



Seventh Sunday of Easter May 17th 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**

HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

ELW 656

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.

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES Sunday

see insert

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to

the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sunday School children sing "Hallelujah!"

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sunday School Children sing “The Butterfly Song” (Lyrics are on the back cover)

SERMON

HYMN

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW 774

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

Servants of Christ

Choir Anthem

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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

O LAMB OF GOD

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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.**

COMMUNION HYMNS

*All Are Welcome
Bind Us Together
Here Is Bread*

**ELW 641
WOV 641
ELW 483**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Tender Shepherd, Gentle Lamb

Choir

HYMN

We Are Called

ELW 720

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Christ the King Lutheran Church 2026 Graduates

Candon Briggs

Everett Brown

Daniel Brownfield

Hunter Dauer

Cole DeGre

Collin Forstner

Tyson Goad

Braylon Jensen

Ella Jensen

Tegan Kral

Kieryn Nachreiner

Hayden Owens

Ava Peterson

Kolt Peterson

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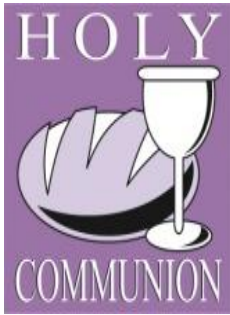
Riley Wilson

Congratulations!!

Musicians: 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 507-376-3551 or the church office at 507-354-4672.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Elaine Poulson and Family upon the passing of Richard Poulson

Pete Lemke recovering from triple bypass

Sheila Friske recovering from knee replacement surgery

Jill Wise and Family upon the passing of Bob Wise

Alan Lamm recovering from back surgery

Ken and Mary Ann Thorn and Family upon the passing of their son, Don

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

Stacy Rewitzer is recovering at home from back surgery

Peg Isaacson resuming treatment for cancer

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

The Caregivers Support Group continues to meet Thursday's at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be May 21st. 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!



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!

Worship Volunteers

We are currently filling the remaining worship ministry openings for May and beginning to prepare the June schedule. As summer schedules become busier, we especially appreciate those who know they'll be in worship considering signing up to help serve.

Summer can also be a wonderful time to try volunteering for the first time, since worship tends to be a little smaller and more relaxed this time of year. If you're new, others will be there to guide and support you.

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.

To help us include the June schedule in the newsletter, we would appreciate sign-ups by May 20.

Just a reminder.....Christ the King t-shirts and sweatshirts can still be ordered. Please see Geri to place your order.

Youth News



- May 17th - Graduate Sunday/Sunday School Celebration
- June 4-7 – Flandreau Concession Stand noon until 5:00pm
- June 14th- Brat Stand
- June 28-July 1- Youth Mission Trip to Madison Wisconsin
- July 27-30 - VBS
- August 9th - Brat Stand

Club 1515 is on hiatus until the new school year starts.

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.

NEED HELPERS! The Youth will be working the CashWise Brat Stand June 14th and August 9th. We are seeking volunteers to help with this fundraising activity. Please contact Geri if you can help!



Build VBS will be July 27-30 from 9-11:30am. Registration is now open. If you are interested in helping with making props and decorations, please contact Geri. Scan the QR code to register.

Thanks to all our Teachers, Guides, and Helpers for their amazing efforts this school year!

Sunday School Teachers

Bridget Wurtzberger
Lauren Buckentine
Keith Hartmann
Melissa Nelson
Allie Staley
Connie Jacobs

Substitute Teachers

Kieryn Nachriener
Jenessa Seiler
Lisa Seiler
Kari Schroeder

Confirmation Guides

Porter Jensen
Amanda Jensen
Amy Johnson
Teri Arnoldt
Melanie Bushard
Jen Dauer
Anna Fleischmann
Geri Groebner

Helpers

Kiersten Scherer
Allie Nelson
Josie Nelson

THIS COMING WEEK: MAY 17TH THROUGH MAY 24TH

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

9:00 a.m. Worship Service, FB Live
Graduation Sunday

MONDAY, MAY 18TH

1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl
3:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Adoption Group
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH

5:15 p.m. Worship TV on Public
Access

THURSDAY, MAY 21ST

1:00 p.m. Sewing Group
1:00 p.m. Caregiver's Support

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Wedding
5:33 p.m. Baptism
5:33 p.m. Saturday Evening
Worship

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

9:00 a.m. Worship Service, FB
Live
11:00 a.m. Baby Shower

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The Butterfly Song Words and music by Brian Howard

If I were a butterfly
I'd thank you, Lord, for giving me wings
And if I were a robin in a tree
I'd thank you, Lord, that I could sing
And if I were a fish in the sea
I'd wiggle my tail, and I'd giggle with glee

But I just thank you Father for making me "me"
For you gave me a heart
And you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus
And you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me "me"

If I were an elephant
I'd thank you, Lord, by raising my trunk
And if I were a kangaroo
I'd just hop right up to you
And if I were an octopus
I'd thank you, Lord, for my fine looks

But I'd just thank you Father for making me me
For you gave me a heart
And you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus
And you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me "me"

If I were a wiggly worm
I'd thank you, Lord, that I could squirm
And if I were a crocodile
I'd thank you Lord for my big smile
And if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear
I'd thank you Lord for my fuzzy wuzzy hair
But I just thank you Father for making me "me"

For you gave me a heart
And you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus
And you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me "me"