



17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 19 and 20, 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 ***Take My Life, That I May Be*** **ELW 685**

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.

INSTALLATION OF YOUTH EDUCATORS

A reading from First Corinthians. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Cor. 12:4-7)

The leader addresses those being commissioned.

Brothers and sisters, you have volunteered your time, your energy, and your gifts to the children, youth, and family ministries of this congregation. Will you offer your giftedness to this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

The leader addresses the assembly.

A reading from Proverbs. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Prov. 3:5-6)

The leader addresses those being commissioned.

Will you carry out this ministry centered in Christ's call, striving to trust God as your guide and inspiration?

Teachers Respond: **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

The leader addresses the assembly.

A reading from Ephesians. I pray that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through God's Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (*Eph. 3:16-19*)

The leader addresses those being commissioned.

Will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and honor the gospel with a faithful life?

Teachers Respond: **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

The assembly stands. The leader addresses the assembly.

I now ask you, people of name of congregation: Will you today renew your commitment to our youngest brothers and sisters, our children and youth who look to you for guidance, support, and examples of righteous living?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Those being commissioned face the assembly. The leader addresses the assembly.

People of Christ the King: Will you claim these gifted people as those called by God to help carry out our congregation's ministry to children, youth, and families? Will you support them and enthusiastically celebrate the work they do?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for these leaders and the young people they serve, celebrating our children and youth as the ones Jesus blessed and welcomed?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Let us pray. Gracious God, for Jesus' sake, empower these ministers to care for the young ones in our family of faith. Help them to teach faithfully, lead patiently, and guide confidently. Stir up in these servants the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Almighty God, who has given you the gifts and the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C: Amen.

On behalf of Christ the King, we now commission you for ministry, grateful for your gifts and your willingness to serve.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

C: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10—4:11

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8

¹ I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**C:² Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!

There is no end to your greatness.

C:⁴ **One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

C: **They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

C: **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word* **ELW 520**

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

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

O Lamb of God **ELW p. 208**

I Come with Joy **ELW 482**

Here Is Bread **ELW 483**

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart **ELW 484**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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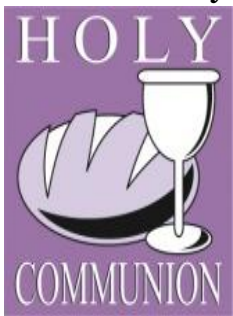
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Musician: JoAnn Huss

*** 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 17th. 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 - resumed on September 14th at 3:00 pm. They are 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 – resumed meeting Monday, September 14th at 7:00 pm. This is for both men and women. Subject of study will be the book of The Sermon on the Mount. We will then continue with 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.

Pet Blessing – We will have our pet blessing this year on October 4th at 11:15 a.m

Volunteers needed -- We are planning an afternoon work session to spruce up the landscape around the church building for Thursday, September 24th from 4:00-7:00 pm. We would appreciate some volunteer help from the congregation so if you can make time for a few hours it would be appreciated. Dress for light garden type work and bring rakes, shovels and shears.



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

Pots and Pans Sets

Household toolkits

Bus Tokens

Kitchen Utensil Sets

Small Kitchen Drawer Dividers

Fabric Softener

Small Room Fans

Shaving Razors

Beach Towels

Dry Shampoo

Gas Gift Cards

Make Up Remover Wipes

Grocery Store Gift Cards

Clothing

Alarm Clocks

Queen and full size sheets

Hand Lotion

****If you missed the NUMAS Haus kickoff last Sunday, we still have offering houses available in the narthex. Feel free to decorate them as you wish!! The collection container for loose coin will be on the table with the offering houses.**



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.

Please pray for the families of Jackie Nelson and Baylee Geiger, Shelby and Keith Hartmann, also Patrick and Melissa Nelson.*There is a new Care List available in the office for those who would like to send cards**

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. 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.



Faith and Fun Fall Day Camp - Oct. 2 from 8-3PM Join us for a day of fun fall activities that help build our faith. We will learn about Jesus, do crafts, play games, and enjoy the fellowship on this day off from school. Snacks will be provided but children will need to bring a lunch. Register today!



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.



Jasmine Miller would love to hear from people and would appreciate some friendly correspondence, even just a card to say “Hello!”

Her address is:

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We are looking for people to tell their story what Christ the King means to them as their church. If you would like to write a short paragraph or statement to go in the bulletin telling your thoughts or experiences at Christ The King, please email it to the church office at office@christtheking-nu.org or call the office at 354-4672.

A Piece of Christ the King History:

Building a Home Together - From the New Ulm Journal May 1984-“the square block owned by Christ the King between 15th and 16th Street on North Garden will indeed hold a building by 1986. A building is needed to provide a place and identity for the congregation. The congregation is forming a building committee and looking for an architect.

Groundbreaking was set for September 8th, 1985.

The Building Committee consisted of Tim Olcott, Dorothy Martens, Keith Bloomgren, Gloria Peterson, Art Stone and Karen Albrecht. The general contractor was John Heymann.

THIS COMING WEEK

SUNDAY,

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

MONDAY,

1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl
3:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

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
6:45 p.m. Choir

THURSDAY,

9:00 a.m. Newsletter fold
1:00 p.m. Sewing Group

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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