

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday in Easter, May 3, 2026

(* = please stand as you are able)

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

PRELUDE

Castle Donovan

A Visit to Ireland

WELCOME & DIALOGUE

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.** Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.** Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

**1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.**

**4 Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!**

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

GREETING & 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: **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

READING: Acts 7:55-60

(NT page 119)

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

READING: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (*read responsively*)

¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; **let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.**

² Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

³ **Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.**

⁴ Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

⁵ **Into your hands commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.**

¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶ **Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Be Not Afraid

ELW 388

GOSPEL READING: John 14:1-17

(NT page 103)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come My Way, My Truth, My Life

ELW 816

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Another Jig Will Do

Give by mobile: Text "GIVE" to 320-313-1815, by mail or on our website – www.ctkb.org/generosity/ Thank you!

OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

(front of ELW page 153)

*EUCHARISTIC 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.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION **Lamb of God** (front of ELW page 154)
Danny Boy

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
 ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN **Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing** ELW 389 v. 1, 5

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
 Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *Joy of My Life* Traditional arr. Diekoff

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Children's Message	Kristina Elder
Assisting Minister	Jan Gasterland
Lector	Karen Youman
Prayers	Florence Smallfield
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Special Music	Jeremy Hiniker, guitar

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SUNDAY – May 3	
9:30a	Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a	Maranatha Christian Congregation
10:45a	Fellowship Time – Social Hall
10:45a	BLAST – Lower Level
10:45a	Book Club Potluck – Room 11
11:00a	Confirmation
6:00p	Walk & Talk – Woodlake Nature Center

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **Continuing Prayers:** **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), **Isaac Hill** (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), **Jackie Schmeidlin** (friend of Sean Bernier), **Shirley Gentz**, **Pastor David** and **Diane Lerseth**, **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), **Jim and Arlene Knutson**, **Cori Shuck** (sister of Jodi Haddox), **Gail Parsons** (Shelly Olson's stepmom), **Angela Breitenfeldt** (friend of Heidi Price), **Carole McLachlan**, **Reed Roloff**, **Beth Michaelsen** (Jean Stoll's sister), **Grace Jorgensen** (Jim Stoll's sister), **Charlie Stoll** (Jim's brother), and **Emily Schneider** (friend of Kris Smallfield)
- **Arlene Knutson** 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**
- **Lutheran Campus Ministry-Twin Cities**

Mother's Day Bags
 For those who are homeless

We are working with T's Helping Hands to bring a smile to some very special Moms

ITEMS NEEDED:
 travel size
 Snacks, Flashlights, Baby Wipes, Tarps, Hand Sanitizer, ALL Bottles, Water, Blankets, ALL women's hygiene product, nail polish, make up, shampoo, jewelry, wash clothes, toilet, tooth brush, uplifting notecards, hair care product, hair accessories, lip balm, face masks or creams, hair ties, hair picks, more bottles, pens, nail clipper, make up bags, first aid kits, anything else you can think of

LOTS of
 Decorative bags to put items in

DROP OFF ITEMS by May 8th @ 5pm

All are invited to help pack these wonder bags full of much needed items and love
 May 8th at 5 pm - 7pm
 Here at CTK

We Appreciate Every Donation We Can Get!

T's Helping Hand
 Helping One Community to Another
 T'sHelpingHand@gmail.com

For More information
 Kristina - kelder@ctkb.org

Christ the King Lutheran Church

SURPRISE PARTY!
VBS
 The unexpected Grace of Jesus

June 15-19 2026
-Registration OPEN



Christ the king , Bloomington
 Kristina -kelder@ctkb.org

This Week at Christ the King

Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal
Monday-Friday from 5-6pm – all are welcome!

MONDAY – May 4

- 8:30a Church Chore Crew
- 9:00a Quilting – Social Hall

TUESDAY – May 5

- 10:00a Staff Meeting – Office
- 6:30p Yoga
- 6:30p Chapel Ringers

WEDNESDAY – May 6

- 9:00a Bible Study - Lounge
- 2:00p Walk & Talk – Woodlake Nature
- 6:00p Worship**
- 6:00p WOW – Lower Level
- 7:00p Trinity Choir

THURSDAY – May 7

- 9:30a-Noon Country Jammers – Social Hall
- Noon Movie Time - Lounge

FRIDAY – May 8

- 5:00p Mother's Day Bag Event – Social Hall
- 7:00p Youth Movie Night - Lounge

Junk in the Trunk

Saturday, May, 16 - 9am to 2pm

It's your own mini garage sale....right from your trunk! Price your items to sell or give them away for free, your choice. At the end of the day, you close your trunk and take it home with you... or to Goodwill! **For more information sign-up in the commons or on our website.**

Spring Plant Sale Pick-up

Plants will be available for pick up at CTK on **Tuesday, May 12th 5-7pm. If you would like to help unload the plants (between 1 – 4pm), please call the office. 952-881-8600**

CHRIST THE KING
TALENT SHOW
MAY 13TH AT 6PM
All ages and talents are WELCOME to participate
Sign up NOW
Spaghetti Dinner at 5 pm
Kristina - kelder@ctkb.org

CHRIST THE KING
Mother's day Event
May 10th
• Get Family photos taken
• Eat Cake
• Make Tissue paper flowers

Next Weekend at Christ the King

SUNDAY – May 10 - Mother's Day

- 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion**
- 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
- 10:45a Mother's Day Event – Social Hall
- 6:00p Walk & Talk – Woodlake Nature Center

Next week's Bible Readings:

Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

Volunteers for May

If you would like to greet, read, serve/prep communion, prayers, assisting or serve coffee:

- Greeter needed **5/10**, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31
- Communion servers **5/10**, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31
- Reader on **5/10**, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31
- Assisting on **5/10**, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31
- Prayers **5/10**, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31
- Communion prep **5/10**, 5/17 & 5/24
- Coffee on 5/17

Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V!

Walk and Talks

Our twice weekly Walk and Talks are at nearby parks and nature centers. Each month we will visit a different park. We meet each week at 6 pm on Sundays and 2 pm on Wednesdays. **On Wednesdays, meet at CTK at 1:30pm to carpool. May - Woodlake Nature Center: Meet at midblock entrance between 69th and 70th St on Lyndale. Use side street parking. 6710 Lakeshore Dr. Richfield MN**

May's GIFT of LOVE - VEAP

VEAP has been helping our neighbors in need for over 50 years and is an important partner of Christ the King. They focus on pathways to stability for families, children and the elderly through programs that promote access to healthy foods, stable housing & other supportive services.

April Showers bring May Flowers MOVIES!

Come enjoy a matinee with Pastor Per! We'll meet in the lounge at noon every Thursday in May to watch a movie together. And then we'll talk about it! Bring something for lunch and we'll provide the popcorn! Information for each in Newsletter or on Bulletin board.

May 7 – The Visitor

May 14 – Encanto

May 21 – Dick Johnson is Dead

May 28 - Hoosiers