



18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 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***

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

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

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

C: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

For God satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

C: Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever. (Psalm 107:1-2, 9)

HYMN

God Is Here

ELW 526

GREETING/INVOCATION

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.

KYRIE

ELW p. 203

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW p. 204

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³ As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-9

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**C:² Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

³ Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

**C:⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the
day
long.**

⁵ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

**C:⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your
goodness,
O LORD.**

⁷ Gracious and upright is the LORD;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**C:⁸ He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being

found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth

¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the

Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 205

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 21:23-32

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

ELW 712

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

THE PRAYERS

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

OFFERING *Change My Heart, O God*

ELW 801

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of the harvest,

receive these gifts of the earth and human labor with the offering of our hearts. Feed us with your bread and cup, that we may be signs of your gracious life made known in Jesus Christ, our 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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 HYMNS

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***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.***

***For the Bread Which You Have Broken
O Master, Let Me Walk With You***

ELW 494

ELW 818

PRAYER

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would 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

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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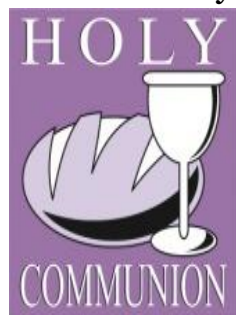
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Musicians: Connie Jacobs, Dennis Schmidt

*** 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 Thursday, October 1st. 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 started again 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 – is back for the year! Practice is from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm each Wednesday. It's a wonderful way to show your thanks and praise to God and to use your talents at the same time. Parents, if you have a son or daughter in confirmation, please use that time to join us!!

Women's Bible Study - resumed on September 14th at 3:00 pm. We 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 – This is a bible study for both men and women. Subject of study will be 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.

 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.

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
Hangers	Clothing
Alarm Clocks	Ice scrapers for windshields
Queen and full size sheets	Hand Lotion
Vacuums	Hair Dryers
Laundry Soap	

****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.**

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 mother of Anna Fleischmann

Diane Bode

Duane Strasser, Bonnie Hubert's brother, has passed away.

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*****

Youth News



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!



****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.**

Cardmaking - There will be card making events on October 24th, 10:00 to 12:00, and also on November 21st, 10:00 to 12:00 noon. All ages are welcome. There will be a variety of choices for different themes, and we also welcome special requests for the Holidays. Please RSVP by either calling or emailing the office so we have an idea of how many are coming, and so we have enough product to work with. There will be a free will offering toward the Helping Hand Fund, for these events.

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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Helping Hands - Come be a part of a Pizza Ranch Fundraising Event, Tuesday, October 13, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 10% of all proceeds will go to the Helping Hands Fund at Christ The King Lutheran Church.



A Piece of Christ the King History:

Christ the King began holding Christmas Services in local barns since there was no permanent building yet. Snow prevented the first service from happening in 1984 but held again at the Jim and Paulette Gieseke farm. Guitars, singing, animals, warm clothing, shepherds, kings, and the Holy family (Sunday School children) helped celebrate what the first Christmas might have been like.

This Coming Week:

SUNDAY,

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

MONDAY,

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
6:30 Confirmation
6:45 p.m. Choir

THURSDAY, (OCTOBER 1)

1:00 p.m. Sewing Group
1:00 Caregivers Support

Friday - Day Camp (No School)

SATURDAY,

5:33 p.m. Saturday Evening
Worship

SUNDAY,

9:00 a.m. Worship Service,
Livestream on CTK website
*Coffee and Cookies after
services*
3 yr olds receive Bibles

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