

25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 14 and 15, 2026
Christ the King Lutheran Church
Ministers: All the Baptized
Pastor Timothy Anderson

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Hymnals Reference: ELW (Worship) – Red, hard covered hymnal
WOV (With One Voice) – Blue Paperback hymnal

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen
Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: who made heaven and earth.
I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.
C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
Almighty God, merciful Father:
C: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy.
For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP
Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.
C: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

For God satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.
C: Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever. *(Psalm 107:1-2, 9)*

GREETING/INVOCATION
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.

HYMN ***Christ, Be Our Light*** **ELW 715**

PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
7 Be silent before the Lord GOD, for the day of the LORD is at hand!
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not
do good, nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. hough they build
houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall
not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the
day of the LORD is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and
devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the
lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out
like dust and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the
LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for
a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.
The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night.**
5 You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 **In the morning it is green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
8 **Our iniquities you have set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
9 When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10 **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**
11 Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?
12 **So teach us to number our days,**
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***Alleluia!*** **ELW p. 205**

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five
talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he
went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and
traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who
had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the
one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with
them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing
five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have
made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in
charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the
two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two
talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well
done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I
will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then
the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I
knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering
where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in
the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked
and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather
where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the
bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with
interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten
talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an
abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken
away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where
there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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

SERMON

HYMN ***Lord of Light*** **ELW 688**

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

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

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray.

God of the harvest,
C: receive these gifts of the earth and human labor with the offering of our hearts. Feed us with your bread and cup, that we may be signs of your gracious life made known in Jesus Christ, our 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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS **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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 HYMNS **ELW p. 208**

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.

My Life Flows On in Endless Song **ELW 763**
You Are Holy **ELW 525**

PRAYER
Let us pray.

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

BENEDICTION
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C: Amen.

HYMN ***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*** **ELW 674**

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

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Musician: **JoAnn Huss**

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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 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!

Grief Support – meets on the third Tuesday of each month to share thoughts and feelings about loved ones who have passed. Please join us for some friendly talk.

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!



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

Glories and Goodies Christmas Brunch – December 6th, 10-noon Bring a breakfast/brunch item such as cinnamon rolls, egg bake, breakfast burrito, or juice, and enjoy some fellowship and make some Christmas crafts.

<u>Bake Sale</u> – 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.

<u>Silent Auction –</u> 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.

<u>Coat Drive</u> – 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**.**



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

Cheryl Mathiowetz's mother, Elaine Borchardt
Dale and Mickie Witt
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
Jerilyn Kjellberg and the family of Greg Kjellberg in the passing of Greg.



Geri Groebner and her family in the death of Geri's father, George Graff

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

Operation Christmas Child boxes are here! If you would like to take a box home and fill it as a family or if you would like to gather as a fellowship ring or just a group of friends, feel free to come and pack some boxes. There are donations of items to go in the shoeboxes here at church that you are welcome to use as well to help fill the boxes. Our goal is to fill 100 boxes this year. See insert for gift box ideas.

Drop off dates are:

Monday, November 16 11am-1pm and 5:00-7:00pm
Tuesday, November 17 4:00-6:00pm
Wednesday, November 18 4:00-6:00pm
Thursday, November 19 4:00-6:00pm
Friday, November 20- 5:00-7:00pm
Saturday, November 21 10:00-12:00pm
Sunday, November 22 10:30-12:30pm
Monday, November 23rd 8:00am - 10 am - Boxes will be packed and gone by 10am

THANKSGIVING EVE

Wednesday, November 25th, we will be hosting Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. together with Our Savior's Lutheran, here at Christ the King. Pie and Coffee will immediately follow. (There will be no mid-day service.) We are asking for **pie donations, homemade or purchased.** We will also need volunteers to help in the kitchen with coffee, serving the pies and keeping tables clean. Please either email the office at office@christtheking-nu-org, or call 354-4672, OR sign up in the narthex with what you will be bringing or helping with.



THIS COMING WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
9:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream on the CTK website

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl
3:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Worship TV Public Access
3:00 p.m.STAY Group
5:00 p.m.Grief Support
6:15 p.m. Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. Church Council

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
5:00 p.m. Worship on TV
6:30 p.m. Confirmation
6:45 p.m. Choir

THURSDSAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
1:00 p.m. Sewing Group
1:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Group

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
Bake Sale
8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
5:33 p.m. Worship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND
Bake Sale
9:00 a.m. Worship and Livestream on CTK website

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