



7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 11 and 12, 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

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

ELW 681

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.

(Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

DIALOG AND MORNING PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent
it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills
before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up
the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall
not be cut off.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65:1-2, 9-13

¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

**C:² To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of
God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

**C:¹⁰ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

**C:¹² May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves
with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:1-11

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the
law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.
³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his
own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the
flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not
according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the
flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the
Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death,
but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set
on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and
those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

CREED AND CONFESSION

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

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

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

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer 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

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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	<i>Lamb of God</i>	See last page
	<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	ELW 496
	<i>I Received the Living God</i>	ELW 477

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.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING SONG	<i>The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve</i>	ELW 551
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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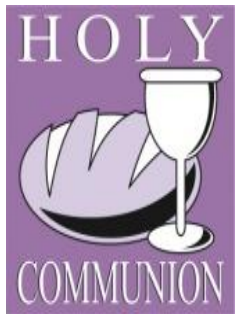
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*** The loose offering will go to Helping Hands**

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

The Caregivers Support Group continues to meet Thursday's at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be July 16th. 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!

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Terry Prange as he is receiving PT from a fall at Benedictine Living Community in St.Peter.

Lloyd Christenson recovering from a blood clot on the lung

Joanne Cherrington recovering from a fall.

Lanis Curtis sister, Mary is in hospice in the Cities

Mary Lammers and Family upon the passing of John Lammers

Elaine Poulson and Family upon the passing of Richard Poulson

Pete Lemke recovering from triple bypass

Sheila Friske recovering from foot 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

Peg Isaacson resuming treatment for cancer

Kyle Howk further complications from cancer

Brian Kloos recovering from foot surgery

Char Klocke is now residing at Valley View Home in Lamberton

Duane Strasse, Bonnie Hubert's brother, in nursing home after stroke

Diane Mikkelson and family upon the death of **Dan Mikkelson**

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

Shared Ministry in Worship

- We are continuing to build our July worship schedule and invite you to serve in one of our worship roles. There are still opportunities available — we invite you to take part in a way that fits your schedule.
- If you haven't yet volunteered, we encourage you to consider giving it a try. You won't be on your own — 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.

Mankato MoonDogs - If you are interested in going to the Moondogs game on August 2 at 5pm- please let Geri know so she knows how many tickets to get.



Youth News



- **July 27-30 - VBS**
- **August 2 – Moondogs Mankato event**
- **August 13-15 – Flandreau Concession Stand**

Flandrau Concession stand August 13th-16th from noon to 5 - Youth and their families are asked to consider helping out at the Flandrau State Park Concession stand as the funds raised will be used for youth activities and scholarships. If you are interested or able to help out with this, please let Geri know.

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.



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.

THIS COMING WEEK: JULY 12TH THROUGH JULY 19TH

SUNDAY, JULY 12TH

9:00 a.m. Worship Service, FB Live
Coffee and Cookies after services

MONDAY, JULY 13TH

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

TUESDAY, JULY 14TH

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH

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

THURSDAY, JULY 16TH

1:00 p.m. Caregivers Support

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

5:33 p.m. Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, JULY 19TH

9:00 a.m. Worship Service, FB Live
Coffee and Cookies after services

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OPENING DIALOG

Stand

J. Tasch Jordan, adapt.

David Haas, 1986



Ho - ly : God! Fill us this day with new breath!



And we shall be liv - ing words of praise!

MORNING HYMN

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David Haas, 1987



1. Sing your joy, pro - claim God's glo - ry! Rise and sing, the
2. All the earth is filled with re-joic - ing, Light and life the
3. May we learn to be - come your King - dom. May we be your
4. Light our way, O God of the liv - ing, May we learn to



morn - ing has come! Bless our God and praise all cre - a - tion;
won - der of God! Christ has tri - umphed! Ris - en for ev - er!
kind - ness and truth! Love is our call - ing, gift of your pres - ence;
see with new eyes! Je - sus the Lord, our pow - er and prom - ise;



Song of the earth, and light from heav - en: God is a - live!
Joy of our hearts, and hope of our dream - ing: God is a - live!
Chil - dren of God, and spir - it of Je - sus: God is a - live!
Light for the blind, and food for the hun - gry: God is a - live!



Al - le - lu - ia!
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