



16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 12 and 13, 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN

I was glad

See picture

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

C: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 103: 8-13

**C:⁸ LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

⁹ you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.

**C:¹⁰ You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

**C:¹² As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I

will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

OFFERING

Bind Us Together

WOV 748

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, 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

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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

COMMUNION SONGS	<i>Lamb of God</i>	<i>ELW p. 208</i>
	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	<i>ELW 471</i>
	<i>at Feast of Love</i>	<i>ELW 487</i>

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

The Church Song

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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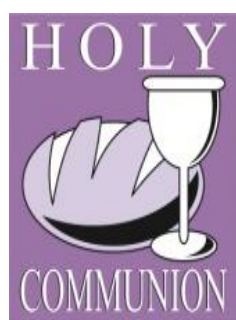
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*** The loose offering will go to Helping Hands**

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 507-276-3551 or the church office at 507-354-4672.

The Caregivers Support Group continues to meet the first and third Thursday's at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be September 19th. 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!



Prayer Shawl will start meeting again beginning Monday, September 21st, and will continue the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. You do not need to be an experienced knitter to join in. We can teach you! And, we always seem to have a good time, too!

Choir – resumes for the year on Wednesday, September 16th from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm. It's a wonderful way to show your thanks and praise to God and to use your talents at the same time. Come join us for some singing and fellowship, we hope to see you there!

Women's Bible Study – will begin meeting on September 14th at 3:00 pm. They will be studying the Catholic book of Tobit.

Men's Bible Study – will resume next month on October 17th at 8:00 am.

Monday evening Bible Study – will start meeting Monday, September 14th at 7:00 pm. This is for both men and women. Subject of study will be the book of Job.

Christ the King's 45th Anniversary – will be November 1st. We encourage everyone to attend as there will be something for everyone! If you are planning to attend, please go to the app or Christ the King website under Events, and mark that you are coming. It will make it easier planning the amount of food we need, and also the planning of various activities.



The mother of Anna Fleischmann

Lloyd Christenson

Joanne Cherrington

Steve and Barbara Reinhart's son, Matt

Peg Isaacson

Kyle Howk and Allison Howk

Please pray in uplifting the family of Jason and Heidi Rewitzer.

*****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	Toilet paper
Pasta, Tuna & Cream of Mushroom Soup	Paper towels
Canned vegetables	Cleaning supplies
Canned fruit	Personal Hygiene
Canned pasta such as Ravioli or Spaghetti Os	Diapers & Wipes
Boxed Meals	
Cereal	

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	Dish Soap
Pots and Pans Sets	
Household toolkits	
Kitchen Utensil Sets	Crock Pots
Small Kitchen Drawer Dividers	Fabric Softener
Small Room Fans	Shaving Razors
Beach Towels	Bus Tokens
Dry Shampoo	Gas Gift Cards
Make Up Remover Wipes	Grocery Store Gift cards
Clothing Hangers	
Alarm Clocks	
Ice scrapers for windshields	
Queen and full size sheets	
Hand Lotion	Vacuums
Laundry Soap	Hair Dryers

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. 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.



THE GRASS WITHERS
AND THE FLOWERS FALL.
BUT THE WORD OF OUR
GOD ENDURES
forever.
ISAIAH 40:8. NIV

A Piece of Christ the King History:

Time to move - When Christ the King Church celebrated its first birthday on October 15, 1983, it was time to move. The church has outgrown the senior citizens center where it has met since its first worship nearly two years ago. The membership has grown from 209 charter members to 275 members. Sunday services began at the Senior Citizens Center and then the congregation moved by car caravan to Washington Elementary School, with worship in the gym and Sunday School in the cafeteria.

THIS COMING WEEK:

SUNDAY,

9:00 a.m. Worship Service, Livestream
on CTK website

Coffee and Cookies after services

MONDAY,

1:30 p.m. Parkinson's

3:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY,

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

10:00 a.m. Worship TV on Public
Access

6:15 p.m. Finance Committee

6:30 p.m. Church Council

WEDNESDAY,

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

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

6:45 p.m. Choir

THURSDAY,

1:00 p.m. Caregiver's Support Group

1:00 p.m. Sewing Group

6:30 p.m. 45th Anniv Comm. Mtg.

SATURDAY,

5:33 p.m. Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY,

9:00 a.m. Worship Service, Livestream
on CTK website

Coffee and Cookies after services

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