

Christ the King Lutheran Church

5th Sunday after Epiphany, February 8, 2026

Scout Sunday

(* = please stand as you are able)

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND DIALOGUE (from Psalm 112)

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and take delight in God's commandments!

Their children will be mighty and the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Good things will be theirs and their righteousness unending.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright—who are filled with mercy and love.

It is good to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; the LORD will remember them always.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689 v. 1, 4

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray: **Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Deuteronomy 15:7-11

(OT page 175)

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

READING: Philippians 2:3-8

(NT page 189)

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

He Came Down

ELW 253

*GOSPEL READING: John 8:2-11

(NT page 95)

SERMON

“Leaders Eat Last: The Way of Christ”

HYMN OF THE DAY

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW 726

NICENE CREED

With the whole church of God in Christ Jesus, let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

(front of ELW page 144)

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION *We commune at two stations in front of the pulpit and lectern. Come down the side aisles, receive the bread; proceed to the wine or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Return to your seats by the center aisle. All are welcome.*

COMMUNION

Taste and See

ELW 493

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

ELW 717

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

ELW 553 v. 1, 3

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Sean Bernier
Presiding	Pastor Per Halaas
Assisting Minister	Sean Johnson
Children's Message	Kristina Elder
Lector	Naomi Bernier
Prayers	Verla Olson
Organist	Mary Newton

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SUNDAY – February 8 - Scout Sunday

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation –
Lounge

Soup-er bowl Fundraiser

10:45a BLAST – Room 36

10:45a Confirmation

10:45a CTK Foundation – Room 110

10:45a Book Club – Room 11

No Walk & Talk

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **Continuing Prayers:** **Jacquie Craig** (Jodi Greiner's sister), **Ryan Jones** (Jane B's nephew), **Robert Thornton** (Carol's husband), **Pam Novak** (friend of Chris Gabel), **Lavonne Kennedy** (Clare Erickson's sister), **Jim Wegge** (Bev Wegge's brother), **Carol Hinze** (Caitlyn Johnson's grandma), **Isaac Hill** (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), **Jackie Schmeidlin** (friend of Sean Bernier), **Shirley Gentz**, **Pastor David** and **Diane Lerseth**, **Steve Olson**, **David Newhall** (Liz Olson's brother), **Elizabeth Olson**, **Julie Allen** (friend of Lynne Gasterland), **Michael R. Vogel** (Mike Vogel's son), **Susan Hanson**, **David Niemand** (Holly Hauer's brother), **Donna Woodward** (sister of Dan Pierce), **Geralyn Barone** (friend of John & Kim Gunyou), **Chris Wondra** (friend of Sean Johnson) **Jim and Arlene Knutson**, **Mari Wasilowski** (friend of Jodi Haddox), **Cynthia Schmidt** (Rachel Bernier and Sarah Marotz's mom), **Rick Turnquist** and **Mike Anderson** (Sandy Roisum's nephew)
- **Gloria Strom** and all who are homebound
- **Our sister in China, Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, El comunidad de fe bilingue/The bilingual faith community of Tapestry Lutheran Church in Richfield**
- **ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission**

February Gift of Love – Lutheran Campus Ministry-Twin Cities

Lutheran Campus Ministry-Twin Cities is the largest Christian queer affirming ministry on the campus of the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Our community centers the unconditional love of God and is marked by a commitment to integrity, curiosity, and creating belonging for one another and our neighbors. At a time when your lives as students are in flux, our ministry helps you as students at the University of Minnesota grow in your faith, ask big and beautiful questions about God, your vocation, your emerging identities, and experience the healing power of belonging and the transformational nature of Christ's welcome. ***There's a place for you here, just as you are.*** Go to <https://lcmtc.org/#> for more information.

<p>This Week at Christ the King Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal Monday-Friday from 5-6 MONDAY – February 9 8:30a Church Chore Crew 9:00a Quilting – Social Hall TUESDAY – February 10 10:00a Staff Meeting - Office 6:30p Yoga 6:30p Chapel Ringers 7:30p Emotions Anonymous -110 WEDNESDAY – February 11 9:00a Bible Study – Lounge 2:00p Walk & Talk - MOA 5:40p Children’s Choir 6:00p Worship 6:00p WOW 7:00p Trinity Choir 7:30p Health Cabinet THURSDAY – February 12 9:30a-Noon Country Jammers – Social Hall Noon Movie Time - Lounge FRIDAY – February 13 5:00p Wedding Rehearsal and Dinner</p>	<p>Next Weekend at Christ the King SATURDAY – February 14 – <i>Happy Valentine’s Day!</i> 2:30p Wedding SUNDAY – February 15 – Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion Installation of Council 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge 10:45a Palentine Event – Social Hall 11:45a Executive Meeting – Office 6:00p Walk & Talk - MOA</p>
<p>Lenten Book Study This Lenten season, join in a lively discussion of what the prophets of old have to teach us about how to live with hope in difficult times. In his New York Times bestseller <i>The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage</i>, lauded spiritual leader, founder of the renowned Center for Action and Contemplation, and Franciscan priest Richard Rohr explores how the work of the Old Testament prophets set the stage for Jesus and can offer us a crucial path forward today. What: <i>The Tears of Things</i> book study When: 4:00pm Tuesdays – 2/17 to 3/24 Where: CTKB Lounge <i>If you’d like to join this book study, please stop by the office to sign up and to purchase your copy of the book for \$20.</i></p>	<p>Bible Reading for next week: Isaiah 58:1-9a Psalm 112:1-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 Matthew 5:13-20</p> <p><u>Volunteers for February</u> If you would like to greet, read, assist, serve/prep communion, or serve coffee on any of the following Sundays: Greeter 2/15, 2/22 Reader 2/15, 2/22 Assisting 2/15, 2/22 Prayers 2/15, 2/22 Communion servers (2) 2/22 Communion prep on 2/15 Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org.</p> <p>Feed My Starving Children Hello! I (Naomi Bernier) am hosting a Feed My Starving Children event on February 21 from 9:30-11:30am! If you are interested and would like to learn more/sign up there is a link below where you can do just that! <u>Our CTK foundation has promised to donate \$106 to them for every household that participates.</u> https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EA9A82DA2FAC16-61426369-feed</p> <p>Celebrate Black History Month at the Movies! Come join Pastor Per as we experience four films by African-American filmmakers in honor of Black History Month. We’ll gather in the Lounge at noon every Thursday in February to watch and discuss these important and impactful films. Bring a lunch and your curiosity and we’ll provide the popcorn. See you at the movies! Feb. 12 - <i>Origin</i> Feb. 19 - <i>I Am Not Your Negro</i> Feb. 26 - <i>Crooklyn</i></p>
<p>Heart Healthy Palentine’s Event—Feb 15 Join us for the February 15th Forum. We are hosting a morning of heart healthy snacks and fun. Look forward to an amusing and educational event for all ages.</p>	