



20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 10 and 11, 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 *Praise, My soul, the King of Heaven* ELW 865

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.

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)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presentation of the Bibles to the 3rd grade class

Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:1-9

¹ O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all

faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about

these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCL *God, Whose Almighty Word*

ELW 673

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

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

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.

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

ELW p. 207

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

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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.**

***Come, Let Us Eat
In the Singing***

**ELW 491
ELW 466**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen

HYMN

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

ELW 873

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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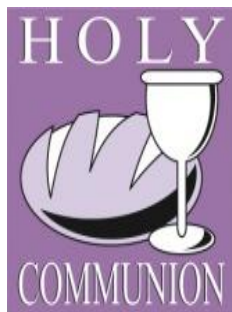
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*** The loose offering will go to Helping Hands**

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 Mondays of every month from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Prayer Shawls are a meaningful gift for people that are struggling in various ways.

Choir –meets every Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. Parents, if you have a son or daughter in Confirmation, please consider coming to choir at that time. We can always use extra voices! You don't need to be an experienced singer!

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.

 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
Canned chicken
Canned vegetables
Canned fruit
Canned pasta such as Ravioli or Spaghetti Os
Boxed Meals
Cereal

Toilet paper
Paper towels
Cleaning supplies
Personal Hygiene
Diapers & Wipes



The mother of Anna Fleischmann

Lloyd Christenson

Diane Bode

Joanne Cherrington

Steve and Barbara Reinhart's son, Matt

Peg Isaacson

Kyle Howk and Allison Howk

Please pray for the family of Tammy Johnson

Please pray for the family of Dean and Kathy Alfred

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



Junior High Youth Gathering - Nov. 20-21 - This event is open to youth 6th-9th grade and is in Willmar, MN. Cost is \$50. We need to register by **Oct. 11**, so if you are interested, please let Geri know.

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.

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.

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.

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Jasmine Miller would love to hear from people and would appreciate some friendly correspondence! We appreciate her service!

Her address is:

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A Piece of Christ The King History

1995- Christ the King continued to grow with 850 baptized members becoming known in the community as the “Welcoming Place” or simply the ‘blue church’.

From the New Ulm Journal: Christ the King “congregation is mourning the loss of its shepherd and searching for solace in shared memories, in God and in each other” with the news of “Pastor Doug Larsen’s sudden death from an unexpected heart condition” at the age of 45 years.

Because of the growth of members and the need for a bigger space the congregation had begun plans for a larger addition to the church building in the months before the loss. In May of that year the congregation continued the dream and voted to build a new sanctuary and addition without a permanent pastor. Pastor Charles Beronius was hired to guide our worship and faith as an interim pastor.

This Coming Week

SUNDAY,

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

MONDAY,

COLUMBUS DAY

1:30 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
5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Helping
Hands Fundraiser
5:00 p.m. Grief Support

WEDNESDAY,

5:15 p.m. Worship TV on Public
Access
No Confirmation (MEA)
6:45 p.m. Choir

THURSDAY,

1:00 p.m. Sewing Group
1:00 p.m. Caregivers Coffee Hour

SATURDAY,

5:33 p.m. Saturday Evening
Worship

SUNDAY,

No SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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