



## Fourth Sunday in Lent March 14 and 15, 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**

*Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*

**ELW 520**

### **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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**ELW p.203**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**C: God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; 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: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the

Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”<sup>2</sup> Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’”<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.”<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?”<sup>5</sup> He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the LORD.”<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”<sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”<sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.”<sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.”<sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.”<sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

**C: <sup>2</sup> The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

**C: <sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no  
evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**C: <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## **SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:8-14**

<sup>8</sup> Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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 9:1-41**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

<sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup> He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup> They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, <sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup> He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup> They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup> He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup> The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” <sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN**

*We Are Baptized in Jesus Christ*

**ELW 451**

## **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**

*Lamb of God*

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*In the Singing*

**ELW 466**

*Bread of Life from Heaven*

**ELW 474**

### **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**

*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

**ELW 452**

### **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>*

*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\*\**



Free Little  
Pantry

## **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> and Sunday March 22<sup>nd</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 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 15<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>**

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

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>**

4:00 p.m. Oak Hills Worship  
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 19<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>**

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>**

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

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