



**19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 3 and 4, 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 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* ELW 645

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.

BIBLE PRESENTATION

Pastor: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C: a people holy to the LORD our God.

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

(Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

(Chase Jacobson is the recipient of the Bible today)

Pastor: To know God's Word and read it is to have a guide for life no matter what happens in our lives. The Bible tells us of the world God made and of God's creating you and watching over you. We learn about Jesus who came to bring new life and the Holy Spirit who fills us with that life.

Congregation: *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

Psalm 119:105

Pastor: Receive your Bible now from your parents as another reminder of how they are keeping their promise to you and to God to teach you the faith.

Parents may hand over the Bible with a reminder of their love and their promises made in baptism, then we say this prayer together.

Pastor: O Loving God, You are the source of every blessing! You have shown yourself to us in many ways. Our memory of your loving work is held in the cradle of the Scriptures that these children hold in their hands. Look with delight upon us today as we renew our commitment to read and remember You in the stories of our salvation. Help us to seek its wisdom and live according to the way you teach us.

Congregation: Encourage us with the help of the Holy Spirit to read these words to increase our own faith and devotion, and for the building up of your Kingdom. Make our home a place where Your Word is living and active. Through your Word may we be transformed into the very likeness of Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Let us pray.

C: Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord. Amen

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me
and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in
it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds

that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Thy Word

Insert

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed

another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?”

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

I Come with Joy

ELW 482

CREED AND CONFESSION

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13-14)

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

(Jude 20)

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Jude 21)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self examination.

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

THE PRAYERS

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

OFFERING

Sing to The Lord a New Song

Choir anthem

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

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

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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.**

Jesus Loves Me!
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW 595
ELW 803

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

HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the *Lord*.

C: Thanks be to God.

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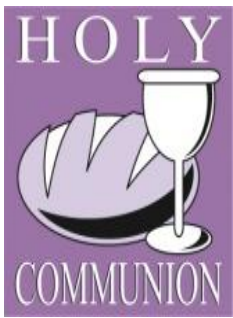
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*** The loose offering will go to Helping Hands**

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 October 15th. 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 meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Next meeting is October 5th. 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 – meets from 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. each Wednesday. Parents, if you have children in confirmation, please consider joining us at this time for choir rehearsal. It's a wonderful way to show your thanks and praise to God and to use your talents at the same time. Hope to see you there!

Women's Bible Study - meets Mondays at 3:00 pm. They are studying the book of Tobit. They will move to the book of Job in October.

Men's Bible Study – will resume next month on October 17th at 8:00 am. We will study the book of Ezekiel.

Monday evening Bible Study – Mondays 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 in October.

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. See insert in bulletin.

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

 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.

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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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
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Toilet paper
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The mother of Anna Fleischmann, Jan Borg

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*****



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. This can help and benefit many people who are struggling financially and hopefully will make their day(s) a bit brighter.

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.

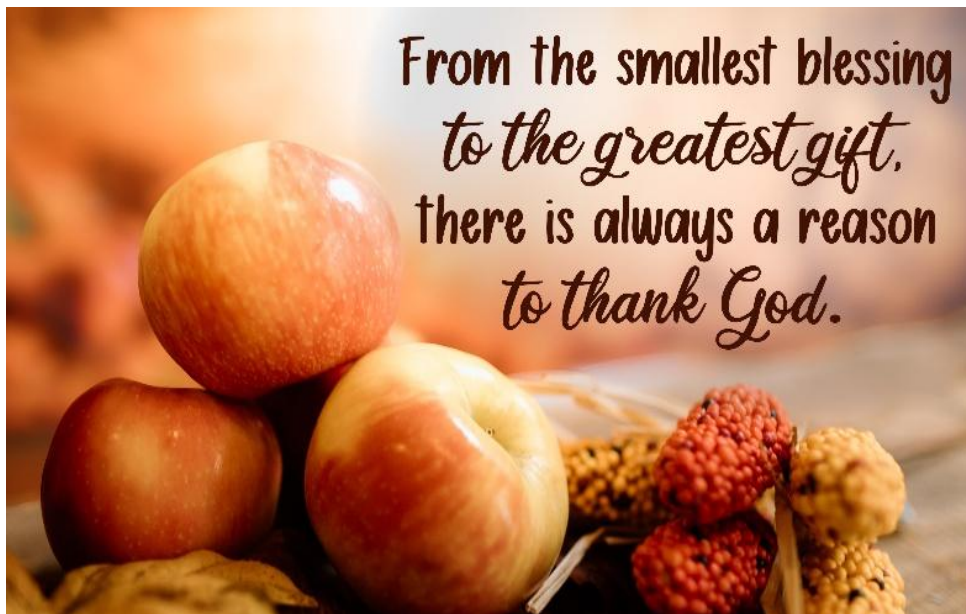


2027 ELCA Youth Gathering will be in Minneapolis next summer June 28-July 2. More information will be coming this summer and we will want to start registering this fall, so start pondering whether this will be an event for you. Youth in 8th-12th grade in the fall of 2026 are eligible. There is also a 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.

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.

Love to sing? Join the **Sunshine Singers** and sing alongside those living with dementia and their care partners! For more information contact, Geri 507 217-3610 or register at sunshinesingers.nu@gmail.com



A Piece of Christ the King History:

May 4, 1986 was the beginning of services at the newly constructed Christ the King building with both a 9:30 and 10:30 worship. Instead of folding chairs the sanctuary has blue padded wooden chairs allowing more flexibility to the services. The congregation consisted of 400 baptized members. The building provided offices for Pastor Larsen, church volunteer secretaries, Sunday School rooms, kitchen and a social hall that would seat 150 people. The members spent many hours fundraising, staining, painting and cleaning the new building to make it a reality.

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

THURSDAY,

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
3rd graders receive their Bibles
Coffee and Cookies after services

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