

Christ the Saviour Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Krakow

PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 8th, 2025



Welcome to Christ the Saviour Evangelical Presbyterian Congregation in Krakow!

We desire to be a vibrant Protestant church in Krakow that will serve Jesus Christ, each other, and the people of the city. We endeavor to be a church that fits the culture of Krakow today, a church that reaches out to both local Poles and to people from all backgrounds.

Also we are a congregation that is biblical, culturally relevant, and desires to worship God in a reverent manner. We are a church founded on grace that strives to be a loving community. As a church we practice discipleship, evangelism, and missions.

Please make sure to take a simultaneous translation device in the lobby. If you have any issues with the device during the service, please feel free to come up to the station where you received it. We kindly advise you to bring your own wire headphones to church.

Sunday, June 8th, 2025

PRELUDE

All stand.

In response to God's call to worship, we praise him with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

THE GREETING

God gets the first word in worship as he calls people into His presence.

CELEBRANT

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CONFESSION

When God's people see God's glory it is right for us to name our sins, both corporately and individually.

Call to confession of sins

CELEBRANT

Humbling ourselves before God's majesty, let us profess our sins to Him and our brethren.

Examination of conscience in silence.

Prayer of confession

CONGREGATION

O Lord, you have mercy upon all—take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake. Amen. (Ambrose)

Assurance of pardon

CELEBRANT

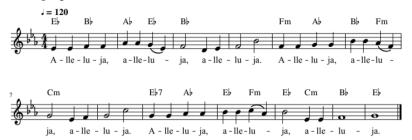
To those who repent sincerely, based on God's promises I proclaim:

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!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God (Romans 8:15-17; ESV).

All those who do not repent sincerely, I remind them that their their sins are still on them until they repent and sincerely confess their sins.

GLORIA

God's Word meets our repentance with a gospel promise and assures God's people that we are forgiven. God's people respond to the gospel promise with thoughtful praise and resounding hope.



RESPONSIVE READING

Ps 104 (ESV)

CELEBRANT

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty.

CONGREGATION

He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind.

CELEBRANT

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.

CONGREGATION

Who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

CELEBRANT

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

CONGREGATION

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

CELEBRANT

Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Bible read publicly to God's people is the Word of the Lord.

Old Testament

Reading from the Book of Ezekiel (1:1-4; ESV)

LECTOR

¹ In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the Chebar canal, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. ² On the fifth day of the month (it was the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin), ³ the word of the Lord came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the Chebar canal, and the hand of the Lord was upon him there. ⁴ As I looked, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, and a great cloud, with brightness around it, and fire flashing forth continually, and in the midst of the fire, as it were gleaming metal.

LECTOR

This is the word of God.

CONGREGATION

Thanks be to God.

New Testament

A reading from the Book of Acts (2:1-13, 37-41; ESV)

LECTOR

- ¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.
- ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- ⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were

amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

[...] ³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

LECTOR

This is the word of God.

CONGREGATION

Thanks be to God.

During the sermon, children up to 6 years old may go to the children's room for activities.

SERMON

The sermon is a time when God enters our lives through His Word. It is a moment when, in silence, we can listen to what God has to say.

Today's sermon will be delivered by Rev. Aleksander Nezamutdinov.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

We use ancient statements of faith to remind us about the truths that we believe.

CELEBRANT

Together with the Church in the West, let us profess our faith with the words of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed.

All stand.

CONGREGATION

We believe in one God,* the Father, the Almighty,* maker of heaven and earth,* and of all that is seen and unseen.* We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ* the only Son of God,* eternally begotten of the Father,* God from God,* Light from Light,* true God from true God,* begotten, not made,* of one Being with the Father.* Through him all things were made.* For us and for our salvation* he came down from heaven:* was incarnate from the Holy

Spirit and the Virgin Mary,* and was made man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;* he suffered death and was buried.* On the third day he rose again * in accordance with the Scriptures;* he ascended into heaven* and is seated at the right hand of the Father.* He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,* and his kingdom will have no end.* We believe in the Holy Spirit,* the Lord, the giver of life,* who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified,* he has spoken through the Prophets.* We believe in one holy catholic (universal) and apostolic Church.* We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.* We look for the resurrection of the dead,* and the life of the world to come.* Amen.

HYMN

God's people respond to God's Word with fear, love, and trust, seeking to follow him.

"Grace greater than our sin" *Julia H. Johnston (1910)*

All sit.

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS INTO THE CHURCH

CELEBRANT

Let the candidates for the membership in our congregation step forward.

Candidates come forward. Celebrant turns to the candidates and asks:

CELEBRANT

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy? If this is so, answer: *Yes, I do.*

CANDIDATE

Yes, I do.

CELEBRANT

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Saviour of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel? If this is so, answer: *Yes, I do*.

CANDIDATE

Yes, I do.

CELEBRANT

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavour to live as becomes the followers of Christ? If this is so, answer: Yes, I do.

CANDIDATE

Yes, I do.

