

Stronger Together

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SERMON SERIES: PRACTICING FAITH

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If Lutherans had to pick one key Bible verse, it'd probably be Paul's writing in Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

Martin Luther's central contribution to the Christian faith was his insistence with Paul that salvation comes only through God's grace, not through our work.

We're never going to do enough to save ourselves; **salvation is always a gift of grace from God.**

And yet, the Bible insists that faith always leads to action. (*see James 2—a passage Luther famously hated!*) If our faith is genuine, it will affect the way we live. Good works are not a litmus test of whether someone is a Christian or not, but they are a natural, inevitable result of faith. As a gift from God, our faith might get us to heaven, but God intends more than that. God calls us to do something in this world too. God cares about how we live! As Luther also once wrote, **"God doesn't need your good works, but your neighbor does."**

Allowing faith to make a difference takes practice. Faith is a gift from God, but it doesn't do much earthly good unless we unwrap the gift and daily put it into use and practice. And of course, God is still involved in that too. The Holy Spirit is always nudging, encouraging, and empowering us to use our faith. It's a little bit like a coach pushing us on to keep practicing.

This fall, I hope you'll join us for a five-week worship series on **Practicing Faith**. Beginning with our joint service on September 10, we'll look each week at one of the promises in the baptismal covenant, the promises we affirm at confirmation and when new members join our congregation:

- **Live** among God's faithful people
- **Hear** the word of God and sharing in the Lord's supper
- **Proclaim** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- **Serve** all people following the example of Jesus
- **Strive** for justice and peace in all the earth.

Together, these commitments in the baptismal covenant are a framework for us to live out our faith, open ourselves more and more to God's work, and make a difference in the world around us. See you in church!

In Christ,
Pastor Daniel



Outreach for Hope

Outreach for Hope supports life-giving ministries that serve with the people of low income communities in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA. These ministries provide help with daily necessities, and most importantly, they are centers in the heart of their communities for providing transformation and hope.

Our 16th annual Family Ride Run Walk fundraiser is coming up on Saturday, September 30. Join us for a fun morning with biking, walking or running, followed by a picnic lunch and fellowship. Together, we hope to raise \$160K for grants to Ministry Partners in our synod!

Ozaukee County's site is Grace Lutheran Church, 715 6th Avenue in Grafton. Visit OutreachForHope.org to sign up to walk, run, bike, or just come for fellowship & lunch. CTK will also be providing a refreshment station. See Paul Hoffmann to volunteer.



As a new school year begins, we are excited to kick off a new year of programming at Lighthouse! Summer's highlight was Hunger Quest. Three service projects

focused on tackling hunger both locally and globally through a Milwaukee community garden, serving around 100 people at Saukville's community meal, and packing meals at Feed My Starving Children to feed 39 kids in a different country for a year. Through videos, discussions, games, and worship we learned more about



how we as Christians are called to respond to hunger and poverty. We even got a taste of what it's like to be hungry by fasting for 24 hours, then ended with fun at Six Flags!

We are so grateful for all your prayers and financial support for this trip and all our events. Looking back over the last year, it's wonderful to see so many students having fun, serving their neighbors, and growing in faith. This year, 36 different students attended at least one Lighthouse event, and we're always welcoming more! We've got lots of exciting things planned, so if you have kids or grandkids in grades 5-12, encourage them to check us out and don't hesitate to contact me or Christ the King's Lighthouse board members, Becki Hill and Deb Bruns.

-Christin Flucke, Lighthouse Program Director

Sunday, September 10



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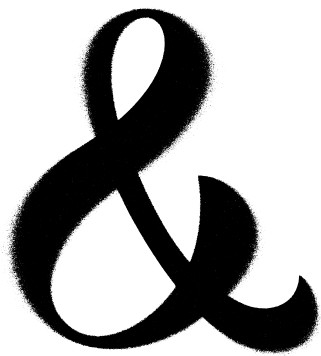


- **one subject notebooks (college or wide ruled)**
- **24 pack of crayons**
- **pencil sharpeners**
- **black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)**
- **2 1/2" erasers**

God's Work Our Hands Sunday

On September 10, we'll have a **joint worship service** at **10:00 am at Living Hope** which will include presentation of Bibles to children, backpack tags for anyone going to school, and the fall launch of Stone Soup. Then after worship, we'll join together in our God's Work, Our Hands service project of assembling 100 school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Please bring in any donations for the school supply kits by September 5. There is a collection basket in the Fireside Room. Items needed include the following items below. Note that we do not need pencils, scissors, rulers, or backpacks, those items are already covered. Based on what has been collected so far, the most needed items are notebooks and crayons. A full list is on the left.



Stone Soup Kickoff

On Sunday, September 10, we will also be celebrating the restart of Stone Soup with a special reading of the Stone Soup story during service. We will also be sharing a cup of homemade soup after service for fellowship. Our Stone Soup mission will start up again on Saturday, September 16th and will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 9am until approximately Noon.



