



**Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 21 and 22, 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

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

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*)

KYRIE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of 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: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For 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, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But 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. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If 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.

**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 11:1-45

The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸ The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹ Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them.” ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at

the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Today at Christ the King we welcome these persons as new members of Christ the King Lutheran Church. We rejoice that God has brought them to be with us and share our mission of spreading the good news of Jesus in our community and world. (*Their names are read*)

Jon Bregel; Barbara George; Jerome, Angelina, Kyson, and Nyla Palmore; Dusty and Joanna Scharbach; Sam and Brianna Tessmer; Chris and Kelli Wacker

CREED AND CONFESSION

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 (Saturday)
(Sunday)**

Special Music

Draw Near to the Lord

Choir

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	<i>Lamb of God</i>	ELW p.208
	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	ELW 759
	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	ELW 742

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	<i>Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death</i>	ELW 452
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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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.

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 1st. Corinthians, 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

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

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 recovering from back 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 now in hospice care

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

There has been some interest in people wanting to order Christ the King t-shirts or sweatshirts. If you are interested contact Geri. If we can get an order of 25 items or more we can put in another order.

The Caregivers Support Group continues to meet Thursday's at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **April dates are the 9th and 23rd** at Christ the King Lutheran Church at 1:00pm. ***These dates are a departure from our usual 1st and 3rd Thursday meeting because we are having a special guest speaker on the 9th.*** Mark your calendars! Coffee and snacks will be served.



Welcome to our New Members!

Jon Paul Bregel lives in New Ulm and joins Christ the King by transfer from St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He enjoys biking, motorcycle riding, walking, and playing cards and board games.

Barbara George is a resident of New Ulm. She enjoys crocheting with the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Jerome and Angelina Palmore are residents of New Ulm and are joining Christ the King with their two children Kyson, and Nyla. The family enjoys traveling, Disney, coloring, cats, trucks, and playing outside. Kyson and Nyla were baptized March 21st.

Dusty and Joanna Scharbach are residents of New Ulm and are joining Christ the King along with their daughter, Amelia, who was just recently baptized. They enjoy traveling to different beaches, walking their two dogs, and Dusty especially likes demo derbies!

Sam and Brianna Tessmer are residents of New Ulm and joining Christ the King by transfer from Trinity Lutheran in Sleepy Eye. They enjoy traveling, especially to National Parks, and sports, and cooking.

Chris and Kelli Wacker are residents of Courtland. They enjoy fishing, camping, reading, and trail riding.

Thanks to everyone who has so willingly volunteered for the worship services. You are making my life easier, and I appreciate all you do in the life of Christ the King . God's blessings, Helen Christenson



Youth News

- March 29th - Palm Sunday Breakfast
- March 30th – Last day to order plants from Gerten’s
- April 1 - Jr. High/HS Easter Event
- April 4- Easter Quest and Egg Hunt

Club 1515 3rd-6th 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!

Camp Kids! Retreat for kids grades 3-5 at Water's Edge Ministries (formerly Green Lake Lutheran Ministries) - April 11 9am-4:00pm - If your child has not been to camp and would like to try it out this would be a great opportunity to test it out for a day. Or if your child is itching to go to camp and would love a day away, this would be a fun day filled with camp experiences. Cost is \$55 but there are scholarships available to help with the cost. If we get enough interest, Geri could take the kids that register for the day.

Gerten’s 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 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 22nd.

THIS COMING WEEK: MARCH 22ND THROUGH MARCH 29TH

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND

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

MONDAY, MARCH 23RD

3:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Adoption Group

TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Worship TV on Public
Access
5:00 p.m. Grief Support

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH

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 26TH

1:00 p.m. Sewing Group

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
5:33 p.m. Worship and FB Live

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

8:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Service
Coffee and Cookies after services

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

8:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Service
Coffee and Cookies after services

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