

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Seventh Sunday in Easter, May 17, 2026

(* = please stand as you are able)

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

PRELUDE

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 the Lord Is Risen Today!

ELW 373 v. 1, 2

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: **O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

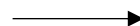
READING: Acts 1:6-14

(NT page 111)

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

READING: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (*read responsively*)

¹ Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.



² As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God!

⁵ In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶ you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.

⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸ the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹ You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰ Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

³³ You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

³⁴ Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵ How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

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*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Be Not Afraid

ELW 388

GOSPEL READING: John 17:1-11

(NT page 105)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

ELW 774

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

Amazing Grace

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

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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)

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN **Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee** ELW 836 - Choir only verse 2

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Assisting Minister	Carolyn Tillotson
Lector	Holly Hauer
Prayers	Loren Thompson
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Special Music	Chapel Ringers, Jeremy Hiniker

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SUNDAY – May 17

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
10:45a Fellowship Time – Social Hall
6:00p Walk & Talk – Woodlake Nature Center

Altar Flowers in memory of Nancy Turnquist from her husband, Rick.

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), **Isaac Hill** (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), **Jackie Schmeidlin** (friend of Sean Bernier), **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), **Angela Breitenfeldt** (friend of Heidi Price), **Beth Michaelsen** (Jean Stoll's sister), **Grace Jorgensen** (Jim Stoll's sister), **Charlie Stoll** (Jim's brother), and **Emily Schneider** (friend of Kris Smallfield)
- **New Prayers:** **Grace Green** (Joy Morris's step-daughter)
- **Pat Andersen** 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**

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**

This Week at Christ the King
Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal
Monday-Friday from 5-6pm – all are welcome!

MONDAY – May 18
 8:30a Church Chore Crew
 9:00a Quilting – Social Hall
 4:15p Public Witness Team

TUESDAY – May 19
 10:00a Staff Meeting – Office
 Noon Judean Circle - Lounge
 6:30p Yoga
 7:00p Council - Lounge

WEDNESDAY – May 20
 9:00a Bible Study - Lounge
 2:00p Walk & Talk – Woodlake Nature
6:00p Worship

THURSDAY – May 21
 9:30a-Noon Country Jammers – Social Hall
 Noon Movie Time - Lounge

FRIDAY – May 22

Next Weekend at Christ the King
SUNDAY – May 24 Pentecost - Wear Red

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion
 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
 6:00p Walk & Talk – Woodlake Nature Center

Next week's Bible Readings:
 Number 11:24-30 Psalm 104:24-34,35b
 Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23

Volunteers for May

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

Greeter 5/24, 5/31 Communion servers 5/24, 5/31
Reader 5/24, 5/31 Assisting 5/24, 5/31
Prayers 5/24, 5/31 Communion prep 5/24
 Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V!

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.

CTK Congregational Picnic

Sunday, May 31st
Food, Fellowship & Fun!
Following Worship!

Bring a side or a dessert to share. We will provide burgers, hot-dogs, chips and beverages. We will have fun and games for all ages! Rain or shine! **Sign-up in the commons if you can help or if you are bringing a side or dessert.** All are welcome!

Sunday, May 31 (during worship)
Volunteer Appreciation Sunday
High School Graduate Sunday

Come help us say "Thank you" to all those who have volunteered with the Children and Youth programs and events, as well as congratulations to our graduating senior. Then join us for our Congregational Picnic after worship for food, games and fun!



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 21 – Dick Johnson is Dead

May 28 - Hoosiers