



15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 5 and 6, 2026

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Ministers: All the Baptized

Pastor Timothy Anderson

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND LISTENING DEVICES
are here for you on the table in the Narthex

Hymnals Reference: ELW (Worship) – Red, hard covered hymnal
WOV (With One Voice) – Blue Paperback hymnal

HYMN

Earth and All Stars

ELW 731

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:13*)

C: And also with you.

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ELW P. 203

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW P. 204

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Let us pray.

C: Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn

the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

**C:³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

**C:³⁶ Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

**C:³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

**C:⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day,

not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

ELW P. 205

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ELW 359

LITANY OF VOCATION AND LABOR

Let us pray to the Lord of all creation, from whom comes life and work and purpose.

Almighty God, when you formed us lovingly out of the dust of the earth, you breathed into us the breath of life and gave us work and purpose for living.

C: You placed Adam in the garden of Eden to till and keep it.

Through our work, you made us co-creators with you, shaping the world in which we live.

C: You gave dignity to our labor by sending your Son to labor with us.

By our labor, you enrich the world.

C: By our labor, we enjoy the fruits of creation.

By our labor, we find direction and purpose.

C: By our labor, our families are made secure.

For providing varieties of work and for blessing us by our labor:

C: We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who plow the field and those who make the plow; for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and machinists; for those who work with their hands and those who move the earth:

C: We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures; for doctors and nurses, for scientists and technicians; for those who keep notes and those who transcribe:

C: We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who think and those who create; for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain:

C: We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who work in offices and those who work in warehouses; for secretaries and receptionists, for stockers and bookkeepers; for those who market products and for those who move them:

C: We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who inspire our minds and those who motivate us; for teachers and preachers, for public servants and religious servants; those who help the poor and those who work with our children:

C: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Heavenly Father, we lift up to You all those who put on a uniform and stand in harm's way to protect us. Grant them courage when danger is near, wisdom in moments of split-second decision, and strength when their bodies and minds grow weary. Surround them with Your protective shield and guide their steps away from hidden traps.

C: We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those whose labor is tidiness and cleanliness; for janitors and sanitary workers, for drycleaners and maids; for those who produce cleaning products and those who use them:

C: We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who sail the waves and those who fly the skies; for captains and attendants, for astronauts and deep sea divers; for those who chart and those who navigate:

C: We give you thanks, O Lord.

You bless us all with skills and gifts for labor.

C: You provide us opportunities to use them, for the benefit of others as well as ourselves.

Guard and protect those who labor in the world.

C: Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.

Look kindly upon the unemployed and the disabled, those who are sick, injured or recovering.

C: Give health to the sick, hope to the bereaved.

Keep us from laboring only for greed or envy.

C: Make us loving and responsible in all that we do.

We remember all who are grieving among us. May you bring them comfort, relief and rescue in their trial. Hear us, O God.

C: Make those in need whole and restore them in their time of need.

Creator Lord, you are the source of all wisdom and purpose, you are the blessing of those who labor. Be with us in our labor to guide and govern our world. Give all men and women work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

OFFERING

Solo

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW p. 207

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

As We Gather at Your Table**ELW 522****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

HYMN***Go, My Children with My Blessing*****ELW 543****DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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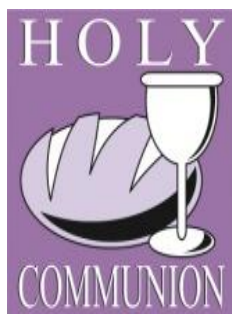
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*** The loose offering will go to Helping Hands**

Coffee money will go towards Youth Activities



Holy Communion

Sustaining God, as we come to your table of Grace, you give to us the bread of life – your very self so we might never be hungry. As Christ come to us in bread and wine of Holy Communion, our deepest needs are fed.

Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to communion when they are visiting Christ the King Lutheran Church. Red wine and white grape juice are offered at Communion.

Gluten Free Wafers are available

If you are visiting Christ the King Lutheran Church today and would like information about the church, there is a table under the Welcome sign that has information for you to take with you. If you have any questions, please contact the church office 507-354-4672. Thank you for visiting today and we pray you were spiritually fed by the Word of God.

