



9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 25 and 26, 2026

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Ministers: All the Baptized

Pastor Timothy Anderson

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are here for you on the table in the Narthex**

HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW 532

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Let us pray.

**C: O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants.
Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with
your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen**

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how

to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.”

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:129-136

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

**C: ¹³⁰ When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.

**C: ¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**

¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

**C: ¹³⁴ Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**

¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

**C: ¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*
WOV 783

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN *The Reign of God, Like Farmer's Field*

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;

pray in the Holy Spirit.

(*Jude 20*)

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(*Jude 21*)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

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,

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

Song of the Mustard Seed

Solo

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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, 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

SPOKEN

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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 SONG

Lamb of God

ELW 195

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup **ELW 492**

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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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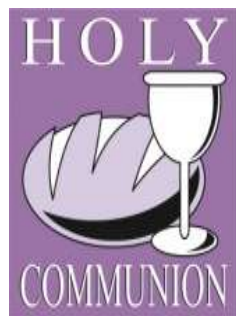
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Musicians: Bruce and Connie Jacobs, Bonnie Lantz

*** 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 August 6th. 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!

Project Backpack Help students start the school year prepared and ready to learn by donating school supplies. Supplies include backpacks, notebooks, folders, pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks or any other new school supplies. There is a box in the narthex for collection, deadline July 27th.



Mike Buechner recovering from knee surgery
Terry Prange as he is receiving PT from a fall at Benedictine Living Community in St. Peter.

Lloyd Christenson recovering from blood clots on the lung

Joanne Cherrington recovering from a fall.

Lanis Curtis sister, Mary Zachman is in hospice in the Cities

Pete Lemke recovering from triple bypass

Sheila Friske recovering from foot surgery

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

Peg Isaacson resuming treatment for cancer

Kyle Hawk 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
Cere

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 Faith Night - Please let the office or Geri Groebner know if you are interested in going to the Moondogs Faith Night on Sunday, Aug 2 at 5:05. Tickets are only \$12 for ticket and a meal deal. It is sure to be a great time!



Youth News



- **July 27-30 – VBS**
- **July 31 – Outdoor movie night**
- **August 2 – Moondogs Faith Night**
- **August 12 - Valleyfair**
- **August 13-15 – Flandrau Concession Stand**

Outdoor Family Movie Night Please bring your blankets and chairs. Enjoy a campfire with smores and other snacks!

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.

Valleyfair - August 12 - We will plan to leave at 8:30am and leave Valleyfair about 6pm. This event is open to youth 4th grade and up - cost is \$30. If you are interested in chaperoning this event, please let Geri know

Gertens Mums - We will be selling Gertens Mums this fall to raise money for youth activities. The site will open on July 31 and will close Monday, August 24. You will go to www.gertensfundraising.com to order and use the Store ID code 1160 when ordering. Plants will be delivered on September 9th.



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 19TH THROUGH JULY 26TH

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH

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

MONDAY, JULY 27TH

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

TUESDAY, JULY 28TH

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH

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

THURSDAY, JULY 30TH

1:00 p.m. Caregivers Support

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST

5:33 p.m. Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND

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

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OPENING DIALOG

Stand

J. Tsch Jordan, adapt.

David Hans, 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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SUMMIT HILL, 88998
David Hans, 1987



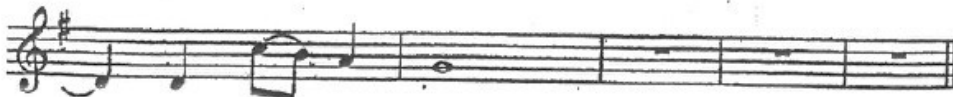
1. Sing your joy, pro - claim God's glo - ry! Rise and sing, the
2. All the earth is filled with re-joic - ing, Light and life the
3. May we learn to be - come your King - dom. May we be your
4. Light our way, O God of the liv - ing, May we learn to



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!

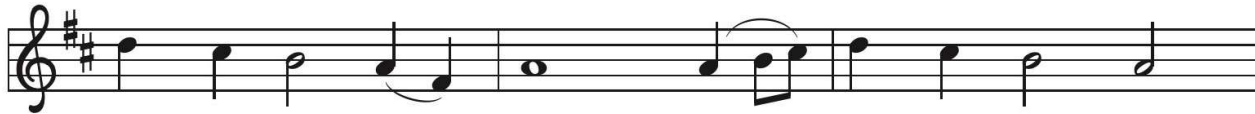


Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

The Reign of God Like Farmer's Field



1 The reign of God, like farm - er's field, bears
 2 The reign of God is like a pearl on
 3 Though hid - den now, the reign of God may,
 4 Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God from
 5 The reign of God is come in Christ; the



weeds a - long with wheat; the good and bad are
 bar - ren land con - cealed. If once you find that
 yet un - no - ticed, grow; from deep with - in it
 ti - ny seed will spread, till birds of ev - 'ry
 reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,



in - ter - twined till har - vest is com - plete.
 pre - cious pearl, go out and buy that field.
 ris - es up, like yeast in swell - ing dough.
 feath - er come to nest, and there be fed.
 kin - dling hearts, the reign of God is here!

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WHAT WE NEED:

- Elmer's Glue-4 Oz Bottles
- Crayola 24 Count Crayons
- Crayola Broad Tip Markers
- Crayola Colored Pencils
- Crayola Thin Tip Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Large Pink Erasers
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Pencil Bags & Boxes
- Fine Tip Sharpie Markers
- Rolls of Scotch Tape
- Dry Erase Markers
- Composition Notebooks
- 1" 3-Ring Binders
- Fiskars Kid Scissors
- Spiral Notebooks
- 2-Pocket Folders
- Hand Sanitizer
- Highlighters
- Post-It Notes
- #2 Pencils
- Facial Tissue

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