



**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 17 and 18, 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                      *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*                      ELW 694**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**C: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 45:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him — and the gates shall not be closed:

<sup>2</sup> I will go before you and level the mountains;

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron;

<sup>3</sup> I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

<sup>4</sup> For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me.

<sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

<sup>6</sup> so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no

one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

<sup>7</sup> I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup> We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup> For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *God, Whose Almighty Word* ELW 673

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup> The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup> So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” <sup>21</sup> They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN**

*As We Gather at Your Table*

**ELW 522**

## **CREED**

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**

## **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.

**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**

**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**

**COMMUNION SONGS** *Let Us Break Bread Together* ELW 471  
*Beautiful Savior* ELW 838  
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* ELW 733

## **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**

*On Our Way Rejoicing*

**ELW 537**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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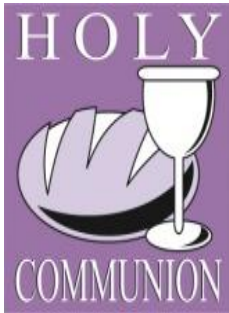
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**Musician:** JoAnn Huss

**\* 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 **November 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of every month from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. We are a fun group of ladies crafting some meaningful shawls for people in need. This is not cost to you, we provide the yarn!

**Choir-** meets every Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. Parents, if you have a son or daughter in Confirmation, please consider joining us for choir at this time. We practice and prepare some beautiful choir pieces and have a lot of fun at the same time!

**Women's Bible Study** - meets Mondays at 3:00 pm. They are studying the book of Job.

**Men's Bible Study** – meets Saturdays at 8:00 am. They will be studying the book of Ezekiel.

**Monday evening Bible Study** - meets 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.

 **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 hearing some good old New Ulm news and greetings!! The holidays are fast approaching and it would be nice if she got some cards from members and friends.

*(Remember, Patty is having her card making event on the 10/24 and 11/21. You could design your own card(s)! How meaningful would that be!! See below.)*

**Her address is:**

**455 EFSS**

**OPC 1239 Box 06**

**APO AE 09839-0006**

**Cardmaking** - There will be card making events on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 to 12:00, and also on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.



**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  
Cereal

Toilet paper  
Paper towels  
Cleaning supplies  
Personal Hygiene  
Diapers & Wipes

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*



**Dale and Mickie Witt**  
**Diane Bode**  
**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\*\**

### **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.



**Confirmation Rehearsal** – is October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
Remember to meet with Pastor Tim at your scheduled time prior to confirmation.

**Confirmation** – will be Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**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.  
**\*\* Please let Geri know by October 18<sup>th</sup> if you wish to sign up for this.**

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](mailto:office@christtheking-nu.org) or call the office at 354-4672.

**October is pastor appreciation month. On Sunday, October 25th, we will have cake after the 9 a.m. service! If anyone would like to put some thoughts or stories of appreciation in the next bulletin, please stop by the office, call or email [office@christtheking-nu.org](mailto:office@christtheking-nu.org).**

**Piece of Christ the King History:**

***In April 1996, Pastor Jon Anderson became Christ the King's "new Shepherd" continuing the mission of the Welcome Place. While the church continued to welcome new members there were growing pains for programs, ongoing grief work, and physical growth changing the small family mission church in the next years. The congregation welcomed Mary Iverson as a part time staff along with church members serving in leadership roles to continue to keep the commitment of a mission church. The congregation continued grow with part time pastoral help from Kristin Jacobsen (99-00), Susan Wallager (00-02) and Pablo Obregon (02-04).***

**Christ the King's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – will be November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

**If there are any kids that would like to help with youth activities and games the day of the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, please let Geri know. She could use the help to make it a fun filled day.**



## **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  
7:00 p.m. Men's and Women's  
Bible Study

### **TUESDAY,**

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Worship TV on  
Public Access  
6:15 p.m. Finance Committee  
6:30 Church Council Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY,**

5:15 p.m. Worship TV on Public  
Access  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation  
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal  
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,  
10:30 a.m. Confirmation Service  
Livestream on CTK website  
*Coffee and Cookies after services*



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APPRECIATION  
MONTH

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