If you are interested in becoming a member of CTK and would like more information, please contact Helen Christenson at 507-376-3551 or the church office at 507-354-4672.

The Caregivers Support Group continues to meet Thursday's at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be September 3rd. The group is enjoying this social time to share stories and talk about issues surrounding being Caregivers. Anyone is welcome to attend – just come on by!

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Harold Reinhart

Lloyd Christenson

Joanne Cherrington

Sheila Friske

Steve and Barbara Reinhart's son, Matt

Peg Isaacson

Kyle Howk and Allison Howk

Brian Kloos

Please join us in uplifting the families of Diane Mikkelson and Lanis Curtis as they grieve the loss of their loved ones.

There is a new Care List available in the office for those who would like to send cards



Thanks so much for your continued donations to the Little Pantry!

Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce

Pasta, Tuna & Cream of Mushroom Soup

Canned vegetables

Canned fruit

Canned pasta such as Ravioli or Spaghetti Os

Boxed Meals

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Cleaning supplies

Personal Hygiene

Diapers & Wipes

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 Shared Ministry in Worship

- You can sign up on the sheet in the narthex, on the church app, on the church website, or by contacting the church office at 507-354-4672.

Youth News



- **Sept. 9th** - Gertens Plant Pickup
Confirmation mtg 6:30 pm
- **Sept. 13th** - NUMAS Haus Kickoff Event
- **Sept. 14th** – Youth Ministry Team mtg, 5:00 pm
 - **Sept. 16th** – First day of Confirmation, 6:30 pm,
meal prior at 6:00
 - **Sept. 20th** – Sunday School teacher installation
First day of Sunday School
Meeting with Confirmands 10:15 am

Sunday School will look a little different this year. We will be having some large group and small group activities. Children are encouraged to bring their Bible each week. Sunday School will begin at 10:15 and will end at **11:15 (note this change)** to accommodate for some of the new things we will be doing. If you have not yet registered for Sunday School scan QR code to register.



2027 ELCA Youth Gathering will be in Minneapolis next summer June 28-July 2. More information will be coming this summer and we will want to start registering this fall, so start pondering whether this will be an event for you. Youth in 8th-12th grade in the fall of 2026 are eligible. There is also a Young Adult Gathering as well for ages 18-35 during the same dates. If you are thinking about this event, please let Geri know so she has an idea of who is interested.

THIS COMING WEEK:

SUNDAY,

9:00 a.m. Worship Service, Livestream on the CTK website
Coffee and Cookies after services

MONDAY,

Labor Day – Office closed

TUESDAY,

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Worship TV on Public Access

WEDNESDAY,

5:15 p.m. Worship TV on Public Access

THURSDAY,

1:00 p.m. Sewing Group

SATURDAY,

5:33 p.m. Saturday Evening Worship

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9:00 a.m. Worship Service, Livestream on CTK website
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A Piece of Christ The King History:

Douglas G. Larsen accepted the Call to become the first Pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church effective January 1, 1983, resigning his Call as Pastor/Developer to the Division for mission in North America, LCA.

Friday, June 3rd, 1983, Christ the King was officially received into the SW Minnesota Synod at Gustavus Adolphus College.

Our first pianist/organist was Eileen Schauman with Karen Larsen being the first Choir Director.

NUMAS Haus (New Ulm Ministerial Association)- During the month of September, the Outreach ministry is collecting items for the local NUMAS Haus. The NUMAS Haus is a shelter for the homeless women and their children. The list below are items that can be donated in a box in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call the Church office at 507.354.4672. Thank you for your support!

Women's and girls' underwear, all sizes

Pots and Pans Sets

Kitchen Utensil Sets

Small Kitchen Drawer Dividers

Small Room Fans

Beach Towels

Dry Shampoo

Make Up Remover Wipes

Clothing Hangers

Alarm Clocks

Queen and full size sheets

Hand Lotion

Laundry Soap

Dish Soap

Household toolkits

Crock Pots

Fabric Softener

Shaving Razors

Bus Tokens

Gas Gift Cards

**Grocery Store Gift
cards**

**Ice scrapers for
windshields**

Vacuums

Hair Dryers

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