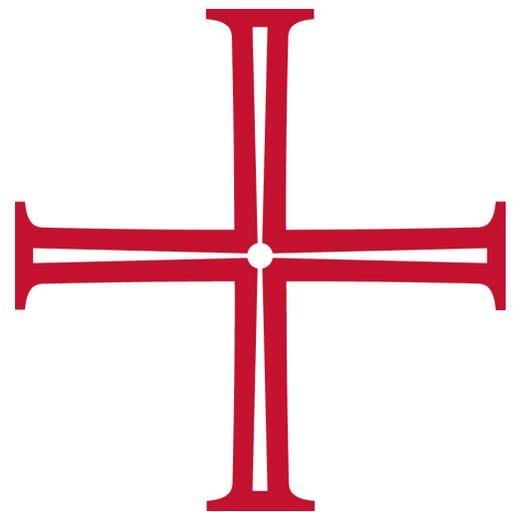
now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

DISMISSAL

PASTOR: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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