CELEBRANT

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability? If this is so, answer: Yes, I do.

CANDIDATE

Yes, I do.

CELEBRANT

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace? If this is so, answer: *Yes*, *I do*.

CANDIDATE

Yes, I do.

PRAYER

The celebrant says the prayer aloud.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Through one voice, God's people intercede for one another and for God's Kingdom.

CELEBRANT

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray...

CONGREGATION

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.* Lead us not into temptation* but deliver us from evil.* For the kingdom, the power,* and the glory are yours* now and for ever.* Amen.

All stand.

SANCTUS

The moment when God's people prepare their hearts to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, confessing the holiness of God.

"Holy Lord God of Hosts"

THE LORD'S SUPPER

In the Lord's Supper, God graciously gives a sign to declare Christ's death and a seal to assure our hearts as God's people are fed.

Acclamation

CELEBRANT

Great is the mistery of our faith...

CONGREGATION

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

CELEBRANT

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, *This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, *This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.* For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Prayer before the Lord's Supper

CELEBRANT

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup (1 Cor. 11:27-28).

CONGREGATION

For as often as we eat the bread* and drink the cup,* we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (1 Cor. 11:26).

CELEBRANT

Because there is one bread...

CONGREGATION

We who are many are all one because we share in one bread (1 Cor. 10:17).

CELEBRANT

Jesus said, The bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall not thirst (John 6:33, 35).

Come, for all is prepared.

Giving of the Lord's Supper

The white wine on the tray is alcohol free.

Please mind that only baptised <u>members</u> of a Christian Church are allowed to participate in communion.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

CELEBRANT

Let us pray...

Celebrant stands and prays, to which the church responds: Amen.

All stand.

HYMN

During the closing song an offering will be collected. If you are a guest in our church, please do not feel obliged to participate in this part of the worship.

God's people bring their tithes and offerings, responding to God's grace and reminded of God's goodness..

"I love Thy kingdom, Lord" *Timothy Dwight (1800)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

God gets the final word in our worship, putting his name upon us and giving us his best gifts.

Benediction

CELEBRANT

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace (Numbers 6:24-26).

CONGREGATION



CELEBRANT

Go in the peace of Christ.

CONGREGATION

Thanks be to God.

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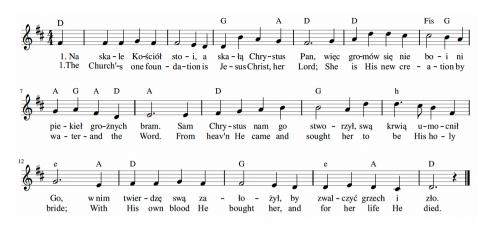
God's people respond to God's Word with fear, love, and trust, seeking to follow him.

Let there be glory and honour and praises
Glory and honour to Jesus
Glory, honour
Glory and honour to Him

POSTLUDE

The Church's one foundation

Samuel John Stone (1866)



- **2.** Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.
- **3.** 'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war she waits the consummation of peace forevermore till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.
- **4.** Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won; O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Grace greater than our sin

Julia H. Johnston (1910)

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured— There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin!

- 2. Sin and despair, like the sea-waves cold, Threaten the soul with infinite loss; Grace that is greater—yes, grace untold—Points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross.
- 3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide; What can avail to wash it away? Look! There is flowing a crimson tide; Whiter than snow you may be today.
- **4.** Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all who believe! All who are longing to see His face, Will you this moment His grace receive?

Holy Lord God of hosts

- 1. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. / Hosanna in the highest. /x3
- **2.** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. / Hosanna in the highest. /x3

Hove Thy kingdom, Lord

Timothy Dwight (1800)

- 1. I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode, / the church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood./x2
- 2. I love Thy church, O God! Her walls before Thee stand, / dear as the apple of Thine eye and graven on Thy hand. /x2
- 3. For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers ascend; / to her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end. /x2
- **4.** Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways, / her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise. /x2

Events

All up to date events including this bulletin can be found on our church's website: www.kosciolzbawiciela.pl Please check the church's Facebook page for updates: facebook.com/kosciolzbawiciela



Stay in touch!

We encourage you to join our Telegram feed to keep you posted.

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Program for the next week

12th June (Thu), Women's meeting, ul Smolki 8, 10 AM.

13th June (Fri), VoxBox: Discussion of Flannery O'Connor's short story "Everything that rises must converge", ul Smolki 8, 7 PM.

14th June (Sat), Vibe. Meeting for teenagers, ul. Smolki 8, 5 P.M.

15th June (Sun), Sunday worship service, ul. Zabłocie 25, 5 P.M.

Offerings for the Church

Online donations for the church are payable to:

Parafia Ewangelicko-Prezbiteriańska Chrystusa Zbawiciela w Krakowie, ul. Smolki 8, 30-513 Kraków. Nr konta: 30 1140 2004 0000 3802 8200 9665.

Offerings received last week: 1500 zł.