

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Holy Trinity Sunday - May 31, 2026

Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN

Come, All You People

ELW 819

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: **God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

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PSALM: Psalm 8

The Heavens Tell of Your Creative Glory

The heavens tell of your creative glory. The firmament of the sky declares your story, and day to day is your knowledge still speaking and night to night the dark is teaching your wisdom to those still seeking. You crafted all your works with care and beauty – the moon and the stars, the galaxies of light – and you call people to tend your creation. All the earth proclaims together, "O God, your name be exalted!" So help us, Creator of all, in sustaining the world you made, and in nurturing nature, your gift that keeps us alive. So help us, Creator of all, in sustaining the world you made, and in nurturing nature, your gift that keeps us alive.

READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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THANKING CYF VOLUNTEERS

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Be Not Afraid

ELW 388

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

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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

BLESSING OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Dalen Schuller

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

OFFERING/MUSIC DURING OFFERING

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)

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Leaders

Ministers
 Preaching
 Assisting Minister
 Lector
 Prayers
 Director of Music Ministry
 Special Music

All of you!
 Pastor Per Halaas
 Naomi Bernier
 Karen Youmans
 Sean Bernier
 Kristi MacKay

SUNDAY – May 31 Holy Trinity Sunday	
9:30a	Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a	Maranatha Christian Congregation
10:45a	CTK Picnic – Social Hall & Outside
6:00p	Walk & Talk – Woodlake Nature

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**Blessings on our High School Graduate – Dalen Schuller**

High School: Bloomington Jefferson

Dalen is planning to attend the University of Wisconsin Stout to study game design and development. In his free time Dalen enjoys reading, writing and playing video games.

Dalen is very excited to be a camp counselor for 2 weeks in August at Camp Needlepoint, which is a camp for diabetics.

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **For the family of Erik Carlson, who passed away on May 25.**
- **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 Lerseeth**, **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 Michaelson** (Jean Stoll's sister), **Charlie Stoll** (Jim's brother), and **Grace Green** (Joy Morris's stepdaughter)
- **Steve Olson** 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**
- **Pastor Lin Qiu, Bethel Bible Series Director for China**

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

MONDAY – June 1

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

TUESDAY – June 2

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

WEDNESDAY – June 3

9:00a Bible Study - Lounge
 2:00p Walk & Talk – Normandale Lake
6:00p Worship

THURSDAY – June 4

9:30a-Noon Country Jammers

Next Weekend at Christ the King

SUNDAY – June 7

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion
 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
 10:45a Foundation Meeting – Room 110
 11:30a Garden Party – Social Hall
 6:00p Walk & Talk – Normandale Lake

Next week’s Bible Readings:

Hosea 5:15-6:6 Psalm 50:7-15
 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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. June - Normandale Lake: Meet at the west side parking lot 8401 Chalet Rd, Bloomington, 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.

YOU are invited to join our "Surprise Party" Themed Vacation Bible School. Dinner is provided for participants and their families. Then kids will come together as a big group to sing and discover the theme of the night. Participants will break into groups and will be led by their adult leaders as they visit each station. Where they will learn and discover fun activities. Then we will all come back together, and close out the day.

Participants- 3yrs - 5th grade
 - Adult and youth volunteers are always welcome!
 Registration is \$20.00 per child
 - Payable by cash or check made out to CTKB*VBS in memo. Please reach out with any questions - Kristina Elder
 - kelder@ctkb.org
Sign-up on our website!



Volunteers for June

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

Greeters 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28
Communion servers 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28
Reader 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28
Assisting 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28
Prayers 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28
Communion prep 6/7, 6/14, 6/21
Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V!

GARDEN PARTY

Sunday ... June 7th ... 11:30am - 1:00pm

The Health Cabinet is hosting the *Community Garden Party*, and we invite you to join us. Come be in community ... meet other gardeners ... nosh on a light lunch and drink some lemonade. NEW this year ... we have local *Master Gardeners* from the UofM on our team that will be tending our VEAP boxes this season. These fine folks will be at our garden party, ready to answer any of your wildest plant questions. Hope to see you in the garden on June 7th.

Peas & Love
 The Bryant Community Garden Committee