



## Third Sunday in Lent March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 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**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Rock of Ages*

**ELW 623**

### **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.**

The word is near you,

**C: on your lips and in your heart.**

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

**C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

Faith comes from what is heard,

**C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.** (*Romans 10*)

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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**C: Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## **FIRST LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 95**

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**C: <sup>2</sup>Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

**C: <sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

**C: <sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

**C: <sup>8</sup>"Harden not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup>There your ancestors tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

**C: <sup>10</sup>Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore in my anger, "They shall never come to my rest.'"

## **SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 4:5-42**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."  
<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"

<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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

## SERMON

HYMN

*Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*  
*Vs. 1 – 3, Lent 3*

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## 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.

**C: 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.

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**

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

*Blessed Assurance*

**ELW 638**

*Here is Bread*

**ELW 483**

*I Received the Living God*

**ELW 477**

## **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.

**C: Amen**

## **HYMN**

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

**ELW 618**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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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 507-376-3551 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.**

**Men's Bible Study has resumed with a study of the book of Esther,**  
**meeting on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.**

**The Adult Bible Study will resume after Easter.**



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## IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

*Ken and Mary Ann Thorn's son, Don, undergoing chemo treatments for cancer*

*Steve and Barbara Reinhart's son, Matt, suffering from a massive stroke*

*Stacy Rewitzer will be having back surgery March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>*

*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's Family as she has now passed away*

*Bob Wise as he is continuing treatment for cancer.*

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

*Deb and Dan Alsleben dealing with multiple health issues*

*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\*\**



## **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

**Thanks to all who have signed up to provide a Lenten Meal!**

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

**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.**



**The New Member Reception will be Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.**



Have you seen the GIFT card? Please be sure to take a card to remind you to use your GIFTs of Fellowship with one another to meet and greet, follow up with new acquaintances, and thank someone for their time and effort!



## Youth News

- March 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break
- March 29<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday Breakfast
- April 1 - Jr. High/HS Easter Event
- April 4- Easter Quest and Egg Hunt

**Club 1515** 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

**THIS COMING WEEK: MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>**

1:30 p.m. Parkinson's  
3:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Women of Today

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Worship TV on Public  
Access  
4:30 p.m. United Players

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**

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 12<sup>TH</sup>**

1:00 p.m. Sewing Group

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
9:00 a.m. League of Women  
Voters  
5:33 p.m. Worship and FB Live

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>**

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

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