Soup is shared with local food pantries, homebound, and people in need. All are welcome to join us in this effort to share God's love with our community! Please check the [Google Events Calendar](https://www.google.com/calendar) at ctkport.org/events-calendar/ for any changes in the schedule due to holidays.

Trunk or Treat

Come be part of our fun Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 28 from 4pm to 7pm. We are looking for as many folks as possible to decorate a car and park in the CTK parking lot to hand out candy to all the costumed trick or treaters.



Worried you aren't creative enough to decorate a trunk? It's as easy as grabbing a few Fall/Halloween decorations and putting them in your trunk. Feeling a little more adventurous? Scan the QR code with your camera app for some thrifty themed ideas.



This is a great opportunity to reach out to our broader Port Washington community!



Oktoberfest Polka Service

Grab your dancing shoes and your accordion 'cause polka time is right around the corner! Join us Saturday, October 14 at 4pm for our annual Polka Worship Service followed by an Oktoberfest meal (free-will offering). All are invited to come enjoy this unique worship service and delicious meal including brats, kraut, and German potato salad. Hope to see you there!

How do Polka musicians improvise? They adjust accordianly.



Christ the King's 60th Anniversary

Mark your calendar for our congregation's 60th anniversary! On November 19, 2023, Bishop Paul Erickson from our Greater Milwaukee Synod will be here to lead worship as we celebrate six decades of faithfully worshipping and serving in Jesus' name here in Port Washington.

This anniversary provides a great opportunity to share memories and stories as we explore scrapbooks and pictures from our past. And as we celebrate God's faithfulness in the past, we also look forward with hope towards the future and CTK's next 60 years. One element of our celebration will be a campaign to reduce our mortgage debt. Watch for more details about the celebration and how you can be involved.

And of course, continue to pray for our congregation's members and ministries!



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"Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously. And because all things have contributed to your advancement, you should include all things in your gratitude."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

It takes a lot of people working together for our church to do the ministry we do.

THANK YOU for all the ways you've been a part of what God is doing through our work together. Your gifts of time, treasure, and talents make our ministry possible.

Thanks to your generosity this year, we have been trending ahead of our budgeted giving, which has allowed us to replace two furnaces and the sidewalk to the parking lot while maintaining a healthy level of reserve funding for future needs. In addition, the rummage sale was a great success, raising over \$7,000 this summer. As we move into the fall, watch for information about our upcoming 60 for 60 campaign to reduce our mortgage debt in celebration of our 60th anniversary.

Again, thank you for your commitment to our congregation's ministry. Your presence, your volunteering, and your giving matter. You make a difference in this community!

Financial Summary

2023 Budgeted Receipts (through July): \$67,550

2023 Actual Receipts (through July): \$94,344

2023 Budgeted Expenses (through July): \$80,330

2023 Actual Expenses (through July): \$86,521

Checking Account Balance (July 31): \$46,476

"What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?"

—Paul in

1 Corinthians 4:7b



Support for Maui

On Sunday, August 27 Christ the King held a special fellowship hour with a free will offering to help those in Maui who suffered so much from the wildfires this summer. Working together, we raised over \$900 to give to Lutheran Disaster Response!



Choirs Resume

Our Choir and Bell Choir are resuming practices beginning September 11. Choir meets at 6:30pm and Bell Choir meets at 7:30pm. Thereafter we will continue to meet every Monday. If you are interested in joining either Choir, please reach out to the church office. Thanks for sharing your musical gifts!

CTK Fall Picnic

Worship outdoors in God's creation! On Sunday, September 17, join us for an outdoor worship service right here at Christ the King, and stay for a picnic brunch after the service.

Bring a chair and invite a friend!

Scam Warning 🙄🙄

Local churches have recently been targeted by a scam where someone texts or emails members of a congregation falsely claiming to be the pastor. Often, the scammer will claim to be visiting someone in the hospital and request that you purchase a gift card for them and respond with the number. Pastor Daniel will never make such a request of members. If you receive such a request, please contact Pastor Daniel or the church office.



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Serve in Worship

Worship is not a spectator sport, but something we all do together. Each Sunday's service involves many roles, including setting up communion/altar care, preparing for coffee & fellowship hour, helping to serve communion, reading the scriptures, working in the tech booth, and greeting attendees as they enter the sanctuary. How might God be calling you to serve? Contact the church office to get involved.

Sidewalk Repairs Coming

This fall, a contractor will be replacing the sidewalk from the parking lot to the church entrance. Please use the streetside entrance during the project.



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WE ARE SOCIAL

We want to help you stay connected to the many good things happening here at CTK. One way is our weekly updates email - please let the office know if you are interested in receiving it.

We are also active on Facebook and Instagram (@pwslutherans).

Miss a week of worship? Tune in to sermons via our podcast or stream the whole service on YouTube.



SCAN ME



Visit the church website at ctkport.org for links or scan the QR code here to get all the links!