



Second Sunday in Lent March 1, 2026

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Ministers: All the Baptized
Pastor Timothy Anderson

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are here for you on the table in the Narthex**

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 help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 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

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

ELW 451

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.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

C: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

^{4a} So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills;
 from where is my help to come?

**C: ²My help comes from the LORD,
 the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved
 nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**C: ⁴Behold, the keeper of Israel
 will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you;
 the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

**C: ⁶the sun will not strike you by day,
 nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil
 and will keep your life.

C: ⁸ The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?

² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind—slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it

comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING

Come, Let Us Eat

SERMON

HYMN

Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453

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

God So Loved the World

Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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

Children receiving First Communion: Jaxson Anderson, Oliver Arndt, Skye Hartmann, Maddie Larson, Avery Walth, Henry Weymann

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
Blessed Assurance

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ELW 335
ELW 638

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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

Amen.

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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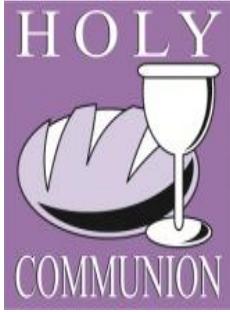
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*** The loose offering will go to Helping Hands**



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.

There is a **New Ministry** being organized for you to be part of soon. There will be an opportunity for you to get better acquainted with members of Christ the King who are homebound. If you are interested in more information please contact Helen Christenson 507-276-3551.

Adult Education

Women's Bible Study has resumed, studying the women in the Bible. We will continue to meet at 3:00 p.m. on Mondays.

Men's Bible Study is continuing with a study of the book of Corinthians, meeting on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.

The Adult Bible Study will resume after Easter.



IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

Steve Gag recovering from surgery

Peg Isaacson resuming treatment for cancer

Ron Fleischmann's family as his sister-in-law is now in hospice, and for his mother and brother who are her caretakers

Renee Osberg who is now in hospice care at Oak Hills

Bob Wise as he is continuing treatment for cancer.

Sharie Novak's brother-in-law, Mike, recovering heart surgery

Curt Braun, Haley Novak's father, dealing with health issues

Betty Porter as she is recovering from knee surgery

Deb and Dan Alsleben dealing with multiple health issues

Darryl Weigel dealing with foot issues

Lanis Curtis's Family upon the passing of her mother, Charlotte; her sister, Mary, experiencing a return of breast cancer; her daughter-in-law's mother, Robin, who is suffering seizures, and her daughter, Robin, who is dealing with multiple stresses

Kyle Howk recovering from surgery

Brian Kloos recovering from foot surgery

Char Klocke is now residing at Valley View Home in Lambertton

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

The Caregivers Support Group continues to meet ***Thursday's at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be March 5th. 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!***

Lent is here and we still need a volunteer to prepare, serve and cleanup the Lenten meal for **March 25th**. A Sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. You can also sign up on the website.

Bake Sale for Blood Cancer Awareness March 1st

Grace Barie and Piper Kapolczynski, high school member of Christ the King are trying to raise money for Blood Cancer United. Blood Cancer United is dedicated to fighting blood cancers, including leukemia and lymphoma, aiming to cure these diseases and improve patient quality of life. Grace and Piper will be hosting a bake sale Sunday, March 1st after the 9:00am service.

Dementia Friends Minnesota - Become a Dementia Friend by attending a one-hour informational session to learn the five key messages about dementia, what it's like to live with the disease, and how to turn your understanding into action that supports people living with dementia. You don't need to know someone with dementia to become a Dementia Friend. Join us: March 4, 2026, 11:00am to 12:00pm at the New Ulm Library.



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
Cereal

Youth News



- **March 1st – First Communion**
- **March 29th - Palm Sunday Breakfast**
- **April 1 - Jr. High/HS Easter Event**
- **April 4- Easter Quest and Egg Hunt**



First Communion will be celebrated March 1st, 2026

Club 1515 3rd-6th graders are invited to come after school on Wednesdays from 3:30-5pm throughout the year. We meet at Washington School and walk up to church. This year we are having a snack, devotion, and then trying to focus on Service projects in the community. Come and check it out!

Summer Camp Information

Important dates to keep in mind:

Camp week is June 21-25 - This is the week that Our Savior's goes as well, however, you are welcome to register for any week of camp.

When registering for camp, please sign up as paying the supported fee. If you would like a church scholarship, once you have registered, please send me a copy of your registration. Church will give scholarships for 1/2 the cost of camp. If you are in need of a scholarship larger than that, please talk to Geri.

Gertens online fundraiser

- The youth are having an online Gerten's fundraiser - Youth will receive 30% on the plants and 15% on Gerten's plant cards. Go to gertensfundraising.com Etner Store ID: **1160** We will take orders until **March 30**, however plant varieties can sell out, so order early.

Jr. High/HS Easter Event on April 1 - There will be an Easter event for Junior High and High School students from 6 -8 pm.

Easter Quest for the King and Egg Hunt - There will be an Easter Event for children and families on April 4 at 10 am. We will explore the events of Holy Week and celebrate with an Easter Egg Hunt.

We are seeking donations of small candies and trinkets to put in our Easter eggs. Anything you can help with would be greatly appreciated! Just drop them off at the office.

Reminder: There will not be Confirmation class from Ash Wednesday, February 18 through Easter Sunday, April 5. Confirmation groups will be helping with Lenten worship, so attendance will be required.



THIS COMING WEEK: MARCH 1ST THROUGH MARCH 8TH

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

9:00 a.m. Sunday FB Live
First Communion
Coffee and Cookies after services
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

MONDAY, MARCH 2ND

1:30pm Prayer Shawl
3:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
5:00p.m. Youth Ministry Mtg.
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Worship TV on Public
Access
3:45 p.m. Personnel Comm.
5:00 p.m. Grief Support

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH

5:15 p.m. Worship TV on Public
Access
5:30 p.m. Lenten Meal
6:30 p.m. Lenten Service
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY MARCH 5TH

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
5:33 p.m. Worship and FB Live

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

9:00 a.m. Sunday FB Live
Coffee and Cookies after services
10:15am Sunday School

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