

**CONSTITUTION OF
CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
SALINA, KS**

PREAMBLE:

It is the will of our Lord Jesus Christ that His disciples should preach the Gospel to the whole world (Matthew 28: 18-20, Mark 16:16, Acts 1:8). That Christ's mission for His Church might be carried out according to His will, He has commanded that Christians unite in worship (Hebrews 10: 24-25), celebrate the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 10:17), practice fellowship with one another (Acts 2:42), love one another (John 15:12), witness to all people (Acts 1:3), help each other grow in discipleship through Baptism and instruction in the Word (Matthew 28: 13-20, Ephesians 4:11-14), serve the needs of all people in Christian love (Mark 10: 42-44, John 13:35, Galatians 6:10, Ephesians 4:7-16), administer the Office of the Keys as His Church (Matthew 18: 15-20, John 20:21-23), and maintain decency and order (1 Corinthians 14:40) in the Church.

Therefore we accept and subscribe to the following Constitution, in accordance with which all spiritual and material affairs of our congregation shall be governed.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this congregation shall be Christ the King Lutheran Church of Salina, Kansas.

ARTICLE II: CONFESSION OF FAITH

This congregation accepts without reservation all the canonical books of the Old and New Testament as the true written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and practice. Further the congregation accepts without reservation the three Ecumenical Creeds (Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian), the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Large Catechism of Luther, the Small Catechism of Luther, and the Formula of Concord.

ARTICLE III: SYNODICAL MEMBERSHIP

This congregation shall be a member of the The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (hereinafter "LCMS") as long as said LCMS conforms to the congregation's confessional standards as set forth in Article II

The congregation shall, to the best of its ability, collaborate with said LCMS, and assist in effecting all sound measures intended for the building up of the Kingdom of God. Further, the congregation shall send delegates to the conventions of the LCMS as prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the LCMS.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP IN THE CONGREGATION

A. Baptized members are all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and who are under the spiritual care of the Pastor of this congregation.

B. Communicant members are those baptized members who have been instructed and accept the confession of faith as set forth in Article II.

C. The membership of each baptized and communicant members shall remain in force and effect until said member transfers to a sister congregation, joins a congregation outside the fellowship of this congregation, is excommunicated or removed by self-exclusion, or dies.

D. Members of this congregation shall lead repentant Christian lives, shall not live in manifest works of the flesh, shall make diligent use of the means of grace, exercise faithful stewardship of God's many gifts and talents, shall impart and accept fraternal admonition as the need for such admonition becomes apparent, and be readily available for service in God's Kingdom within and beyond the congregation.

E. Membership in organizations whose principles and conduct conflict with the Word of God and the conduct of a Christian are prohibited.

ARTICLE V: ORGANIZATION

A. The Voter's Assembly shall be the governing body of this congregation. It shall be empowered to administer and manage all its affairs, and may delegate such authority and responsibility to the Board of Directors, as set forth in this Constitution, the Bylaws, and written policy. All communicant members who have reached the age of 18 shall have the privilege and responsibility to exercise the franchise in the Voter's Assembly. A quorum is achieved by the presence of ten percent of the voting eligible communicant membership. Any action taken without the presence of a quorum is considered invalid.

B. The Voter's Assembly shall meet once a calendar year to elect the Board of Directors, pursuant to the Bylaws, and the adoption of a ministry plan. All other meetings shall be:

- a. as determined by the Board of Directors; or
- b. at the written request of ten percent (10%) of the communicant membership of the congregation.

Every meeting date of the Voter's Assembly shall be published at least two (2) Sundays prior to the meeting date.

C. The Executive Officers of this of the congregation shall include a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Their term and election shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

D. Only male communicant members of the congregation may serve as President and Vice President.

E. The President and Pastor shall have the authority to nominate members to ministry teams as needed to carry forth the ministries and activities of Christ the King Lutheran Church. The purpose, length of service and membership of all ministry teams must be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors prior to beginning their work.

F. The President, Vice President and Pastor shall be considered advisory members of all boards and ministry teams, permitted to attend any and all meetings.

ARTICLE VI: CALLING OF ORDAINED AND COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

A. The right of calling Ordained Pastors and Commissioned Ministers shall be vested in the congregation through the Voters' Assembly, and shall never be delegated to a lesser small body or individual.

B. Only such men shall be called as Pastor, and only such men and women shall be called as Commissioned Ministers who accept all the books of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, who are in full agreement with the confessional standard of Article II, and who have the qualifications for such calls according to the standards as teachings of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The Pastor in the call extended to him and accepted by him pledges himself to the confessional standard. The Commissioned Minister in the call extended to him/her and accepted by him/her pledges themselves to this confessional standard.

ARTICLE VII: SOCIETIES AND OTHER AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

A. All societies or other auxiliary organizations assembled within the congregation shall be first approved by the Voter's Assembly, and all such societies and auxiliary organizations shall remain under the supervision of the Voter's Assembly by the Board of Directors and Pastor of the congregation.

B. Each society and auxiliary organization shall have a constitution or other governing document, approved by the Board of Directors, which expressly states conformity with this Article and Article II of this Constitution. Any action of a society or auxiliary organization in conflict with this Constitution or the Bylaws shall be invalid.

C. The Pastor shall be the spiritual advisor for such societies and auxiliary organizations, and shall be permitted to attend meetings of the same.

ARTICLE VIII: BYLAWS

The Voter's Assembly shall adopt such Bylaws to this Constitution as may be required for accomplishing the purposes set forth herein.

A bylaw shall be deemed adopted when approved by a majority vote of the Voter's Assembly.

ARTICLE IX: PROPERTY RIGHTS IN CASE OF DIVISION

In the event that an unresolvable division occurs within the congregation, the property of the congregation shall remain with those members who continue to adhere in confession and practice to the doctrines as set forth in Article II, as determined by the policies and processes of the LCMS.

ARTICLE X: CLOSING OF THE CONGREGATION

In the event that the congregation dissolves, all property shall be disposed of by the final Voters' Assembly for the payment of debts and all just claims against the congregation. Any and all surplus items, and rights connected to the remaining property, shall be dispersed by the Board of Directors, with special consideration being given to the Kansas District.


ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended upon the three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the voting eligible communicant members, occurring at a Voter's Assembly, provided:

- a. no amendment shall destroy the essential meaning of Article II;
- b. the written text of the amendment has been provided to the members of the congregation through the bulletin, newsletter and other electronic forms at least thirty (30) days prior to the vote on said amendment.
- c. The written Constitution and/or Bylaws shall, as a condition of continued membership in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, be submitted to the President of the Kansas District for review by the District's Constitution and Bylaw Committee, and favorable action by the District's Board of Directors, before being implemented by the congregation.

APPROVED BY THE VOTERS' ASSEMBLY ON THE 31ST DAY OF JULY, 2016.

ATTEST:


President of the Congregation


Pastor Calvin Reinke