

24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 7 and 8, 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

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.
(Deut 26, 11, 8)

HYMN ***Let Justice roll like a river*** **Insert**

PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
Let us pray.

C: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

FIRST LESSON: Amos 5:18-24
18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or

went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept
them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your
harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 70
1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
C:2 Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
C:4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*** **ELW 512**

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten
young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them
were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took
no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the
bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight
there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then
all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the
wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise
replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the
dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the
bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding
banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also,
saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know
you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN ***Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*** **ELW 712**

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. *(Eph. 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

PRAYERS
Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING ***We Are an Offering*** **ELW 692**

OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray.
God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in 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

Lamb of God	**ELW 195**
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	**ELW 490**
We Come to the Hungry Feast	**ELW 479**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Let us pray.
We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C: Amen

HYMN ***I Know That My Redeemer Lives*** **ELW 619**

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

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Musician: Jon Thoreson

*** 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 19th. 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. 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 are studying the book of Ezekiel.

Monday Evening Adult Bible Study - meets Mondays at 7:00 pm, 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.

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 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 a card making 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. This is a great way to send some personalized Holiday cards!



To the 45th Anniversary Committee Members and Volunteers,

On behalf of the Church council, I want to thank each of you who was involved in our 45th Anniversary celebration. It was a wonderful day with many fine volunteers.
Thank you very much for making this happen,

Kurt Johnson
Council President



Children's Christmas Program
Dec. 13 at 10:30 am

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

Silent Auction – November 14th through November 22nd. All proceeds from the Auction go towards Helping Hands. Your items can be brought to the church now through November 11th.

Coat Drive – November 23 through December 13. Donations will be accepted, and coats will be available for selection through December 8th. Any remaining coats will be donated where they are needed. Drop-offs may be made at the church beginning November 2nd. Plus sizes are also needed—up to 3xxx**.**

Bake Sale – November 21st and 22nd. Please bring one or two plates of your favorite Christmas treats and decorate your donations. No prices are needed; treats will be available for a free-will offering. Please drop off donations in the church kitchen by 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 21st.

November 22nd – Bishop Dee Pederson will be here to preach.



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
Breakfast or cereal bars
Toilet paper
Paper towels
Cleaning supplies
Personal Hygiene
Diapers & Wipes



Dale and Mickie Witt
Char Klocke
Barbara George
Margaret Lund
Diane Bode
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
Tammy Johnson in the passing of her brother
Please keep Jerilyn Kjellberg and the family in your prayers with the passing of Greg Kjellberg
Geri Groebner and her family in the death of Geri's father, George Graff
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

THIS COMING WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
9:00 a.m. Worship Live Streaming on CTK Website

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH
1:30 p.m. Parkinsons
3:00 P.M. Women's Bible Study
7:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH
9:00 a.m. Staff meeting
10:00 a.m. Worship TV Public Access
4:30 p.m. United Players

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
VETERANS DAY
5:00 p.m. Worship on TV
6:30 Confirmation
6:45 Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
1:00 Sewing Group

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
8:00 Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. League of Women Voters
5:33 p.m. Worship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
9:00 a.m. Worship and streaming on CTK website

What Christ the King Means to me:

To help you understand what Christ the King Church means to me, I need to take you back a little and share some of my story.
I didn't grow up in a very safe or happy home. At the age of five, I lost my 18-month-old brother. Life was not always easy, but one of the first places I remember feeling safe was at church.
I grew up in a very small town in the middle of Kansas. There were three churches within walking distance, and I belonged to all of them. They all knew me. I would attend whichever church had something going on. Whether it was Missionaries, Sunday school, church camps, Bible school, or other church activities, I rarely missed an event. If there was nothing going on I would just go sit inside. If it wasn't open, I'd sit on the steps or make a fort behind the bushes and just talk to God!
You see, ***church was my safe place.***
People smiled at me. They were kind, welcoming, and caring. I felt like I belonged. At church, I didn't feel scared or unsafe. Those churches gave me a sense of comfort and security that meant more to me than I probably understood at the time.
When I was 17, my mom, my brothers, and I left Kansas for Minnesota. We packed what we could into a little van. I was excited about starting a new life, but I was also scared. I was leaving behind the places that had always made me feel safe — my churches. At 17, I thought all I wanted and needed was to find a church that would make me feel safe again, just like those churches had.
When I was 19, I had my daughter, and I knew I needed to find a church for us. I attended a few different churches. There were things I liked and things I didn't, but I often felt like an outsider or a newcomer.

I wasn't just looking for a place to attend Sunday services. I was looking for a place where my daughter and I could feel welcomed, accepted, and safe. I wanted us to have that same sense of belonging I had experienced growing up.
In 2003, we moved to New Ulm, and shortly afterward, in 2004, we found Christ the King. I remember our first service. I knew this was the church for me and my family. We were welcomed, of course, by Helen's beautiful smile. There was something about that welcome that made us feel safe and accepted right away.
It felt like we had found our place. Within the first year or two, our house and property flooded. Pastor Tim, along with some other church members and youth, showed up to help us. We were so grateful! They didn't just offer kind words or say they would pray for us. They showed up when we needed help. That meant so much to our family, and it showed me once again what being part of a church family truly means.
Over the years, Christ the King has continued to be such a blessing in our lives. I've been blessed to teach Sunday school for about 20 years, and I still love filling in and substituting whenever I can. My husband taught confirmation

for years, too. Our children have been baptized and confirmed, and our daughter married at Christ the king. We love being part of Bible studies and continuing to learn together here.
And now, one of my greatest blessings is getting to watch my grandchildren join the church through baptism, Sunday school, vacation Bible school.
When I look back on my life, I realize that what I was searching for all those years ago was more than a church building. I was searching for a place to belong. A place where people cared. A place where my family would be welcomed and where we could grow together in faith. Christ the King has been that place for us.
Christ the King is not just a church we attend. It is a huge part of our lives.

And for that, I will always be grateful,
Kari Schroeder

Peace be with you!

Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available early November for families to pick up and pack. Drop off week will be Monday, November 16 through Monday, November 23rd.

See insert in today's bulletin for items that can be collected.

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